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## "Who's Who" Methodology

Onalytica have been creating influencer lists for the last 10+ years, curating an influencer database of 1M influencers across 500+ topical communities within industries such as tech, finance, healthcare, education and many more.

It is our mission to shine a light on the most influential voices that are creating quality content, and driving engagement and impact online across social as well as traditional media.

Onalytica uses a unique combination of our proprietary software, human qualitative analysis and secondary research to analyze online and offline influence, to create the best social influencer lists in the world. Our influence scores are driven by 38 algorithms and this methodology has been continually refined over the past 10 years to evolve with social media developments and how influence is best calculated.

We take into account social media influence across channels like LinkedIn & Twitter as well analyze offline influence through a proxy of online analysis looking at how much people are referenced within a topical context in blogs, media and video sites. We also look at how topically relevant an influencer's content is and whose content drives the most engagement online and among the wider influencer community.

Each influencer is categorized by a number of criteria such as by role, influencer persona, expertise, location, audience, channel referencing the role they play within the wider influencer community and the way in which they'd collaborate with brands.



#### The personas we have within our reports are:

Our **Brand Employees** category highlights influential Exec Leaders and Subject Matter Experts working for large Enterprise brands that are delivering solutions in the sector. To be included they have to be visibly driving external engagement on their social channels.

Our **Professional Influencers** category highlights influencers that are part of Onalytica's marketplace, creating relevant content on social on the topic, driving the most engagement globally and keen to partner with brands. These influencers are often experts, social amplifiers, event speakers and independent analysts all in one.

**Social Amplifiers** are influencers who are driving the most engagement on Twitter posting regularly on the topic and sharing other people's content. The analyzed topic needs to be one of their most talked about thought leadership topics on their influencer profile within the Onalytica platform.

**Industry KOLs** category highlights experts who have high credibility & authority within the industry, the media, and the influencer community on social.

**Event Speakers** are topical experts that speak at or play a key role in a minimum of 3-4 industry events per year. These events can take the form of in-person events, virtual events and webinars.

**Content Creators** are the top Podcasters and YouTubers selected based on consistency of content creation, online activity and relevance.



**Journalists & Contributors** contribute to well-known global publications as well as independent journalists who are also driving the highest topical authority and engagement.

**Analysts** category highlights those who work for an Analyst house or state that they're an analyst on their LinkedIn experience and/or Twitter bio. They all have an online & social presence & create content as a way of amplifying the work they're doing.

**Academics & Researchers** category highlights individuals that have published research or are working in education and/or research on the analyzed topic. They must clearly state that they are an academic, professor or researcher in their LinkedIn experience and/or Twitter bio.

Our **Sub-Topics & Sectors** category showcases influencers that are posting & amplifying a lot of industry content, including third party content. The sub-topic/sector analyzed needs to be one of their main thought leadership topics, as per their Onalytica profile.

In some cases, influencers will have more than one persona, and in this instance, will clearly have a secondary persona tag. For example, an industry KOL may also speak at a lot of events and therefore have an event speakers tag.

#### **Secondary tags:**



**Analysts** 



**Event Speakers** 



**Content Creators** 





Academics & Researchers



**Brand Employees** 



### Introduction to Al

By 2026, Artificial Intelligence (AI) will drive the greatest technological breakthroughs in the industries of automotive, banking, computing, energy and healthcare.

SwissCognitive is closely watching the cross-industry global Al market – which has notably taken off with Covid. In this time of rapid transition, we all want to gain a clear perspective. What is certain is that a home office doesn't equate to digitization and that we all want our businesses to be rolling again. That is exactly where Al comes into play – a technology that is practically already available today, yet still has enormous development potential in the future. There is no doubt: there is no company that should let this chance slip away.

It's clear that in the next few years, we will see an overheated race for Al investments, a massive rise of Al start-ups and corporate labs, more mid-sized companies being involved, and a sharp increase in society's interest and knowledge about Al. Parallel to that, however, we will also see an increase of Al nationalism, regulations, ethical questions and associated societal challenges. We can expect that Al nationalism will be used primarily in the great struggle for data sovereignty for national security, territorial integrity or in the expansion of it. Governments will increasingly consider Al as a central resource for the defence of their own interests. We can also foresee that Al experts will be on the rise, but so will be philosophers and social scientists. Why? Because more than ever, the questions around Al are not only about the future of businesses but the future of societies.



#### Introduction to Al

#### What will happen in the next 5 years?

- Hyper automation the use of advanced technologies to automate tasks, will intelligently change the world of process automation.
- Al and ML technologies will become an important part of information security, with the market expected to reach \$40 billion by 2026.
- Augmented intelligence, where with AR and VR the merging of machines and humans will massively improve our cognitive performance.
- We will gain a full 360-degree view on our available data, including both structured and unstructured.
- Robotization, respectively autonomation of physical procedures, will be massively demanded, with industrial drones, semiautonomous vehicles, airplanes & ships, medical nano-robots and remote-controlled construction machines, like cranes, excavators and drilling machines playing an increasing role. We will likely start seeing significant changes already before 2026.

It's time to realize that advanced data analytics, or AI as we call it, falls into the category of world-changing inventions. With this in mind, the wheel, steam and electricity have just greeted their new colleague.

Introduction provided by Dalith
Steiger & Andy Fitze, Founders of
SwissCognitive – The Global Al Hub





### **Brand Employees**

These are the influential Exec Leaders and Subject Matter Experts working for large Enterprise brands that are delivering solutions in the sector. They are visibly driving external engagement on their social channels around the topic of Al.



**Sandy Carter** Amazon Web Services Vice President





**Paul Colmer** Amazon Web Services Technical Account Manager





Mitra Azizirad Microsoft Corporate VP, Microsoft AI & Innovation





**Faisal Hanif** Global Head of Product Management





**Michael Taylor** Siemens Al Chief Data Scientist: Rail Analytics Center





**Colin Bristow** Principal Systems Engineer, Customer Advisory, UK&I





**Bojan Tunguz** Senior Systems Software Engineer







Lisa Palmer Splunk Chief Technical Advisor AMER





**Iain Brown** SAS Head of Data Science







**Rob McCargow** PwC UK Director of Al







# Brand Employees Ctd.



Allie K. Miller Amazon Web Services Global Head of ML Business Development, Startups & VC





Maria Luciana Axente PwC UK Responsible Al & Al for Good Lead





Stanislav Ilev
HPE
Case Manager, Customer Relations



**Andrej Karpathy** Tesla Senior Director of Al





### Personas

#### Professional Influencers

This category highlights influencers who are AI experts, and are signed up to Onalytica's marketplace, MyOnalytica. We analyze their topical influence on Twitter, LinkedIn as well as how much they are referenced within blogs and online media.



**Bernard Marr** Bernard Marr & Co Founder & CEO





**Ronald van Loon** Intelligent World Principal Analyst & CEO





**Spiros Margaris** margaris ventures VC. Advisor & Board Member





**Antonio Grasso** Digital Business Innovation Srl Founder & CEO





**Sally Eaves** Global Foundation for Cyber Studies & Research Senior Policy Advisor





**Dr Marcell Vollmer Boston Consulting Group** Partner & Director





**Chuck Brooks** Georgetown University **Adjunct Professor** 





**Terence Mills** CEO & Chairman of the Board





**Nicolas Babin Babin Business Consulting** President







**Harold Sinnott** Tech Influencer







### Professional Influencers Ctd.



Helen Yu Tigon Advisory Corp. Founder & CEO







**Paula Piccard** Independent Social Media Marketing Manager





Dr Mark van Rijmenam The Tech Journal **Digital Anchor** 





**Alvin Foo DAOventures** Co-Founder





**Andreas Staub** Raiffeisen Group Head of Corporate Development & **Digital Transformation** 





Theodora Lau **Unconventional Ventures** Founder





Efi Pylarinou Efi Pylarinou Advisory Founder





**Xavier Gomer** INVYO Founder & COO





Kevin L. Jackson 4 Days to Save the World Partner





**Pascal Bornet** Aera Technology Chief Data Officer



To be considered as a professional influencer for future Who's Whos lists, sign up to MyOnalytica and complete your profile!

**Sign Up Today** 



### Social Amplifiers

This sample highlights influencers who are driving the most engagement on Twitter, posting regularly on the topic and sharing other people's content. Al is one of their most talked about thought leadership topics on their influencer profile within the Onalytica platform.



Jean-Baptiste Lefevre ChoYou Chief Digital & Social Media Officer



Jan Barbosa beBee, Inc Global Brand Ambassador







**Kirk Borne** DataPrime, Inc Chief Science Officer









Pinna Pierre **IPFConline Digital Innovations** Founder & CEO





**Imtiaz Adam** Deep Learn Strategies Limited Founder, Director Strategy & Data Science



Heinz V. Hoenen Credit Suisse Business Capabilities, Process & **Quality Management** 









**Tamara McCleary** Thulium CEO





**Margaret Siegien** iTrucker President







**Marcus Borba Borba Consulting** Founder





Glen Gilmore Gilmore Business Network **Principal** 







### Social Amplifiers Ctd.



Dr Ganapathi Pulipaka Accenture Chief Data Scientist, SAP Technical Lead



**Andrew Neff** STARTEK Director, Digital Engagement & Social Media







**Evan Kirstel** eViRa Health Chief Digital Evangelist & Co-Founder



**Asokan Ashok** Forbes Technology Council Official Member





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**Christine Boursin** La Poste Group Delegate for Regional Development



**Bob Hayes Business Over Broadway** President





**James Gingerich EXPEFLOW Inc** Director of Sales & Business Development



**Dr Gerald Bader** Atos Global Lead AI, Analytics & **Automation TMT** 





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Eva VegaLMS CEO & Founder





### Industry KOLs

Industry Key Opinion Leaders category highlights experts who have high credibility & authority within the industry, the media, and the influencer community on social.



**Nigel Willson** awakenAl Founding Partner







**Andy Fitze** SwissCognitive Co-Founder & Managing Partner









**Murat Durmus** AISOMA AG CEO









**Martin Ford** Independent Futurist, Author & Keynote Speaker











**Dalith Steiger-Gablinger** SwissCognitive Co-Founder & Managing Partner









**Andew Ng** Landing Al Founder & CEO













Kai-Fu Lee Sinovation Ventures President & CEO











**Katie King** Al in Business CEO











Shailendra Kumar Author Making Money Out of Data













**Steve Nouri** Al4Diversity Founder









## Industry KOLs Ctd.



**Louis Bouchard** What's Al Al Speaker







**Cassie Kozyrkov** Google **Chief Decision Scientist** 











**Tarry Singh** deepkapha.ai CEO, Founder & Al Researcher













**Utpal Chakraborty** YES BANK Head of Artificial Intelligence













**Lex Fridman** Massachusetts Institute of Technology Al Researcher





**Pieter Abbeel** covariant.ai Co-Founder, President & Chief Scientist











**Gary Marcus** Robust.Al CEO & Founder











### **Event Speakers**

This sample list highlights topical experts that speak at or play a key role in AI events regularly within a year. These events can take the form of in-person events, virtual events, webinars and LinkedIn Lives.



Rana el Kaliouby Smart Eye **Deputy CEO** 





**Inma Martinez GPAI** Member





**Carsten Kraus** CK Holding GmbH Founder & CEO







**Tatiana Sorokina Novartis** Solutions Director, Data Science & Al





**Samer Obeidat** Stallion Al CEO







**Navrina Singh** Credo Al Founder & CEO







**Matthew James Bailey** AlEthics.World Founder & CEO







**Kay Firth-Butterfield** World Economic Forum Head of AI & Machine Learning







**Dr Catriona Wallace Ethical Al Advisory** Founder & CEO







**Ambica Rajagopal** Michelin Group Chief Al Officer





# Event Speakers Ctd.



Manoj Saxena CognitiveScale **Executive Chairman** 







**Javier Orús Lacort** PredictLand CEO & Co-Founder







**Anne Schmucker** Mercedes-Benz AG Data Strategy Lead & Search Specialist Region Europe





**Marc Teerlink** SAP Global VP, Intelligent Enterprise Solutions, AI & Thought Leadership











**Mattias Fras** Nordea Group Head of Al Hub









#### **Content Creators**

This is a sample list of top Podcasters and YouTubers selected based on consistency of content creation, online activity and relevance.



**Craig S. Smith** Eye on A.I. Founder







**Noah Kravitz** Resonant Digital Founder & Chief Consultant





**Sam Charrington** The TWIML AI Podcast Host







**Kevin Craine** Craine Communications Group **Executive Producer & Writer** 





**Jennifer Strong** MIT Technology Review Senior Editor, Podcasts & Live Journalism







**Daniel Faggela** Emerj Artificial Intelligence Research Head of Research & CEO











Jason Stoughton Foghorn Group Al Evangelist





Jessie J. Smith The Radical Al Podcast Co-Founder & Co-Host











**Daniel Whitenack** Data Scientist







**Robert Miles** Al Content Creator





#### Content Creators Ctd.



**Abhishek Thakur** Hugging Face Open Source Development & Research







**Felipe Flores** Honeysuckle Health Head of Data Science





**Károly Zsolnai-Fehér** Independent Scientist





Yannic Kilcher DeepJudge Chief Technology Officer







Jordan Harrod Massachusetts Institute of Technology PhD Candidate







Siraj Raval CuraPatient Chief Data Scientist







**Harrison Kinsley** Author Neural Networks from Scratch





#### Roles

### Journalists & Contributors

This category highlights a sample of journalists who work for, or contribute to well-known, global publications on the topic of Al. These people drive high authority and engagement on their social channels.



Joe McKendrick **Forbes** Analyst & Contributor









**Randy Bean** NewVantage Partners CEO & Founder





**Gil Press** Forbes Columnist & Blogger





**Asif Razzaq** MarkTechPost Co-Founder & Editor





**Stewart Rogers Dataconomy Media** Editor-in-Chief











**Dr Cindy Gordon** SalesChoice Inc CEO & Founder









**Jesus Rodriguez** Intotheblock Co-Founder & CTO







**Gregory Piatetsky-Shapiro KDnuggets** President & Editor





**Tiernan Ray** ZDNet, The Technology Letter **Iournalist** 







Jeremy Kahn Fortune Magazine Senior Writer







## Journalists & Contributors Ctd.



**Kyle Wiggers** VentureBeat Staff Writer







Karen Hao MIT Technology Review Senior AI Editor









James Kotecki Infinia ML VP, Brand







**Cade Metz** The New York Times Reporter







### **Analysts**

This category highlights analysts who work for an analyst house or state that they're an analyst online. They all have an online and social presence, and create content on AI as a way of amplifying the work that they're doing.



Ben Dickson Independent Software Engineer & Tech Analyst



**Shelly DeMotte Kramer** Futurum Research + Analysis Principal Analyst & Founding Partner





**Holger Mueller** Constellation Research VP & Principal Analyst

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**Andy Thurai** Constellation Research Research VP & Principal Analyst





**Karl Freund** Cambrian-Al Research LLC Founder & Principal Analyst







Zeus Kerravala ZK Research Founder & Principal Analyst





R Ray Wang Constellation Research Principal Analyst, Founder & Chairman











Sarah Burnett **Emergence Partners Ltd** Founding Partner & Non-Executive Director





Ron Schmelzer Managing Partner & Principal Analyst











Eva Pardi Avanade Senior Analyst, Consultant







## Analysts Ctd.



**John Sumser** HRExaminer Principal Analyst





**Daniel Kirsch** Hurwitz & Associates Managing Director





**Kathleen Walch** Cognilytica Managing Partner & Principal Analyst









**Ron Westfall** Futurum Research + Analysis Senior Analyst & Research Director





**Daniel Newman** Futurum Research + Analysis Principal Analyst & Founding Partner







#### Academics & Researchers

This sample highlights individuals that are working in education and/or research the topic of Al. These people publish research on Al, and are active members within the online Al conversation.



**Meredith Whittaker** Al Now Institute Co-Founder & Faculty Director



**Mona Sloane** New York University Senior Research Scientist





Aimee van Wynsberghe The University of Bonn Full Professor





Joanna Bryson Hertie School Professor of Ethics & Technology





**Toby Walsh** UNSW Laureate Fellow





Yann LeCun Facebook VP & Chief Al Scientist









**Erik Brynjolfsson** Stanford University Senior Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI (HAI)











**Kate Crawford** USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism Research Professor





**Barry O'Sullivan** University College Cork Professor







**John Tasioulas** Institute for Ethics in Al Director





#### Academics & Researchers Ctd.



**Subbarao Kambhampati** Arizona State University Professor





**Pedro Domingos** University of Washington Professor





**Mike Tamir** Susquehanna International Group Chief ML Scientist & Head of ML/AI





**Teemu Roos** University of Helsinki Professor of Computer Science





Fei-Fei Li Stanford University Sequoia Professor of Computer Science





Sandra Wachter Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford Associate Professor





**Marisa Tschopp** scip AG Researcher









**Rachel Thomas** fast.ai Founder & Researcher









**Mark Riedl** Georgia Institute of Technology **Associate Professor** 





Jürgen Schmidhuber **NNAISENSE** Co-Founder & Chief Scientist









### Sub-topics & Sectors

### Machine Learning

The sample of influencers below post and amplify a lot of industry content, including third party content, on the topic of Machine Learning (ML). ML is also one their main thought leadership topics, as per their Onalytica profile.



**Ronald van Loon** Intelligent World Principal Analyst & CEO





**Paula Piccard** Independent Social Media Marketing Manager





**Spiros Margaris** margaris ventures VC, Advisor & Board Member





Kirk Borne DataPrime, Inc. Chief Science Officer





Shi4Tech Social Amplifier on Al





**Harold Sinnott** Tech Influencer







**Dr Marcell Vollmer Boston Consulting Group** Partner & Director



**Nigel Willson** awakenAl Founding Partner





Sally Eaves Global Foundation for Cyber Studies & Research Senior Policy Advisor







**R Ray Wang** Constellation Research Principal Analyst, Founder & Chairman







### Machine Learning Ctd.



**Bob Hayes Business Over Broadway** President





Helen Yu Tigon Advisory Corp. Founder & CEO





Jean-Baptiste Lefevre ChoYou Chief Digital & Social Media Officer





**lain Brown** SAS Head of Data Science







**Mike Tamir** Susquehanna International Group Chief ML Scientist & Head of ML/AI





Pinaki Laskar Fisheyebox Group Chief Technology Officer





Dr Ganapathi Pulipaka Accenture Chief Data Scientist, SAP Technical Lead





**Andreas Staub** Raiffeisen Group Head of Corporate Development & Digital Transformation





**Philip Vollet** Explosion Community Success Advocate







**Paige Bailey** Microsoft Principal Product Manager, Developer Tools







### **Deep Learning**

Deep Learning is an AI function that looks to mimic the workings of the human brain, the sample below post and amplify a lot of industry content, including third party content, on the topic of Deep Learning.



**François Chollet** Google Software Engineer







Sebastian Raschka University of Wisconsin-Madison Assistant Professor of Statistics





Sergios Karagiannakos Al Summer Founder & Deep Learning Writer





Valentino Zocca Predictive Modelling & Data Science







Yann LeCun Facebook VP & Chief Al Scientist









Kirk Borne DataPrime, Inc. Chief Science Officer





**Andreas Staub** Raiffeisen Group Head of Corporate Development & Digital Transformation







**Richard Eudes** Deloitte Director - Data, Advanced Analytics







Vala Afshar Salesforce Chief Digital Evangelist











**Jain Brown** Head of Data Science









# Deep Learning Ctd.



**Paul Lopez** UnitedHealth Group VP Technology Development



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**Giuliano Liguori** Digital Leaders Founder





**Rimah Harb** The Teralight Group VP of Commercial & Partnerships



**Yves Mulkers** 7wData Founder







#### **Brands**

#### Al Solutions

Below is a sample of brands who create and share AI thought leadership content, and are prominent providers within the Al space. Their rankings are based on the relevancy of the content, the engagement it gets, as well as other metrics.









**Amazon Web Services** Ranking: 6





**Hewlett Packard Enterprise** Ranking: 2







**Databricks** Ranking: 7





**Avaya** Ranking: 3





Cognizant Ranking: 8





Microsoft Ranking: 4







**VMware** Ranking: 9





SAS Ranking: 5





**Red Hat** Ranking: 10





### Al Solutions Ctd.



**Esri** Ranking: 11





**UiPath** Ranking: 12





**Thales**Ranking: 13





Atos Ranking: 14





**Appen** Ranking: 15





**Darktrace** Ranking: 16





**SAIC** Ranking: 17





#### **Nuance Communications**

Ranking: 18





**Google**Ranking: 19





Intel

Ranking: 20



#### **Publications & Resources**

Below are publications and resources discussing AI. Their rankings are predominantly based on the relevancy of the content & the engagement it gets.



**SwissCognitive** Ranking: 1





**Forbes**Ranking: 6





**KDnuggets** Ranking: 2





**MIT Technology Review** Ranking: 7





**TechRepublic** Ranking: 3





**VentureBeat**Ranking: 8





**TechNative** Ranking: 4





**ZDNet**Ranking: 9





**Wevolver** Ranking: 5





**AiThority.com** Ranking: 10





### **About Onalytica**

Onalytica Provides consultancy-led Influencer Marketing software for industry & B2B marketing and communications professionals looking to identify and engage with social media influencers.

Onalytica software enables brands to implement and run structured Influencer Relationship Management programs with large Influencer Communities to improve brand awareness, perception and demand generation.

Founded in 2009, and backed by Bebo founders Michael and Paul Birch, Onalytica have created over 1000 B2B and B2C Influencer programmes for global clients which include Microsoft, Google, IBM, Coca-Cola, Amazon, Centrica and British Airways.

Onalytica are striving for this report to be a One-Stop Shop for the Movers & Shakers of the industry so any feedback to further improve the lists is always gratefully received.

The online AI conversation is vast, so this is a sample list of influential personas driving the discussion. If you would like to be considered for future lists, please feel free to contact!

Get in Touch



