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Interplay Between AI and Human Behavior

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Opening Remarks
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Irina Sigalovsky works in the Office of Corporate Relations at MIT where she builds mutually beneficial partnerships between corporations and MIT. Dr. Sigalovsky comes to MIT with 10 years of international experience in innovation strategy, technology forecasting and external innovation. Prior to MIT, Irina worked at GEN3 Partners, Inc. as a senior principal collaborating with Fortune 1000 companies to focus their innovation investments, execute strategic innovation agendas, and develop business globally. Throughout her career, Irina has taught at Tufts University, MIT Sloan, X-Prize Lab@MIT, MIT HST, Boston and Harvard Universities.

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Hossein Rahnama is a computer scientist, specializing in ubiquitous and [pervasive computing](#). His research explores [artificial intelligence](#), mobile [human-computer interaction](#), and the effective design of contextual services. In 2017, Rahnama was included in Caldwell Partners' list of "Canada's Top 40 Under 40".^[1] In 2012, he was recognized by the [MIT Technology Review](#) as one of the world's top innovators under the age of 35 for his research in [context-aware computing](#). The [Smithsonian](#) named Rahnama as one of the top six innovators to watch in 2013.^[2] Rahnama has 30 publications and 10 patents in ubiquitous computing, serves on the board of [Canadian Science Publishing](#), and was a Council Member of the [National Sciences and Engineering Research Council \(NSERC\)](#). Rahnama is also a visiting scholar at the Human Dynamics group at [MIT Media Lab](#) in Cambridge, MA. He has a PhD in Computer Science from [Ryerson University](#) (now Toronto Metropolitan University). Rahnama is an associate professor in Toronto Metropolitan University's [RTA School of Media](#) and Director of Research & Innovation at the university's [Digital Media Zone](#).^[3]

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Nataliya Kos'myna
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Closing Remarks
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