

The Robots are Coming: The Future of Embodied AI

A 2025 Working Humans Keynote topic

What is “Embodied AI”?

The fast-approaching future of AI and AGI; when autonomous humanoid robots operate in the physical world thanks to an on-board AI brain.

These robots are developing rapidly; Tesla's Optimus and Boston Dynamics' Atlas to the rapidly evolving Chinese market and many other players are already transforming industries and society. Even Waymo cars are appearing in more cities around the world.

This entertaining, energetic keynote explains the technological breakthroughs driving this cutting edge evolution, such as AI-assisted learning and self-improvement, enabling robots to perform dangerous or tedious tasks, or jobs in difficult environments. We discuss the societal, economic, and ethical implications of sharing our future workspaces with non-Human professionals as we inch ever closer towards AGI.

What will the workplace look like in the years ahead? How will Humans and Embodied AI learn to merge their capabilities, strengths and weaknesses, and what is the Human added value? The timing of these advancements align with labor shortages, difficult conditions that are a rising challenge ahead.

Who is it for?

Designed for forward-thinking executives, business leaders, professionals, entrepreneurs, policy makers, and those curious about the future of AI. It is particularly valuable for those in industries facing labor shortages, such as manufacturing, logistics, and healthcare, and those looking to understand how embodied AI will impact the workforce on psychological and emotional levels.

Stay ahead of the next wave of automation, worker displacement, and economic shifts. Take on the ethical dilemmas and societal changes tied to the rise of AI-powered robots.

What are the top takeaways?

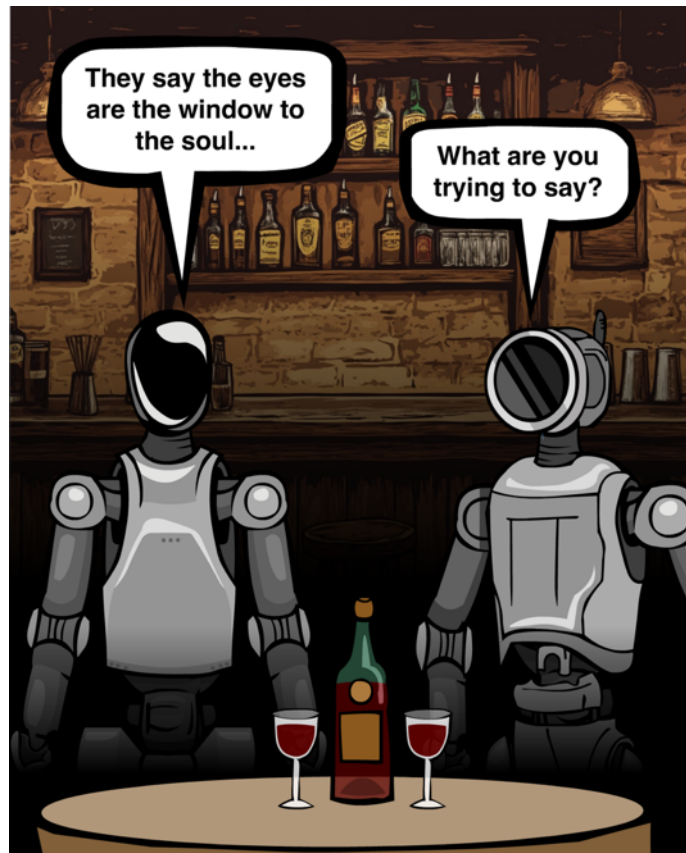
Understanding the Tech: the nuts and bolts that make AI robots work. Recursive self-improvement (learning), strengths and weaknesses.

Business Implications: how embodied AI can solve labor shortages, reduce costs, and create opportunities for businesses to innovate, especially in sectors with high demand for manual labor.

Embodied AI at Work: how physical AI will transform customer service, industries, dissolve and create labor markets and shift Humans to use more of their creativity, empathy, and strategic thinking.

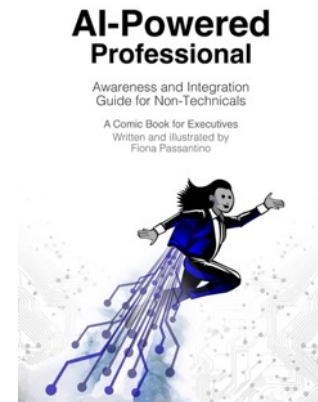
Leadership in a Human-AI World: from robot rights and responsibilities to internal cultural shifts to support the Humans during this transition; reskilling and strategic workforce planning.

Human Disruption: the wider societal and economic disruptions embodied AI will bring and how to prepare for those challenges.



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*Fiona helps empower working Humans with AI integration, leadership and communication. Maximizing connection, engagement and creativity for more joy and inspiration into the workplace. A passionate **content producer** and award-winning author of the "**Comic Books for Executives**" series, host of the podcast "**Working Humans**", her latest book is "**The AI-Powered Professional**".*

A lifelong creative storyteller who made a long career in corporate communications and HR, working for some of the largest and most complex organizations in Europe, Fiona is now a rising star in the AI-Human inspirational space, headlining international events for the European Commission and multinationals of all sectors, training in-company and for professional training institutions. Thanks to her training in standup comedy, her keynotes are spiced with sharp humor and always bring a festive, high-energy event.

Before her launch as an independent consultant, Fiona was embedded in corporate communications for 15 years, working for some of the largest international companies in Europe. She received an MBA in Management from the University of Amsterdam in leadership with a concentration in AI.

Fiona is a trainer with Schouten & Nelissen, IMK, SUAS, Relevance and de Baak In-Company. She is a Co-Active Coach and ICF member.

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S. Loughran

"Great session - brain aching with new information!"

H. Baldwin

"Fantastic insight - thank you. Very helpful event."

J. Ridley

"So insightful... thank you."

L. Biro

"This was mind-blowing, thank you!"

M. Purton

"Fascinating stuff, thank you!"

S. Walmsley

"Great content and useful information. Thank you!"

S. Riley, HR.com

"I thought the presentation was great! I love how passionate and relatable she is."

N. Morelli, Rotary Club The Hague

"The AI presentation was much appreciated! Personally I learned much more about AI and, thanks to her clear explanation, I have a better idea of how it works and if how it can be applied!"

L. Carola, HR.com

"The facilitator was so very knowledgeable and I would recommend this presentation to anyone who is a novice in AI; she was excellent!! You all will need to invite her back again for another similar presentation."

M. Shortle, HR.com

"So interesting! Far more information that I've had in other presentations on AI."

F. Baily, HR Lead CLL

"The team thoroughly enjoyed the keynote speech and the interactive session that followed. It was a great meeting for learning more about AI."

G. Wilkinson, TheTruthWorks

"Just wanted to say thanks again for your brilliant contribution to the panel. You brought such energy and interesting discussions."

T. Pavlova, Learning & Development Manager, Yara International

"Really great and insightful presentation".

K. vd Berg, Head of Talent ABN AMRO bank bv

"Really great and insightful presentation!"

D. Van Damme, [Salesmarketeer.nl](https://www.salesmarketeer.nl)

"Fiona Passantino's masterclass was so inspiring and educational for Sales Marketers! It is indeed exciting to see how AI is transforming our understanding of the world and enabling us to develop new skills. It was particularly instructive in sharing knowledge and exploring the potential of AI. This is crucial in our rapidly evolving technological world. Here's to more inspiring and educational experiences in the future! 🙌"

V. Veleva, Female Ventures NL

"Fiona has the unique ability to balance practical tips on ChatGPT and Mid Journey with a wealth of knowledge on AI. I had the chance to witness her powerful presence when she gave a workshop held for 70 people with the aim of encouraging female leadership, where she successfully translated the theory of Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning into a captivating message with a wonderful sense of humour met with enthusiasm from the participants. We are grateful Fiona volunteered her time and gave a workshop for Female Ventures."

H. Simpkins, Senior Internal Communications Business Partner AXA UK

"Thank you Fiona for a really thought provoking session. Left me with a lot of thoughts around the role of AI in speeding up what we do, and how we can use it to improve the visual nature of our messages. It's always been the costliest part of comms to create visually engaging stories but as you say Fiona, so much opportunity if we do."

