



SPEAKER BIO KIT

Dr. **Abhijit** Chattaraj, *PhD, GAICD*

Governance | Technology | Culture | **Community**

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, is a board director, technologist, educator, and community leader who helps audiences make sense of AI, digital transformation, media, culture, and governance. Across three decades, he has built enterprise technology, governed commercial transformation, taught at RMIT University, and led community organisations. His talks combine technical depth with practical judgement, translating complex ideas into decisions people can use. Expect serious content, clear language, and just enough dry humour to keep the acronyms from becoming the main event.

Recent speaking themes

- AI governance for boards
- Digital transformation
- Multicultural leadership
- Cyber risk and decision-making
- Technology, media, and culture
- Education and community impact

Formats

Keynotes
Panels and fireside conversations
Executive briefings
Facilitated workshops

Serious content. Practical decisions. Minimal futurist fog.

Boards, Directors & Executive Leadership

01

SHORT BIO

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, is a board director and technologist who helps leaders govern AI, cyber risk, and digital transformation with commercial discipline. He serves on commercial and not-for-profit boards and has overseen enterprise turnarounds, major-system recovery, executive succession, and responsible AI adoption. A former RMIT lecturer, he is known for translating technical detail into questions boards can actually use. *He promises fewer robots, more judgement, and only the minimum viable number of acronyms.*

EMCEE INTRODUCTION

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, is a board director and technologist who helps leaders govern AI, cyber risk, and transformation with commercial discipline. He turns technical complexity into decisions boards can use - *with fewer robots, more judgement, and only the minimum viable number of acronyms.*

Typical themes

AI governance for boards: from policy to practice

Cyber risk as a Board conversation

Digital investment, benefits realisation, and accountability

Translating technical complexity into better decisions

BEST SUITED TO

Board retreats, director forums, executive off-sites, governance conferences, and audit or risk forums.

AUDIENCE-SPECIFIC BIOGRAPHY

Technology, Transformation & Media

SHORT BIO

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, has spent three decades at the intersection of technology, media, and organisational change. A computer scientist, former RMIT lecturer, and creative-technology founder, he has built enterprise platforms, advised Microsoft teams, and led digital work for cultural and educational institutions, including the Melbourne Holocaust Museum. He speaks about why transformation succeeds, why adoption fails, and how technology reshapes culture long before the strategy deck catches up. *His practical rule: if everyone must become a software specialist, the solution is not finished.*

EMCEE INTRODUCTION

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, is a computer scientist, board director, and former RMIT lecturer who works where technology, media, and culture collide. He makes transformation intelligible - *and maintains that any solution requiring everyone to become a software specialist is not yet finished.*

Typical themes

Why digital transformation fails after the demo	Technology, media, and cultural change
Human-centred enterprise systems	AI adoption, data, and organisational readiness

BEST SUITED TO Technology conferences, transformation programs, innovation forums, media and creative-industry events, and leadership off-sites.

AUDIENCE-SPECIFIC BIOGRAPHY

Education, Community & Multicultural Leadership

SHORT BIO

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, is an educator, board director, and community leader whose work spans eighteen years of university teaching, youth engagement, multicultural leadership, and inclusive community programs. As President of the Port Phillip Men's Shed, he has built partnerships with schools, headspace, local government, and business to support young people and people facing disadvantage. Having arrived in Australia as an international student, he speaks from lived experience about belonging, trust, and leading across cultures. *His coalition-building method is simple: listen carefully, share credit, and never underestimate the strategic value of lunch.*

EMCEE INTRODUCTION

Dr. Abhijit Chattaraj, PhD, GAICD, is an educator, board director, and community leader who speaks about belonging, inclusive leadership, and trust across cultures. He has learned that coalitions begin with listening, grow through shared purpose, *and are often rescued by lunch.*

Typical themes

Leading across cultures	Technology, access, and inclusion
Alternative learning and community partnerships	Building trust across institutions and communities

BEST SUITED TO Education conferences, community-sector forums, social-impact events, local government, and multicultural or leadership programs.