



## Q&A WITH SARASWATHY (HP)

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### **CAN YOU SHARE YOUR CAREER JOURNEY IN AI, PRIVACY AND TECH AND HIGHLIGHT ANY CHALLENGES YOU'VE FACED AS A WOMAN IN THIS FIELD?**

I have been working in privacy tech since completing my Ph.D. in Mathematics focused on post-quantum cryptography. Since cryptography forms the core of many privacy-enhancing technologies, this became a good transition in my career. I think that Privacy tech probably has a better representation of women in the field as compared to some other fields in science so it was nice to see work presented by women at conferences and in leadership as I was starting my career. However, the challenge was to learn to navigate through the work culture and learning to build a professional support network.

### **HOW DO YOU BELIEVE THE INDUSTRY CAN IMPROVE TO FOSTER MORE INCLUSIVITY AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S CAREER ADVANCEMENT IN AI, PRIVACY AND TECH?**

Support to attend relevant conferences/ workshops, an active mentor network, and encourage them to pursue a career in these areas in schools and colleges.

### **REFLECTING ON YOUR KEY LEARNINGS AND EXPERIENCES IN THESE FIELDS, COULD YOU DISCUSS A PROJECT, ACCOMPLISHMENT OR EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPACTFUL IN YOUR CAREER?**

My most impactful experience has been transitioning from academia to industry

following my Ph.D. It has given me more context to my work and the opportunity to network and work with people from different backgrounds and areas of privacy and AI.

### **WHAT SIGNIFICANT TRENDS OR INNOVATIONS DO YOU SEE SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AI, PRIVACY, AND TECH, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY WITHIN THE INDUSTRY?**

There are many women-focused groups that I believe help with women's contributions to the field. Other innovations that I think help towards this are in the direction of fairness in AI and the use of privacy technologies to analyze existing data to understand gender wage gaps.

### **AS YOU ARE SPEAKING AT THE PRIVACY- ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT NORTH AMERICA THIS MAY, WHAT ASPECTS OF THE EVENT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT, AND HOW DO YOU HOPE THE CONFERENCE WILL FURTHER SUPPORT AND AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF WOMEN IN AI, PRIVACY AND TECH?**

I am excited about having the opportunity to listen to different aspects of privacy from other privacy professionals and have interesting discussions with the community.

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