

Keynote on  
***“The Blur between Moon Exploration and Exploitation”***



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Susmita Mohanty is a spaceship designer and entrepreneur extraordinaire. She is the only space entrepreneur in the world to have co-founded space companies on three different continents: EARTH2ORBIT, Bangalore (2009-2021), LIQUIFER, Vienna (2004-ongoing) and MOONFRONT, San Francisco (2001-07). Prior to turning entrepreneur, she worked for the International Space Station Program at Boeing in California and did a short stint at NASA Johnson. In autumn 2021, she launched India’s first dedicated space think tank Spaceport SARABHAI.

In 2019, Susmita was selected as one of BBC’s 100 Women laureates crafting a female-led future. In 2017, she was featured on the cover of Fortune Magazine. Educated in India, France, and Sweden, Susmita holds multiple degrees including a PhD. She is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Future Council for Space Technologies.