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Claiming Our Space in AI

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INTRODUCTION
SINA STORYTELLER
LALEH KNOWLEDGE LAKE
VOICE AI in SUPPORT OF IRANIAN WOMEN
My mentor

Doug Mitchell, Next Generation Radio

Stay Fearless
Sina Storyteller

Sina helped demonstrate how storytelling is a data resource that should be harnessed to improve diversity in data for AI.

2019
Launched at AI for Good Summit Geneva, Switzerland.

2020
Sina could share stories about inspiring women throughout our history

2021
Sina could share stories from indigenous food traditions.
The Laleh Knowledge Lake (LKL) is the collected body of work from prolific scholar Laleh Bakhtiar transformed into Conversational AI.
THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT OF IRAN
ROARS & WHISPERS

Storytelling Festival which was held in Washington D.C. on November 12, 2022
THE MAKERS OF ALEXA SKILL IN SUPPORT OF IRANIAN WOMEN

Iran Davar Ardalan  Maddy Apple  Carrie Jaquith
Tina Soleimanifar  Bhuva Shakti  Tali Weinberg
Paris Golab  Sahar Mazloom  Ezinwa Amadi
Kimberly Mishra  Nikki McLay
LAUNCHING IN FEBRUARY 2023

ALEXA Skill
BARRIERS

MAINSTREAM OPTIONS FOR CREATORS

TRANSLATIONS  TTS  VOICE SYNTHESIS

LACKING ADEQUATE INCLUSION OF PERSIAN OR FARSI
Projects such as these can increase diversity in AI and Data Science across three areas:

1. MEDIA SUBJECTS
2. SOURCE DATA
3. TEAMS
THANK YOU