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in the future of work and the  
workplace as well as real estate,  
technology, and innovation.

This exciting event will feature an  
insightful programme of peer-to-peer  
discussions and thought leadership  
sessions with workplace visionaries,  
exploring the changing landscape of  
work and the purpose of the workplace.

Our agenda will explore transformative  
shifts in work culture, technology  
integration, and employee expectations.  
Join us to gain perspectives from  
industry leaders and thought pioneers on  
the evolving world of work in 2024.

Secure your spot now and be part of the  
conversation defining the future  
workplace!

Warmest Regards

Isabel

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WORKTECH24 San Francisco will attract some of the biggest and brightest names to debate, discuss, and divulge the latest thinking on the future of work and the workplace.

The conference will feature over 20 speakers, including leading international thinkers from industry and academia. Our speakers represent some of the world's biggest brands and best universities and research departments, alongside radical visionaries from new innovative organisations.

Through interdisciplinary speakers and learning experience, we focus on bringing cutting edge ideas and inspiration to the workplace community to enhance creativity and move thinking forward. Instead of focusing on peer to peer innovation through imitation, we aim to curate a unique programme, bringing together experts in the fields of people, place and technology and relevant adjacencies to reflect on the future of work and workplace.

By registering for the conference, you will become a individual member of the WORKTECH Academy knowledge hub which explores the future of work through six key themes: people, place, technology, design, culture and innovation. Please visit the website for more information [www.worktechacademy.com](http://www.worktechacademy.com)

## Full list of speakers

Nick Bloom **Stanford University**  
Mitchell Bobman **Northern Trust**  
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Jacob Shamberger **Solarice AI**  
Emma Thomas **Plat4mation**



**Nick Bloom, Stanford University**



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**Lily Langlois, City and County of San Francisco**



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### Nick Bloom in Conversation

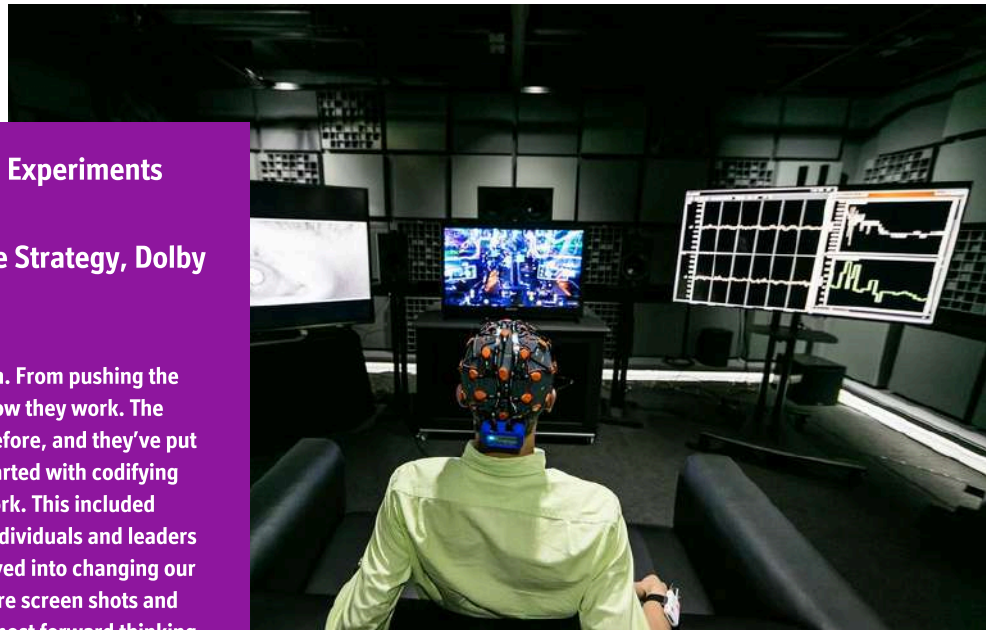
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### Beyond Site & Sound: How Dolby Laboratories Experiments with Work & Workplaces

**Annika Hoy, Head of Flex Work and Workplace Strategy, Dolby Laboratories**

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### Designing For the Future: The Impact Of AI On Workplace Design

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### 08:45 | CONFERENCE OPENS

### 09:15 | CHAIRPERSONS WELCOME

Justin Kenyon, **Managing Director, Tech Division, JLL**  
 Brid Morton, **Senior Director of Workplace Services, Google**



### 09:25 | SAMSARA- CREATING SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE WORKPLACES

Chris Kanaley, **QA Engineer and Lab Manager, Samsara**  
 Connor Brossart, **EHS Manager, Samsara**  
 Zander Eng, **Sr Manager of Workplace Planning, Samsara**  
 Sandra Ladao, **VP, Workplace, Samsara**



Together, our EHS and lab engineering teams foster a balance of workplace efficiency and safety while staying agile enough to quickly adapt to our constantly changing business needs. We accomplish this through extensive collaboration and leveraging our own Samsara IoT devices and platform. We'll showcase how our IoT solutions like forms, sites, and sensors help streamline tasks, provide real-time data for better decision-making, and promote safety through administrative and engineering controls. These tools help keep employees safe and minimize interference in our business operations. By pairing Samsara technology with our "win as a team" philosophy, we've been able to create an efficient workspace that will only continue to improve with the innovations in IoT that Samsara is driving.

### 09:50 | DESIGNING FOR THE FUTURE: THE IMPACT OF AI ON WORKPLACE DESIGN

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### 10:20 | AUDIENCE INTERACTION

### 10:25 | COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

### 10:55 | BORDERLESS PLACEMAKING REDEFINING WORK, LIVE AND PLAY

Moderator: Lisa Hsiao, **Senior Director of Experience Strategy, JLL**  
 Lily Langlois, **Principal Planner, City and County of San Francisco**  
 Liz Harwood, **Global Head of Workplace Planning, Family of Apps, Meta**



As organizations focus on creating exceptional workplace experiences, cities are simultaneously reinventing their urban experience. Join our panel as we delve into the perspectives of Bay Area employers who shape unique workplace experiences, as well as the transformative endeavours of the City of San Francisco in revitalizing the urban core. Discover how these two realms can intersect to create more vibrant and captivating places to be.

### 11:20 | FROM LANGUISHING TO FLOURISHING

David Dewane, **Chief Experience Officer, Physical Space, geniant and Adjunct Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology**  
 Jacob Shamberger, **Co-Founder, Solarice AI**



This lecture argues that many contemporary workplaces are stuck in a rut that social scientists describe as 'languishing'. This talk breaks down the characteristics of languishing and describes how to elevate employee experiences in the direction of flourishing. Solarice AI will be used as a case study in a contemporary office environment that is functioning extremely well.

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### 11:45 | DESIGNING WORKPLACE EXPERIENCES FOR THE EARS

Jeff Larson, **Director of Product,**  
Moodsonic



Workplaces are multi-sensory experiences by their very nature. But few of them deliver experiences that are designed for the ears. Left to chance, the sonic experience in a workplace will typically be a stressful, distracting medley of overheard conversations, machinery and notifications. And even if all that noise is taken away, did you know that silence isn't the optimal sound for health or productivity?

### 12:05 | UNLOCKING INNOVATION: TRANSFORMING OFFICE STORAGE

Adrian Brossard, **Co-Founder,** Yellowbox



### 12:10 | AUDIENCE INTERACTION

### 12:30 | LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING

### 13:20 | BENCHMARKING IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR WORKPLACE PORTFOLIO

Albert DePlazaola, **Senior Principal,**  
Unispace  
Chris Jerde, **Strategy Founder & CEO,**  
Jerde Analytics  
Mitchell Bobman, **Vice President**  
Workplace Technology, Northern Trust  
Aoife Cahill, **Senior Manager of Planning**  
& Design, ServiceNow

Organizations obsess over workplace benchmarks. The reality is that benchmarks are mostly irrelevant, and when used improperly, hazardous, leading to costly decisions (or indecisions). In this interactive discussion, attendees will learn how to interpret the relevance of benchmarking and apply them (or not) to their own workplace decision-making.



### 13:45 | CONNECTING THE DOTS: EXPLORING REGIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL DATA TRENDS IN WORKPLACE STRATEGY AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE GLOBAL WORKPLACE

Emma Thomas, **Senior Business**  
Consultant, Plat4mation  
Brett Fisher, **Senior Director, Product**  
Management, ServiceNow

Assessing workplace analytics across different types of regions, locations, and organizational teams can help to implement better workplace policies across sites. For example, seeing a trend in reservations and visit duration that employees belonging to a marketing team prefer to work in a collaborative open space, within the same neighborhood, and visit the office for an average of 7.5 hours, can help shape the space and services planning of other company sites who are remodeling, reconfiguring, or just beginning their journey into a hybrid work model. During this session we will share insights from the NBA's workspace analysis.



### 14:05 | HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO: BALANCING EXPERIENCE VS. EFFICIENCY

Jeff Gagnon, **SVP, Head of Workplace**  
Solutions, Raise  
Sandra Ladao, **VP, Workplace,**  
Samsara  
Zixiao Pan, **President,** Butlr  
Adam Sewall, **COO & CRO,** Trebellar

In recent years, many teams have adopted new technologies to measure occupancy and utilization of space. Amid a shifting workplace landscape, however, the full potential and true business value of these new space insights sometimes gets lost. For all the talk about right-sizing space, for instance, there's little mentioned about 'rightsizing' experience. In this session, our panellists will share how they think about workplace effectiveness and discuss what's most relevant for workplace leaders today: delivering on experience or driving cost efficiencies.





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16:00 | CLOSING KEYNOTE – NICK BLOOM IN CONVERSATION

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16:30 | CHAIRPERSONS CLOSING REMARKS

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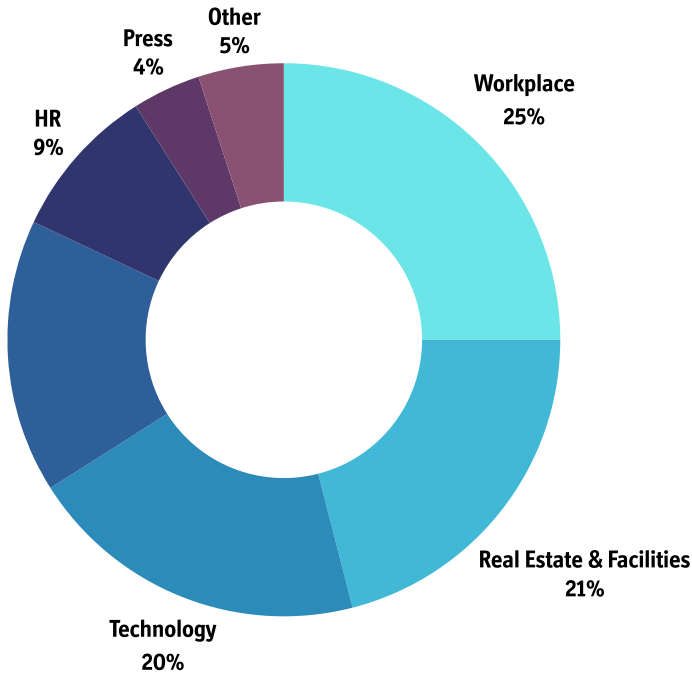
17:00 | SAMSARA WORKPLACE TOUR



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When: Friday September 27th

Where: Samsara, 1 De Haro

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For more information on the above initiatives, please contact:

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