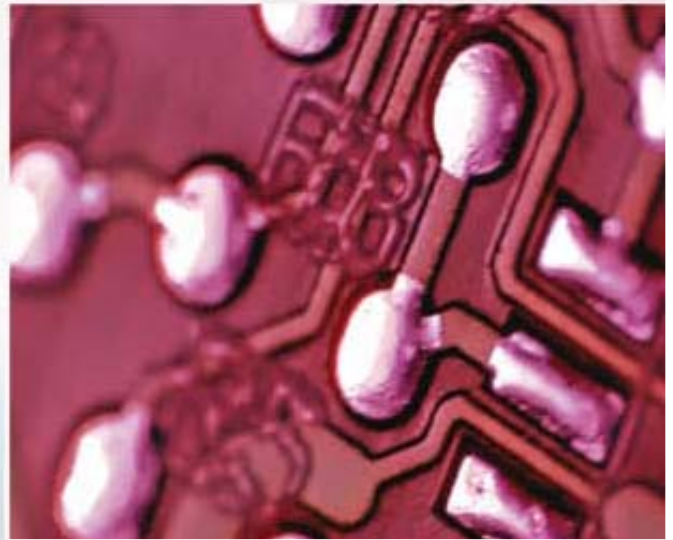


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He was a Visiting Fellow at the Asia Center, Harvard University, in 2006. His book on innovation entitled: *Innovation, Market Archetypes and Outcome* was published in 2007, by Springer-Verlag. Another book on entrepreneurship and innovation *Empreendedorismo e Inovação*, published by Escolar Editora, was released in September of 2007, now in its third edition. In 2008 his third book *The Entrepreneurial Innovator*, was published by Elsevier-Campus in Brazil. He has given diverse talks and workshops all over the world, including at the Helsinki School of Economics, Harvard University, University of Massachusetts, Indian School of Management etc. He is a much sought after speaker, and has appeared as a keynote speaker in many international conferences, as well as giving talks on innovation for senior managers and organizations all over the world, and advising firms on innovation management and growth. In 2008, he was considered one of the top 100 experts internationally by the World Economic Forum (WEF Innovation 100).



### **Keynote Speaker and Workshop Chair / Dr. Lars Eklund**

During his 30 years as a practitioner in social science research, in the private sector, in government, and as a consultant Dr. Eklund has acquired first-rate skills in developing innovation and competitiveness on all levels and in many places around the world. He has spearheaded major initiatives in Sweden, Baltic Sea Region, Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia. As Director of Competitiveness and Head of Division of Vinnova, Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems and as President, Vice President, and Director of The Competitiveness Institute, the leading global network of competitiveness practitioners, he obtained a unique global connectedness and leading position in the field of innovation and cluster based competitiveness. His track record as innovation development analyst and facilitator of innovation processes on regional, national and multinational levels is marked by his typically Scandinavian values dialogue and pragmatism. He has served in a number of leading positions in the field of development and innovation, reporting directly to

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### **Keynote Speaker / Christopher Mondini**

In this role he works to broaden and deepen relationships with companies beyond the domain name sector, to educate global business on the workings and role of ICANN, and to provide ways for continued dialogue and collaboration on Internet Governance issues. His aim is for the voice of business to be heard in a rapidly evolving multi-stakeholder framework. Christopher is a former management consultant, United States diplomat and corporate investigator, whose work has focused on cross-border regulatory challenges faced by technology companies. He holds degrees in Economics and International relations.

### **Workshop Chair / Prof. Metin Türkay**

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