

AI Conf 2026

18.04.2026

09:00 - 09:50 YSU Grand Hall Lobby
Registration and coffee

10:00 - 10:30 YSU Grand Hall
Opening Remarks

10:00 - 10:10 **Hovhannes Hovhannisyan**
Rector of YSU

10:10 - 10:15 **Sargis Karapetyan**
CEO of UATE

10:15 - 10:30 **AI Infrastructure of YSU**
Rafayel Barkhudaryan
Vice-rector for Scientific Affairs of YSU

10:30 - 11:20 **Rev Lebedarian, Vice President, Omniverse and Simulation Technology, NVIDIA**
AI Agents and the Economy of Tokens

11:20 - 11:40 **Alexander Yesayan**
Firebird in Emerging Markets
Co-Founder of Firebird.ai

11:40 - 11:55 **From Molecules to Robots: Training AI for the Physical World**
Hrant Khachatryan
Founder of YerevaNN, Head of ML group at YSU

11:55 - 12:40 **GPU-intensive Research in Armenia**
Panel Session

Panelists:

- **Hayk Zakaryan**, Head of Computational Materials Science Laboratory, YSU
- **Astghik Hakobyan**, Leading Researcher, Center for Scientific Innovation and Education (CSIE) / National Polytechnic University of Armenia

- **Mushegh Rafayelyan**, Head of the Center for Optics and Photonics and PhotonicsAI Lab, YSU
- **Varduhi Yeghiazaryan**, Associate Professor, American University of Armenia
- **Sevak Sargsyan**, Head of Center for Advanced Software Technologies (CAST)

Moderator: Erik Arakelyan, NVIDIA

12:40 – 13:00 Talk

12:40 – 13:00 **How LLMs Are Redefining Speech Recognition**

Vazgen Mikayelyan

Head of Research, Conversational Intelligence

Krisp

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:40 **Armen Aghajanyan, CEO of Perceptron AI**

The Armenian AI Doctrine

14:45 – 15:20 **Government Programs in AI**

Panel Session

Panelists:

- **Gevorg Mantashyan**, First Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry of the Republic of Armenia
- **Sargis Hayotsyan**, Chairman of the Higher Education and Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia

Moderator: Artavazd Minasyan, Co-founder of Krisp

15:25 – 16:20 Talks

15:25 – 15:40 **Pushing GPUs beyond limits to Eleveight AI**

Arman Aleksanian

CEO and Co-founder

Eleveight AI

15:45 – 16:00 **The Physical AI Bridge: Deploying VLA Models from Omniverse and Isaac Sim to ROS 2 Edge Systems**

Gor Vardanyan

Founder and CEO

Getin

16:05-16:20

Beyond GPUs: Voice AI at Scale

Gevorg Minasyan

Lead AI/ML Research Scientist

Async

16:25 - 16:50

Fireside Chat

Guest: Vahe Kuzoyan, President and Co-founder of ServiceTitan

Moderators: Gor Simonyan and Samvel Karapetyan, Students at the YSU Department of Informatics and Applied Mathematics

16:55 - 17:50

Talks

16:55 - 17:10

New Compute, New Reality

Nikita Orlov

Staff ML Scientist/Team Lead

Picsart

17:15 - 17:30

The state of Armenian AI

Hrant Davtyan

Founder and CEO

Metric

17:35 - 17:50

Working Towards Reasoning and Robustness

Erik Arakelyan

Senior Researcher

NVIDIA

17:55 - 18:45

CS Education after Coding Agents

Panel Session

Panelists:

- **Karen Keryan**, Co-head of ASDS Master Program, YSU
- **Nune Hovhannisyan**, Head of Educational Programs, UATE
- **Pegor Papazian**, Chief Development Officer, Tumo
- **Veronika Aghajanyan**, Lead of Higher Education and Research Advancement, FAST Foundation

- **Arshak Ulubabyan**, Head of Education Programs, reArmenia Academy
- **Narek Aslikyan**, Founder & CEO of Armenian Code Academy (ACA)

Moderator: Hrant Khachatryan, YSU / YerevaNN

18:45 - 19:00

Closing Remarks

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