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## Inaugural Late Shri Yadupati Singhanian Lecture

### **Preparing for NeXt Generation Work Skills: Reflections on the Future of University Education**

*Drawing from his 30 years in the academy, Dr. Khazanchi will highlight the challenges we face in society (e.g., Covid-19) and particularly in higher education. In thinking about these challenges, Dr. Khazanchi will look forward to the future beyond the Covid-19 pandemic by exploring the emergent transformation of university education in the world. This will include reflecting upon models for university education and some important best practices for integrating elearning in traditional models.*



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### Dr. Khazanchi's Bio



Dr. Deepak Khazanchi is Full Professor of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Community Engagement and Internationalization Officer in the College of Information Science & Technology (IS&T), University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). Prior to becoming Associate Dean, he served as Chair of the Information Systems & Quantitative Analysis department in the College of IS&T. He is also an affiliate faculty in UNO's International Studies & Programs and the Leonard and Shirley Goldstein Center for Human Rights (GCHR). He has served as a visiting/adjunct full professor with the Center for Integrated Emergency Management (CIEM) at the University of Agder (Kristiansand, Norway), University of International Business & Economics (Beijing, China), and

Management Center Innsbruck (Innsbruck, Austria). Deepak currently serves on the Board of Management for the Sir Padmpat Singhanian University (Udaipur, India) and the Executive Council for Bennett University (NOIDA, India). He is also an active advisor and external examiner for a number of universities around the world.

Dr. Khazanchi has published more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals, books, and conferences. Over the last two decades, he has received approximately \$4 million in grant funding and donations from private foundations, corporations, federal, and state agencies to support his teaching, research and community engagement activities. Dr. Khazanchi's current research interests are focused in the areas of virtual project management, virtual teams in crisis settings, health IT interventions, disaster ehealth, project management assurance, B2B assurance services and risk analysis in extended enterprise environments, research methods in IT, and the application of philosophy of science in computing disciplines. His research has been published in a both practitioner and peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Khazanchi was one of the founding board members, served as chairman and currently continues to serve on the board of directors of the nonprofit, Collective for Youth in Omaha. Deepak currently serves on the board of the Refugee Empowerment Center of Omaha. He is also currently a member of the board of trustees for the Brownell Talbot Preparatory High School in Omaha. Dr. Khazanchi is the founder and first President of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) Special Interest Group for IT Project Management.

Dr. Khazanchi arrived in academics after working in managerial and technical positions with responsibility for designing structures (bridges and buildings) and as a project engineer for a multinational construction project. He received the Ph.D. degree with a specialization in Management Information Systems from Texas Tech University. Prior to this, he earned the MBA degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and obtained an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur (India). He is [living his dream](#) as an academic and enjoys any free time he has with his family and travelling around the world (*when there is no Covid-19 pandemic*).



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