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Based in Silicon Valley, **Dr. Burton Lee** wears numerous hats that span academia, industry, government, technology, design and policy. As a member of the Stanford Engineering faculty, he lectures on [European Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#), supported by more than a dozen European national and regional government partners over the past eight years. Lee is today considered one of Silicon Valley's leading experts on the European entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem, with extensive experience advising European corporations, universities, industry clusters, governments, investment funds, accelerators and techparks; coaching European startups; and developing new approaches to Europe's innovation challenges.

Dr. Lee concurrently serves as **Managing Director of Innovarium Ventures**, a senior advisory services firm specializing in the assessment, creation and execution of innovation, entrepreneurship and product design programs for enterprises, engineering and business schools, and industry clusters. Recent clients include Lyse Energy AS (Norway), UniCredit Bank (Vienna), the European Commission (Horizon2020, DG CONNECT, DG GROWTH), Sofia Tech Park, the Gdansk Metropolitan Authority, as well as the NSF, NIH and NASA. In 2010, Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen appointed Dr. Lee to his [Innovation Taskforce](#) which authored Ireland's new national innovation strategy. From October 2015, Dr. Lee was appointed a member of the Innovation and Startups Advisory Council of the Ministry of Economy, Government of Slovakia (Bratislava).

A frequent public speaker across Europe, Burton's private sector experience includes management and research positions at Daimler, HP and General Electric. In 2007, he co-founded Space Angels Network, the leading source of seed-stage capital for space and aviation-related startups.

Lee has also served as Visiting Professor/Scholar in innovation, entrepreneurship and design at the following European universities: Ruhr Universitat Bochum (Germany), University of Wuppertal (Germany), Trinity College Dublin, NUI Galway (Ireland), Riga Technical University (Latvia), TU Dortmund (Germany), and LMU Munich | Faculty of Economics (Germany).

As an undergraduate student at LMU Munich, he studied Soviet Economics and Physics, and also completed a Praktikum in the Bundesamt fuer Eich- und Vermessungswesen (Austria).

Dr. Lee holds a PhD in Mechanical & Electrical Engineering (Stanford), an MBA in Finance (Cornell), and a Bachelors degree in Economics (Brown). He speaks German and Spanish with a moderate level of fluency.