

## Rakhee Khambatoi, Moderator



Rakhee Khambhati is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with over a decade of experience supporting U.S. government programs. She has led initiatives that bridge the gap between emerging technologies and market adoption, including mentoring startups to secure strategic funding and fostering collaborations between government and industry stakeholders. With a specialty in defense contracting and acquisitions, her previous roles include managing forward-deployed logistics for global maritime operations, supporting major U.S. defense programs of record, and curating programs to advance innovation in the space sector. Rakhee's work highlights her dedication to enabling ventures that address critical challenges in national security and bolster the defense industrial base. She is currently an Executive MBA Candidate at UCLA Anderson.