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Dr. Muhammad Zahid Iqbal is a British Academic, working as an Assistant Professor in Immersive Technologies at Teesside University, External Examiner at Northeastern University London, and External Assessor for the Digital and Technology Solutions Professional & Specialist programme at Manchester Metropolitan University. He completed his PhD in Computer Science from University College Dublin, Ireland. He has an academic background and experience in digital transformation, artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction, immersive technologies (virtual and augmented reality), and the metaverse. Dr Zahid is deeply interested in using technology to develop technologies that have a positive social impact. He is involved in discussions around the ethical implications of these technologies and works towards establishing guidelines and policies that ensure their safe and beneficial use. He believes that collaboration between technologists, policymakers, and society is crucial to harnessing the full potential of immersive technologies and AI for the greater good. Before joining Teesside University, Dr. Zahid worked as an associate faculty member at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and the National College of Ireland. He also worked as a Principal Investigator on a British Academy-funded project (Empathic VR for communities facing military conflicts) and co-PI on an Innovate UK-funded AI Feasibility project for healthcare. He aims to create inclusive and equitable technological solutions that empower individuals and communities.