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Professor of Information Systems and Business Management at California State University (CSULA). Dr. Sultan holds a PhD in Information Systems and Technology from Claremont Graduate University. She is a certified professional in supply management with experience in account product management, operations, and automated system projects development.

In addition to her current role at CSULA, Dr. Sultan serves as an Information Governance Senior Advisor at Southern California Edison, as well as a Research Fellow at the Claremont Graduate University (CGU) Center for Information Systems & Technology. She has over than twenty years of industry experience with publications focusing on energy informatics and the digital transformation within supply chains.

Dr. Sultan research primarily focuses on energy informatics and sustainability. Her areas of interest are the applications of GIS, big data analytics, as well as machine learning within the energy domain, particularly the spatial distribution of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and resolving grid integration challenges.

Since 2019, Dr. Sultan has been participating in IARIA conferences in various roles. She has served as a Steering Committee Member as well as offered keynotes at multiple IARIA conferences, including Energy and the Annual IARIA Congress. She has also served as an Associate Editor of Proceedings for the International Conference on Smart Grids, Green Communications and IT Energy-aware Technologies.

Currently, Sultan is working on developing Asset Data Solutions for Southern California Edison, research projects that aim for renewable energy supply and smart grid development. As an IARA Fellow, she supports IARIA's International efforts and remains in a supportive role to promote scientific and industrial interchanges.

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