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Dr. Nicol Turner Lee is a senior fellow in Governance Studies, and the director of the Center for Technology Innovation (CTI) at the Brookings Institution, a global think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, Dr. Turner Lee also serves as Co-Editor-In-Chief of TechTank, CTI's electronic magazine, and co-host of the complementary TechTank podcast. Dr. Turner Lee's research explores how public policies, and local programs enable equitable access to technology within the U.S. and abroad, while facilitating measurable change in communities most impacted by the lack of access to broadband, and internet-enabled products and services. Her current work explores global and domestic broadband deployment and infrastructure (including 5G), digital divide, universal service, and a variety of internet governance issues, including data privacy, antitrust, and innovation more broadly. Her work also explores artificial intelligence (AI), specifically new ways to bring diverse viewpoints from industry, civil society, academia, and government together to design and deploy more purposeful and pragmatic models and applications. Her work has culminated in reports, podcasts, and events that advance discussions on the role of AI in health care, education, journalism, and financial services, among other sectors.

Dr. Turner Lee is the author of the book *Digitally Invisible: How the Internet is Creating the New Underclass* (Brookings Press, 2024), which is focused on U.S. digital access. She has participated on various U.S. federal agency and civil society boards. She has also received numerous awards with the most recent being part of the 2025 Washingtonian Tech Titans. She has a Ph.D. and M.A. from Northwestern University and graduated with honors from Colgate University.