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In December 2008, Dr. Nils Fonstad joined eLab, a global research center within the business school INSEAD focused on how public and private institutions throughout the world create value from the knowledge economy. He conducts research on innovation and on how organizations and countries develop and foster skills critical for competing in a global knowledge economy (i.e., "e-competences"). Before then, he worked as a research scientist at MIT Center for Information Systems Research (MIT CISR).

At MIT, Dr. Fonstad investigated how organizations re-structure themselves to both achieve greater synergies across business units and enhance local responsiveness. He developed the ³IT engagement model² to describe how organizations effectively link IT projects to enterprise-wide governance. He has extended this research to examine how organizations effectively govern outsourcing relationships.

Dr. Fonstad has taught IT and non-IT business executives in a variety of settings, including MIT CISR's "IT for the non-IT Executive" program. He also co-taught in English and Spanish a series of conferences for CxOs, sponsored by IBM, throughout Latin America (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Mexico).

Dr. Fonstad earned his PhD degree in Information Technology and Organization Studies from MIT Sloan School of Management; an MS from the MIT Technology and Policy Program; and a BS in Mechanical Engineering and BA in Film Studies from Cornell University.