**19.3.5 Data Science Salon Meetup**

I attended another Data Science Salon Virtual Conference today where the event hosted several guest speakers who elaborated a bit on their work, experiences, and highlighting their current projects and how that has helped to either facilitate or innovate in their field. One of the first speakers, Boshika Tara, detailed how there is a need to mitigate bias in AI and set forth an example of her own where voice recognition had failed to even register her speech as being comprehendible as she speaks in a regional English variety. She advocates for more equitable teams with diverse representation. Another one of the talks that I really enjoyed featured Charles Irizarry giving a presentation about combining NFTs and data science to unveil the gaps in product traceability. Much of his speech started out with laying the groundwork to gain a deeper grasp of his talk with defining terms that are very Web 3.0 oriented such as blockchain, NFT, and smart-contract. After his introduction in defining terms, I did find it rather interesting how he mentioned there were no use-cases for the blockchain in supply-chains as having delved into a bit on the present and upcoming Web 3.0 tech, I do remember one cryptocurrency named VeChain which focuses on addressing supply-chain tracking and inventory; but perhaps VeChain does not have an objective on using trustless tech for supply-chain partners as Charles said there’s already an established protocol for engaging in business exchange and trust within the supply-chain domain. To provide a little bit of the fascinating insights that Charles provided by implementing NFT tech in the data science field, he did mention how data wrangling and cleaning would be greatly diminished by way of the nun-fungible token tech which is smart-contract powered and embedded with a distinctive mark of ownership which can only be owned by one individual at a time. Overall, Data Science Salon hosted another spectacular event with great speakers and topics presented.