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Advancing the global governance of Artificial Intelligence
and other emerging technologies

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About The Future Society

The potential economic upsides of Artificial Intelligence (AI) are huge. Harnessing them, however, requires us to overcome daunting challenges, from ensuring the trustworthy adoption of black-box systems to limiting unemployment, cyber-security threats and long term AI safety concerns. The Future Society is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit think-and-do tank.

Our Mission is to advance the global governance of Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies.

We leverage a global, multidisciplinary network of experts, practitioners, and institutional partners to develop Policy Research, Advisory Services, Seminars & Summits, and Educational Programs & Leadership Development programs. We organise our work through three initiatives: The AI Initiative, looking at the global aspects of AI; The Law & Society Initiative, looking at AI's impact on legal systems; and CitX, focused on urban development. We are independent from industry, connected to all relevant stakeholders, and we tackle a broad, but carefully selected, range of short-term and longer-term issues in AI governance.

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Foreword by the President



Dear Friends of The Future Society,
Welcome to our 2018 annual report!

This year has been a period of growth for The Future Society in three key areas: our impact, our organization, and our thinking.

In terms of impact, 2018 saw significant developments in our activities across four programmatic pillars: Policy Research & Advisory Services, Seminars & Summits, Educational Programs & Leadership Development, and Special Projects. Here are some of our main accomplishments:

- We were selected by the UAE State Minister for AI to design and organize the first edition of the Global Governance of AI Roundtable during the World Government Summit in Dubai.
- We taught our semester-long course on the socio-economic impacts of AI to master's level students at Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs, to senior civil servants and industry executives at the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government in Dubai, and with Eruditus Executive.
- We organized the first ever US-China AI Tech Summit in San Francisco, gathering over five hundred AI business and technology leaders from the US and China to analyze the dynamics, consequences, challenges and opportunities posed by the rise of AI thus laying the foundation of the “cooperative rivalry” model we need to govern the rise of AI wisely.
- We were invited by the OECD to join the High Level Expert Group on AI (AIGO). This group has been tasked with developing a series of principles to foster trust in, and adoption of, AI in society. These principles are to be adopted by all OECD member states in 2019.
- At the European Parliament, we released the report from our “Global Civic Debate on Governing the Rise of AI”. The report catalogues the main insights from an unprecedented collective Intelligence effort held from September 2017 until April 2018 (involving 2,000 participants and 3,000 contributions in 5 languages).

When it comes to organization, a few simple figures serve to illustrate our growth: in 2018, our team grew from 3 to 8 full-time members of staff, supported by a global community of 32 advisors and 18 affiliates. We also developed a fruitful set of partnerships with international organizations, governments, nonprofits and corporations. Finally, we put a range of tools and processes in place to empower our growing team and to ensure maximum efficiency in our activities.

This internal and external growth has helped fuel the evolution of our thinking. Our intense involvement in the complex ecosystem of AI governance has yielded a novel way of thinking about how we can have the most impact in this grand debate. Here is how we fill the gaps in the existing landscape, along with an overview of what makes The Future Society different:

↓ GLOBAL REACH & NETWORK

We advance the governance of AI in a globally inclusive way, amplifying neglected global voices. That's why we have engaged with thousands of decision-makers from over 100 countries; why our team and affiliates are spread across 13 countries; and why we have organized roundtables, courses, research, workshops and shared knowledge in over 22 countries on 5 continents.

↓ INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION

We are institutional entrepreneurs. The challenges and opportunities posed by the rise of AI require novel governance approaches, architectures, and constructs to help forge new social contracts adapted to our times. That's why we are spearheading the creation of new institutions: the AI Commons Initiative, the International Panel on AI (IPAI), the IEEE Global Initiative on the Ethics of Autonomous & Intelligent Systems, the Global Governance of AI Forum, the Global Data Commons, the AI for Sustainable Development Goals Center, the Council on Extended Intelligence, and the ForHumanity Independent Audit of Algorithms.

↓ INDEPENDENCE & TRUST

We are independent from multinational corporations. Our expertise, professionalism and commitment to advancing the global governance of AI have earned us the trust of key stakeholders in the ecosystem, from government, industry, international organizations, academia and civil society. That's why we strive for diversified sources of funding, for partnerships that safeguard intellectual honesty and for balanced panels and boards. As we grow our organization and our funding base, we'll continue to improve our governance and standards of accountability.

↓ COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE

We know that the rise of AI is a complex phenomenon, and that in order to address it effectively we must bring together a very diverse group of experts and practitioners around the latest collective intelligence tools and methodologies. Through our carefully crafted and curated workshops, forums, conferences and online dialogues, we generate actionable policy options and pathways.

↓ OMNI-STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

We work to engage with a wide and diverse set of stakeholders in the community, drawn from the fields of industry, government, academia, international organizations, and civil society organizations. Given the systemic complexity, uncertainty, and velocity associated with the rise of AI, we believe that governance pathways, frameworks and protocols can only be sustainable if they result from the participation of a wide and deep range of stakeholders. That's why we anchor our work in the mobilization of the latest collective intelligence methodologies & tools.

↓ STRATEGIC TIMELINE

To govern the rise of AI wisely and effectively, we believe it is of paramount importance to work across time horizons, and reconcile policy challenges and opportunities in the short, medium and long term. That's why throughout our activities, we articulate the issues strategically: we consider the implications of tomorrow's problems for today's decisions and vice versa. We seek to reconcile preoccupations of the end of the day, the end of the month, and of the end of the world.



STORIES OF IMPACT

Criminal Justice System in the US

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There are more than 2.2 million people in US prisons. Every year US District Courts pass judgement on over 275,000 cases. Artificial Intelligence can help judges, lawyers and the police to process these cases faster. However, because AI makes suggestions based on previous human decisions, which are sometimes flawed, it risks perpetuating racial and gender-based discrimination.

To ensure that the US Judicial System can benefit from Artificial Intelligence without unfair discrimination, we need to improve the level of competence of legal professionals, as well as to invent the right infrastructure of accountability including benchmarks, measurements and standards. That's why The Future Society has created a Law & Society Initiative which is spearheading the development of a complete framework for the trustworthy adoption of AI in legal systems moving from principles to practice.

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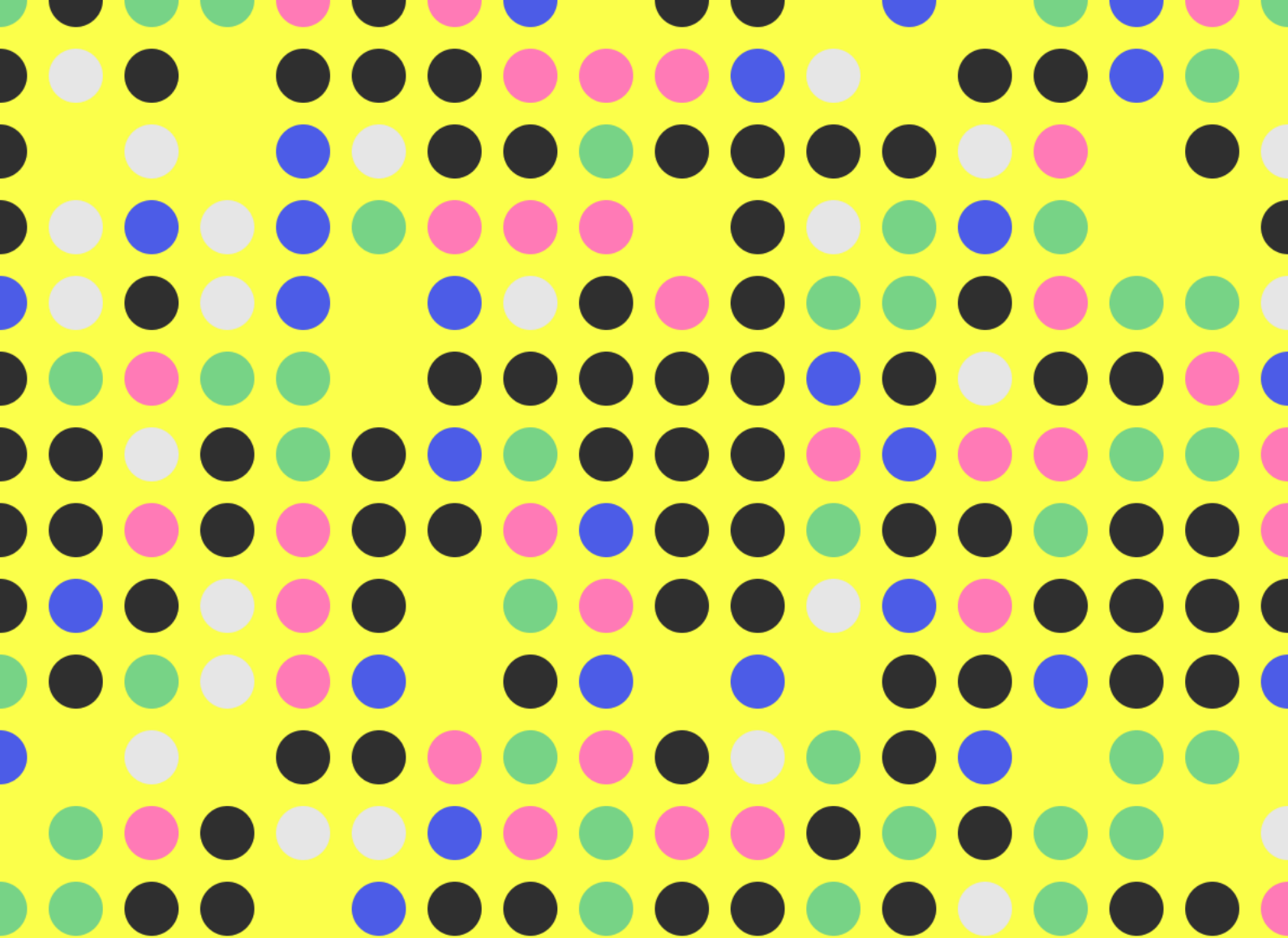
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Our Achievements

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR MOST NOTABLE PROJECTS IN 2018 ACROSS OUR FOUR DIFFERENT AREAS OF ACTIVITY:

A Policy Research & Advisory Services

The Future Society produced action-oriented policy research and advisory services to advance the global understanding of the contexts, dynamics and consequences of Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies.



The Future Society President Nicolas Mialhe contributing to the OECD AI group of experts' meeting at the MIT. © Kayana Szymczak for The NY Times.



OECD AI Group of Experts

The Future Society is a member of the high-level expert group which advised the OECD on its AI governance principles. This has resulted in the launch of the OECD AI Observatory, and research into AI industrial value chains. The Future Society contributed to the OECD AI principles which can be found [here](#). Since their publication the G20 has also adopted these principles.

“A Challenge to Global Governance” *By Nicolas Mialhe & Yolanda Lannquist, published in the Inter-American Development Bank Integration & Trade Journal | July 2018.*

Over 2017-2018, The Future Society launched a Global Civic Debate on Governing the Rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that included 2000 participants and 20 events around the world. This article highlights the main points that emerged from this discussion, looks at current and future risks, and provides a roadmap for global governance of AI. [\[Link\]](#)

“AI & Global Governance: Why We Need an Intergovernmental Panel for Artificial Intelligence” *By Nicolas Mialhe, published in United Nations University Centre for Policy Research | December 2018.*

The rise of AI involves an unprecedented combination of complex dynamics, which poses challenges for multilateral efforts to govern its development and use. This article explores key considerations in the global governance of AI to balance between enabling beneficial innovations and mitigating risks and adverse effects. AI global governance approaches can borrow and adapt from other governance regimes including climate change, internet governance, arms control, international trade, and finance. [\[Link\]](#)

“The Geopolitics of Artificial Intelligence: The Return of Empires?”

By Nicolas Mialhe, published in Politique étrangère | October 2018

Our groundbreaking analysis was published by the renowned French Institute of International Relations. It explores how AI is swiftly becoming a very real tool of power. This applies to both hard power (for example, its military applications) and soft power (its economic impact, its cultural and political influences, etc.) Our analysis found that while the United States and China dominate the market and impose their power, Europe is lagging behind and is trying to react by issuing new regulations. As for Africa, it has become a battleground for “digital empires”. [\[Link\]](#)



WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE SOCIETY

“We really need to align technology with human values. The Future Society is a pioneering movement which thinks innovatively about issues of ethical design and empowering individuals to have agency over technology and their future.”



Tristan Harris, Design Ethics Pioneer, Founder at the Centre for Humane Technology, Senior Advisor at The Future Society

B Seminars & Summits

The Future Society worked with leading organizations around the world to bring together policymakers, technologists, academics, business leaders and members of civil society in order to establish globally-recognized norms for the ethical development and deployment of technology across societies. This work was enabled by high-profile partnerships and a continuing series of summits, forums, and other gatherings. These spark new thinking and provide continuity in the global dialogue on the governance and impact of Artificial Intelligence.



Apple Co-Founder Steve Wozniak and Helen Liang of The AI Alliance speaking at the US-China AI Tech Summit in Silicon Valley. © Wu Xiaoling for Xinhua.



The US-China AI Summit | June 2018, Half Moon Bay

The Future Society co-hosted the first-ever US-China AI Technology Summit in Silicon Valley, a public dialogue between US and Chinese technology leaders about the ethics and governance of AI. The event aimed to foster a shared understanding and dialogue between the two countries. Speakers included Apple Co-Founder Steve Wozniak and executives from Microsoft, Baidu, Google, JD.com, Uber, Oracle, Bloomberg Beta, and the World Economic Forum.



Frank Escoubès (Bluenove), Nicolas Deruytter (ML6), Loubna Bouarfa (AI High-Level Expert Group of the European Commission), Marietje Schaake (European Parliament) and Nicolas Mialhe (The Future Society) discussing with the audience at the European Parliament. © Pablo Hnatow for The Future Society.

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European Parliament Global Civic Debate report launch | Sep. 2018, Brussels

The Future Society led a conference at the European Parliament for the release of its report, A Global Civic Debate on Governing the Rise of AI. With over 100 participants, including Members of the European Parliament and senior officials from the European Commission, the event featured workshops and panel discussions. As part of this event, findings from the global civic consultation were presented, and included global participants' views on the opportunities, hopes, risks and concerns that AI raises for society.

NYU Law School Summit on AI in a Democratic Society | Nov. 2018, New York City

The Future Society co-hosted a summit with NYU School of Law, H5, Akin Gump and Ernst & Young about the rise of AI in the justice and legal systems. Speakers included federal judges and executives from GE, Uber, AT&T, and Microsoft in addition to former FTC Commissioner and author Cathy O'Neil. The event was one of the first of its kind, raising multi-stakeholder and interdisciplinary discussions concerning the use and trust of AI in legal systems.



WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE SOCIETY

“Over the next few years we need an unprecedented effort to mobilize the best brains to think about how to reap the greatest rewards from Artificial Intelligence and avoid the many risks. The Future Society is uniquely well placed to help - with talent, methods and energy.”



Geoff Mulgan, CEO of Nesta,
Senior Advisor at The Future Society

C Educational Programs & Leadership Development

The Future Society designed and taught graduate and executive education courses on AI governance at top universities and institutions across the world. Courses empowered students to analyze and engage critically with the challenges and opportunities involved in AI governance. The latest insights and governance approaches were tested and incubated in the classroom to further advance our mission. Courses taught in 2018 included:



Entrance SciencesPo Paris, providing our course Governing the Rise of AI for its graduates every year



Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) | Spring 2018

Course title: Governing the Rise of AI

This graduate-level course equipped students with the skills to understand and analyze key political, social, and economic issues surrounding the rise of AI. Topics included the geopolitics of AI, global governance of AI, AI for UN Sustainable Development Goals, and more. The course also analysed key incentives and disincentives driving nation states to cooperate in governing AI. It introduced students to the range of policy, regulatory, and other governance tools that leading international, national and local organizations and governments are currently using for AI development and its impacts.



Our Head of Research & Advisory Arohi Jain facilitating a discussion session at the Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government.



The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government in Dubai | October 2018

Course title: Policy and Ethics of AI

This executive education course introduced the major topics and challenges involved with governing artificial intelligence to mid-career professionals from the fields of policy and government in the MENA region. Students were equipped with the knowledge to understand and analyze the implications of AI for businesses and societies. The course included a regional focus on the impacts of AI and robotics on the economy and employment in the MENA region. It presented a range of approaches for capability-building in governing AI, including strategies to mitigate its risks.

Executive Education at Mashreq Bank in the UAE | October 2018

Course title: AI in the Financial Sector

This executive education course focused on use cases of AI in the financial sector and their accompanying opportunities and risks (e.g. bias and impact on fairness, cybersecurity, job losses). Students participated in group discussions and simulations that equipped them to analyze the trade-offs and complexities involved in harnessing AI innovation in their organizations. It also provided them with skills in adaptive leadership and change management to support successful and ethical AI adoption.



WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE SOCIETY

“To tackle key issues of how society should harness the power of technology requires a fine understanding of the complex interactions between science, technology and society. The Future Society’s anchoring in the field of Science & Technology Studies gives it a uniquely reflexive approach that I have not seen in other think tanks.”



Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies at Harvard Kennedy School, Senior Advisor at The Future Society

D Special Projects

Shaping the governance of AI and other emerging technologies requires nimble, out-of-the box approaches. In 2018 we tackled this by dedicating a significant portion of our efforts to unique projects spanning multiple programs including Policy Research, Seminars & Summits and Advisory Services. These endeavors are longer-term ‘governance moonshot’ projects with high-impact potential.

The Global Civic Debate on Governing the rise of Artificial Intelligence

The Future Society designed and led an unprecedented 7-month Global Civic Debate over 2017-2018. It gathered over 3,000 contributions from over 2,000 participants in 5 languages to build a holistic understanding of the various global and public perspectives on the governance of AI. Our report was released at the European Parliament in Brussels in September 2018.



Participants to GGAR 2018 collectively discussing major problems and opportunities for the governance of AI



The Global Governance of AI Roundtable, World Government Summit

The Future Society organized the first two editions of the Global Governance of AI Roundtable (GGAR). Held yearly in Dubai at the World Government Summit, GGAR brings together a diverse community of 250 global experts and practitioners from government, business, academia, international organizations and civil society to discuss key questions in AI governance. With partners including the OECD, UNESCO, IEEE, the Council on Extended Intelligence, and the Global Data Commons Task Force, it is a unique collective intelligence exercise to help shape a global but culturally adaptable governance of AI. The inaugural Roundtable occurred in February 2018. To prepare for the next year's Roundtable, The Future Society wrote 14 research papers on AI governance topics.



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Microfinance in India

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Farmers in India often need to borrow money to buy tools, fertilizers, seeds or livestock. Some banks, known as microfinance banks, specialize in lending them small amounts of money to make these purchases. In 2017, microfinance banks lent money to 51 million Indian citizens. As part of this process, they estimate whether the farmers will pay back the loan, and sometimes assist to make sure they are successful. Artificial Intelligence is used more and more frequently for this activity, to profile risk in new and innovative ways and thus lower down the cost of access to capital. However, the risks in terms of privacy and due process are significant. In addition, microfinance banks do not have access to the databases, computing power, and talent which would allow them to harness responsibly the power of Artificial Intelligence.

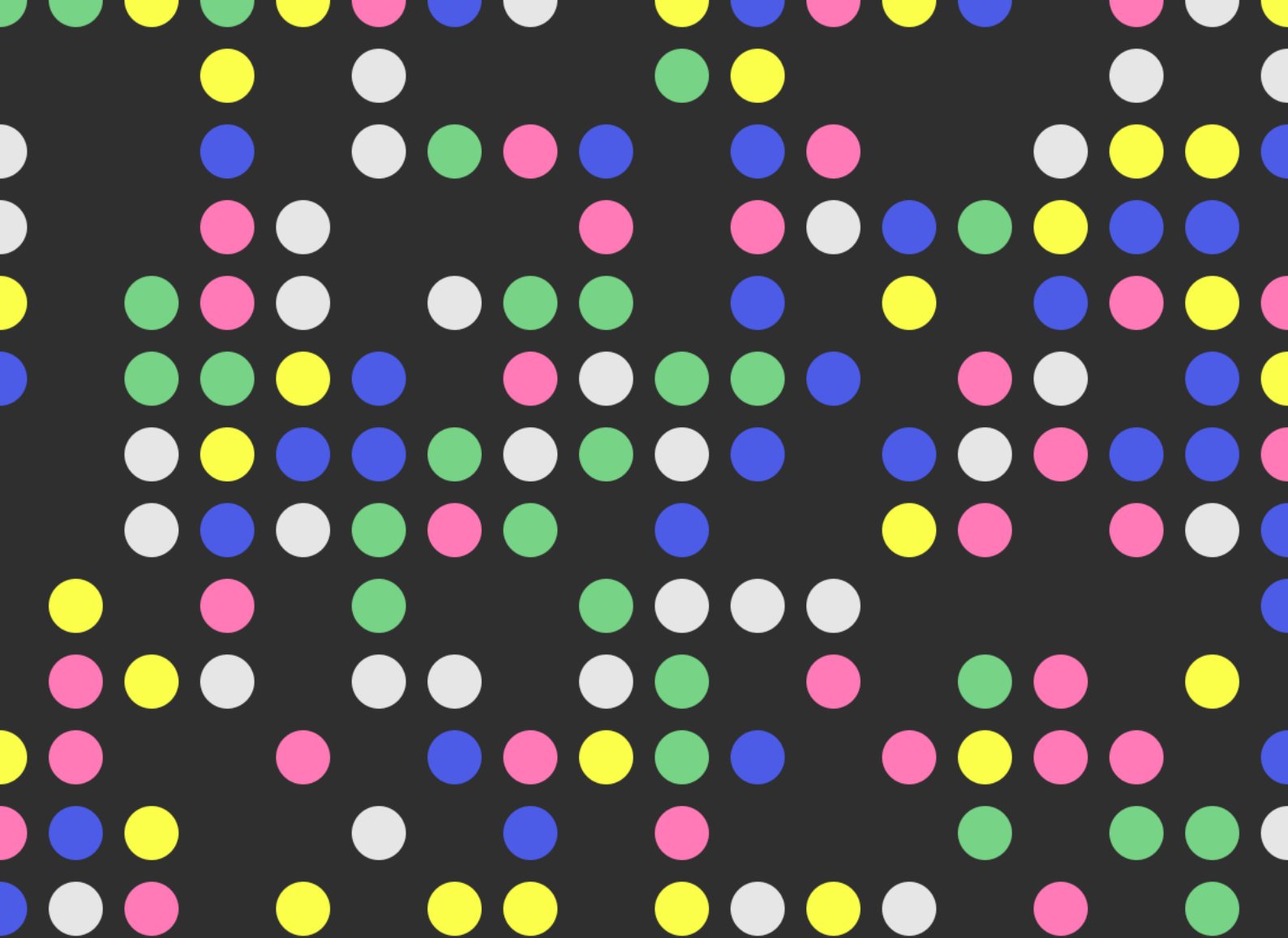
To help farmers to successfully obtain better loans from microfinance banks, we need Artificial Intelligence, data and computing power to be accessible in India and other emerging economies. That's why The Future Society is collaborating with the World Bank on developing policy and regulatory pathways to harness AI for development. That's also why we are developing an AI for Sustainable Development Goals Centre, and Global Data Commons Initiative as part of the emerging "AI Commons" global partnership. These are envisioned as new and agile global mechanisms to help citizens, entrepreneurs and researchers in developing countries gain access to Artificial Intelligence, data, talent and computing power, and to use them to make the world a better place.

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WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE SOCIETY

“The governance of Artificial Intelligence is one of the most important questions of this century, like gene editing. The creativity, rigor and wisdom demonstrated by The Future Society in its research, convenings and education programs makes it a crucial contributor to help move the collective thinking in the right direction!”



Joseph S. Nye Jr, Harvard University, Former chair of the US National Intelligence Council, Senior Advisor at The Future Society

THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR
TEAM, ADVISORS, AND PARTNERS
IN 2018.

A Leadership Team

Team members lead our efforts on our initiatives and projects, fulfilling our mission.



Nicolas Mialhe, [Founder & President](#)

Nicolas co-founded The Future Society in 2014 and incubated it at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He also co-founded the AI Initiative (2015), the CitX Initiative (2016), and the Science, Law and Society Initiative (2016) under The Future Society. A recognized thought-leader, strategist and implementer, Nicolas has over fifteen years of professional experience building partnerships at the intersection of industry, academia, innovation, government and civil society across Europe, America, Africa and Asia.



Arohi Jain, [Head of Research & Advisory](#)

Arohi is an Economist with an acute interest in harnessing the power of Artificial Intelligence to create a positive social impact, especially in developing economies. Passionate about social change, Arohi previously held the position of Senior Strategist at a London based start-up consultancy, focusing on building global digital campaigns on topics such as youth rights and gender equality for a wide range of nonprofits and foundations.



Yolanda Lannquist, [Head of Education and Senior AI Policy Researcher](#)

Yolanda has a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor's degree in Economics and European Studies from Barnard College at Columbia University with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Yolanda previously worked as a business strategy consultant in Copenhagen, advising Fortune 500 multinationals on innovation and market entry strategy. She also worked on digital trade and regulation at the U.S. Embassy in Paris and authored several reports on global labor markets at The Conference Board in New York.



Simon Mueller, [Co-Founder & Vice-President](#)

Simon co-founded The Future Society in 2014 while a student at Harvard Kennedy School, motivated by a firm belief that the rapid development of technology poses unparalleled challenges for public decision makers and corporate leaders. Now at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Simon advises CEOs and their teams in the domain of Robotics, Automation and Advanced Manufacturing (such as 3D-Printing and IoT). Over his 10 years at BCG, he has served private and public clients in over 25 countries. His functional focus ranges from strategy and growth to operations and implementation-driven topics.



Cyrus Hodes, [Director of The AI Initiative](#)

Cyrus most recently served as advisor to the UAE Minister of Artificial Intelligence. He is currently working on projects that will positively impact the world through the use of AI, and help to shape the upcoming global governance of AI. Passionate about drastically disruptive technologies, Cyrus previously led (and still advises) robotics and biotech ventures. In 2015, he co-founded the AI Initiative by engaging a wide range of global stakeholders to study, discuss and help shape the governance of AI.



Nicolas Economou, [Director of The Law & Society Initiative](#)

Nicolas is the chief executive of H5 and was a pioneer in advocating the application of scientific methods to electronic discovery. He actively contributes to advancing the dialogue on public policy challenges at the intersection of law, science, and technology. He is the Director of The Future Society's Law & Society Initiative.



Buse Çetin, [AI Policy Research & Project Manager](#)

Buse is an AI Policy Researcher at The Future Society. Her work includes producing analyses and use cases of AI adoption and models of governance across sectors and geographies. She is passionate about post-colonial studies and AI governance frameworks that are inclusive and representative. Buse holds a Master's degree in International Public Management from Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) where she specialized in economic policy and global governance across sectors such as finance and energy.



Nicolas Moës, [AI Policy Research & Project Manager](#)

Nicolas is an economist by training, focused on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the economy and society. He is the Brussels-based representative for The Future Society. Passionate about global technological progress, Nicolas now monitors global developments in the legislative framework surrounding AI. After completing a Master's degree (M.Phil.) in Economics at the University of Oxford, he became Research Assistant at the economic policy think tank Bruegel, where he worked on EU technology, AI and innovation policy.



Josephine Png, [AI Policy Research & Project Manager](#)

Josephine covers the law & ethics of Artificial Intelligence at The Future Society, including the evolving role of legal structures in governing the impact of AI in society, and intercultural representation in AI systems. Her background is in policy creation and legal reformation pertaining to human rights violations such as torture, human trafficking and inequality. Josephine is a member of the Law Committee at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and contributed to the development of the Ethically Aligned Design, 3rd version.



Caroline Jeanmaire, [AI Policy Research & Project Manager](#)

Caroline conducts AI policy research focused on geopolitics, diplomacy and cybersecurity and safety for Artificial Intelligence. She has extensive experience in political coordination and negotiation across multi-stakeholder, global actors in science and technology management. She was a Youth Delegate to the United Nations for two years with the French delegation, advocating for the rights of future generations.



Jannik Segger, [Research Intern](#)

Jannik has been an AI Policy Affiliate with The Future Society since July 2018 and is completing his Master's in Management at the University of Mannheim.



Jia Loke, [Research Intern](#)

Jia interned with The Future Society from November 2018 to February 2019. He obtained a BA (Hons) in Politics and Sociology from the University of Cambridge in 2018.

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C Affiliates

Affiliates assist in project development and implementation worldwide.

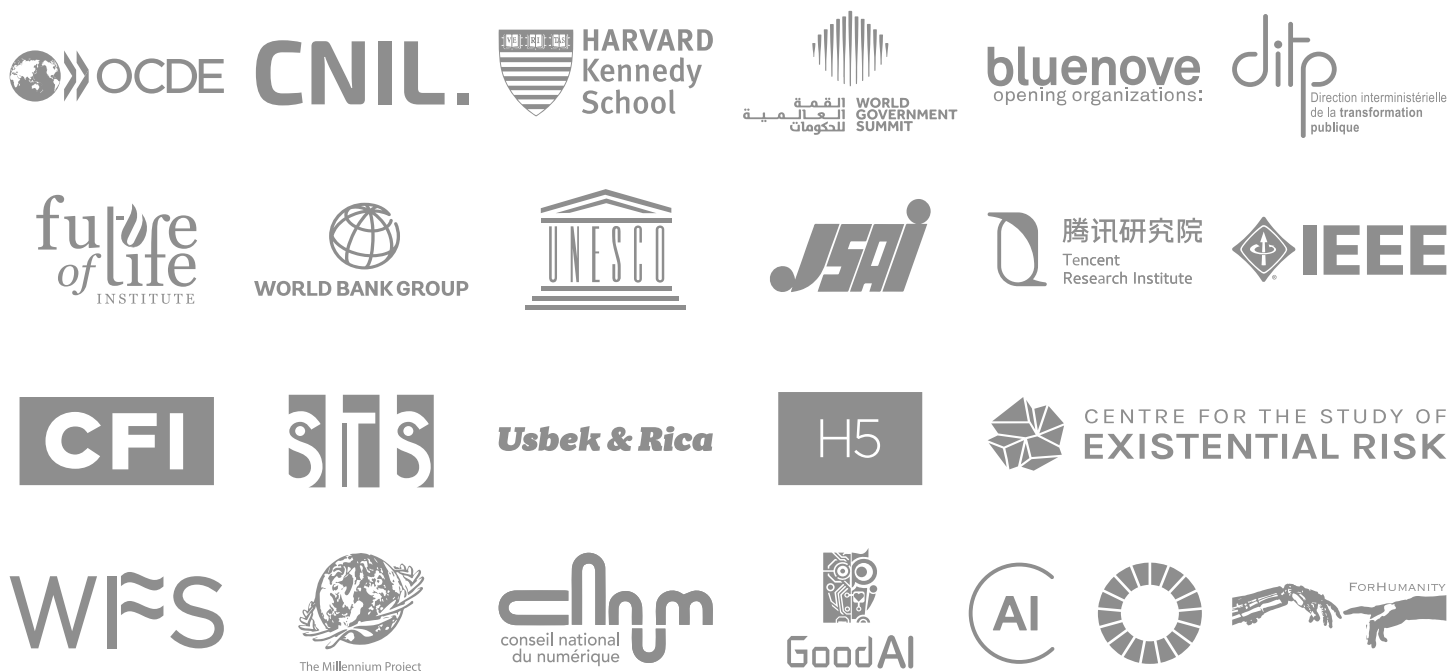
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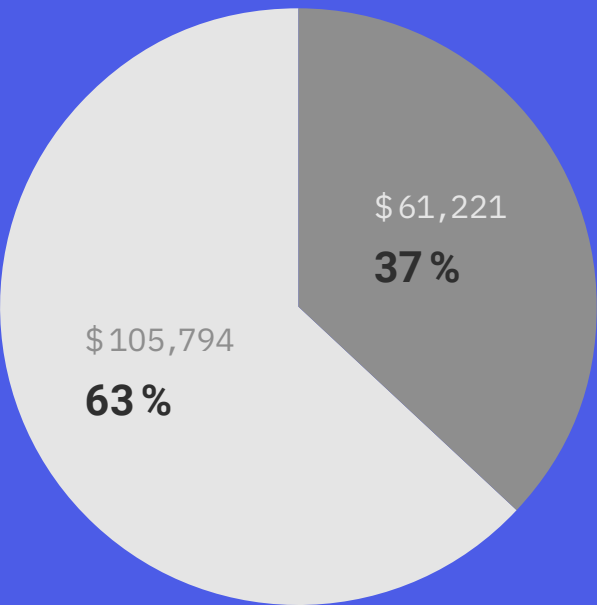
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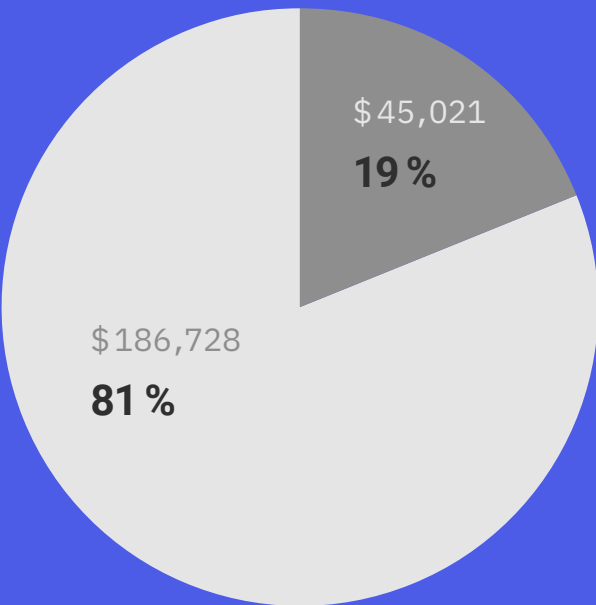
For fiscal year 2018 (ending on December 31, 2018), The Future Society’s expenses were \$231,749 USD and revenue was \$167,015 USD. The charts below provide a brief overview of the allocation of expenses and sources of revenue.

2018 Revenue: **\$167,015**



- Program Service Revenue
- Contributions

2018 Expenses: **\$231,749**

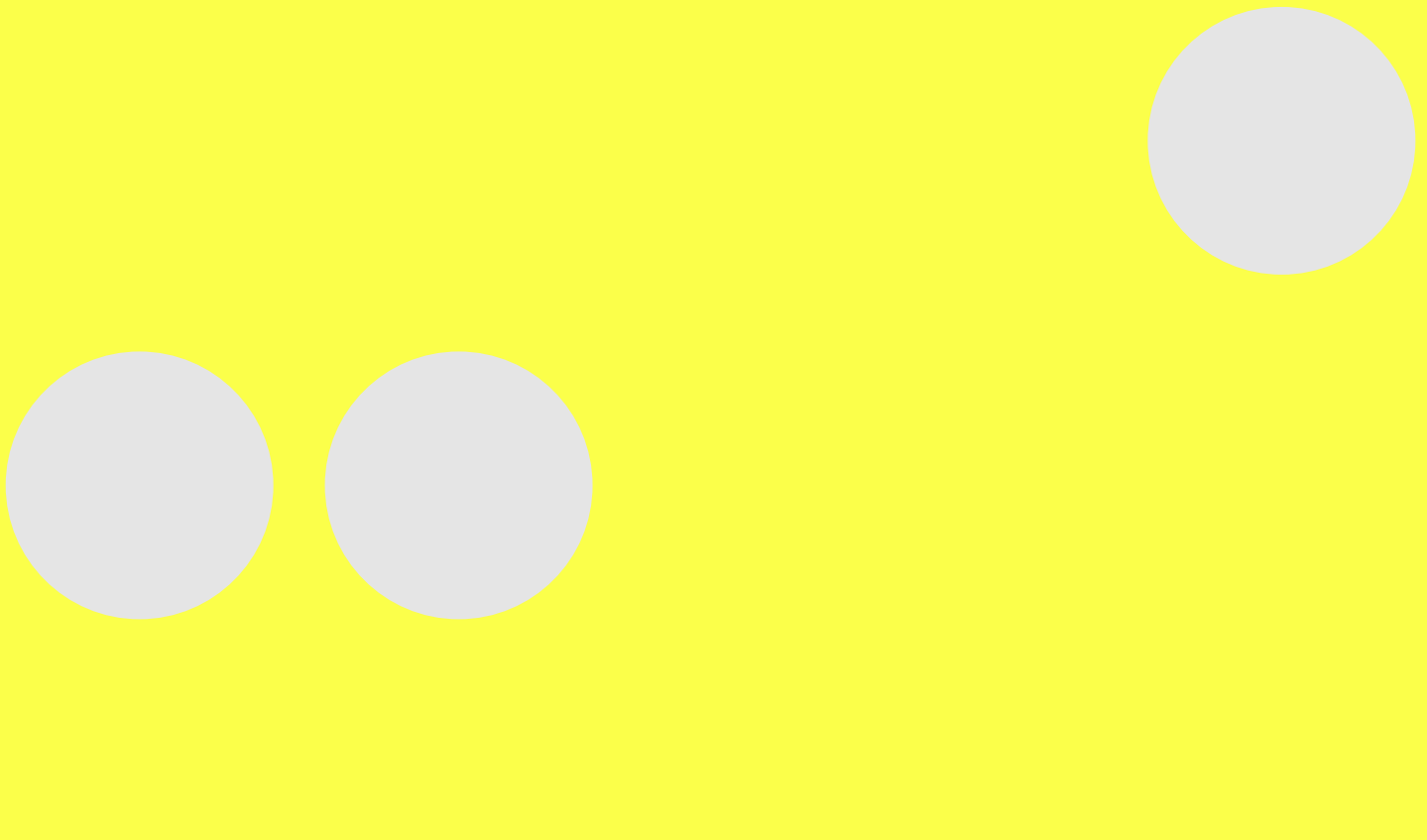


- Research
- Administrative Costs

- In 2018, total revenue more than tripled to \$167,015.
- Program service revenue, derived from mission related services around the world, grew to just over \$100,000 for the first time in our history.
- Charitable contributions increased by 25% from 2017 to 2018.

- Administrative costs remained low at just under 19% of total expenses.
- Reflecting our focus on actionable research on ethical and responsible AI, our research costs in 2018 were 81% of our total expenses.

The Future Society is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit think-and-do tank which helps society to govern AI, seizing the opportunities it presents while mitigating its risks. We leverage a global, multidisciplinary network of experts, practitioners, and institutional partners to develop Policy Research & Advisory Services, Seminars & Summits, and Educational Programs & Leadership Development programs.



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