



## AGENDA

### Sixth Edition of The Athens Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law

The [Sixth Edition of The Athens Roundtable on AI and the Rule of Law](#) will be hosted at the OECD Headquarters in Paris on December 9, 2024, with a focus on **enhancing international coordination for accountability in AI governance**.

To safeguard the rule of law, democratic values, and global well-being, AI actors must urgently establish robust, internationally coordinated accountability mechanisms. This includes enforcing global standards for AI risk management, building an interoperable ecosystem for AI evaluations, and ensuring transparency and accessible information flows. Critical to this effort is the collaboration of key international institutions—such as the OECD, UN, G7/G20, UNESCO, AI Safety Institutes, the European AI Office, Council of Europe, the African Union, and France’s AI Action Summit—along with the active engagement of civil society. The Roundtable will bring together leading AI decision-makers to develop actionable strategies for collective global accountability in AI governance. The goal is to rethink and refine incentive structures by embedding accountability across the AI lifecycle and fostering a globally coordinated, collaborative ecosystem where trustworthy AI can thrive.

This year's edition, held under the patronage of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Ms. Katerina Sakellaropoulou, is organized by The Future Society in partnership with the OECD, UNESCO, France’s AI Action Summit, the AI & Society Institute, CNNum, Make.org, and Sciences Po’s Tech and Global Affairs Innovation Hub, with support from Arnold & Porter and Fathom. As an official event leading to France’s AI Action Summit, The Roundtable will directly inform and contribute to the Summit’s agenda and outcomes.

### Objectives

- **Assess coordination efforts in the AI governance landscape, particularly through the lens of accountability:** The Roundtable will examine how leading institutions— such as the OECD, UN, G7, G20, UNESCO, AI Safety Institutes, the European AI Office, Council of Europe, the African Union and France’s AI Action Summit— are implementing and promoting accountability mechanisms within the AI governance ecosystem. It will identify challenges in current efforts and aim to promote enhanced collaboration, continuity, and coordination across these initiatives to address these gaps.
- **Propose concrete objectives and deliverables for France’s AI Action Summit:** As an official partner event leading to France’s AI Action Summit in February 2025, The Roundtable will inform and advance the summit’s agenda by proposing pertinent discussion topics and policy recommendations focused on accountability among global AI actors. A component of this will involve presenting the results of a global consultation launched by The Future Society, AI & Society Institute, CNNum, Make.org, and the Tech and Global Affairs Innovation Hub of Sciences Po. The findings from the consultation will be further explored in The Roundtable with an aim to collectively recommend tangible deliverables that could be included within a “Paris Declaration”.



- **Strengthen collaboration between AI governance civil society organizations and advocate for their inclusion in global AI governance:** The Roundtable will emphasize the need for enhanced collaboration and active participation of civil society organizations (CSOs) in shaping global AI governance. It will encourage a process for regular, structured dialogue among a diverse set of CSOs engaged in AI governance, fostering stronger cooperation and unity in their efforts to hold AI actors accountable for a spectrum of harms. Specifically, The Roundtable will explore the establishment of a dedicated global coalition of these CSOs, which would serve as a unified voice advocating for stronger AI governance, and be essential for democratizing AI governance and amplifying the voices of communities that may be disproportionately affected by AI impacts.

## Agenda

Time (CET)	Session	Remarks & Interventions
9:00 10:00 am	Registration (for in-person attendees)	
10:00 10:30 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
	<b>Accountability across global AI actors to safeguard the rule of law</b>  This session will set the stage for the dialogue by examining the concept of accountability in AI governance. It will introduce key questions to guide the day's dialogue: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How can we ensure AI actors are accountable for creating safe and ethical systems that respect the rule of law and other fundamental rights?</li><li>2. How can relevant governance institutions fulfill their mandates for trustworthy AI?</li><li>3. How can we enhance collaboration and coordination across these governance efforts?</li><li>4. What roles do various stakeholder groups, including civil society, play in advancing accountability?</li></ol>	<b>Minister Dimitris Papastergiou</b>   Minister, Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance  <b>Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen</b>   Deputy Secretary General, OECD  <b>Chloé Goupille</b>   Secretary General, AI Action Summit  <b>Nicolas Moës</b>   Executive Director, The Future Society
10:30 11:45 am	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Nicolas Moës, <i>The Future Society</i> <b>Format:</b> Brief interventions followed by an open discussion and Q&A	
	<b>Mapping the emerging landscape of AI governance and accountability, and its impact</b>	<b>Carme Artigas</b>   Co-Chair at the AI Advisory Board, Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology



This session will map and assess the current AI governance landscape through a series of short interventions by representatives from institutions at the forefront of AI governance institutions, including the OECD, UN, UNESCO, the Network of AI Safety Institutes, and the European AI Office. Each speaker will highlight (1) the key measures their organization is implementing to strengthen accountability in the global AI ecosystem and (2) share how they are tracking progress on these efforts.

After the presentations, the discussion will open to The Roundtable participants for questions and an open dialogue. The discussion will aim to drive collaboration and align efforts across initiatives, maximizing their collective impact in advancing a robust and accountable AI ecosystem.

**Audrey Plonk** | Deputy Director, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

**Cédric Wachholz** | Chief of Digital Innovation and Transformation Section, UNESCO Communication and Information Sector

**Lucilla Sioli** | Director, European AI Office, European Commission

**Elizabeth Kelly** | Director, U.S. AI Safety Institute, NIST

11:45 am  
1:00 pm

## Session 2

**Moderator:** Niki Iliadis, *The Future Society*

**Format:** Brief interventions followed by an open discussion and Q&A

### Key challenges and gaps in establishing an accountable AI governance regime

Building on insights from the previous session, attendees will examine critical gaps in establishing an accountable AI governance regime. Key issues to be addressed include:

- 1) the need for improved coordination on global standards for managing AI risks, alongside stronger evidence, evaluations, and benchmarks;
- 2) clearer rules and consequences for failing to manage AI risks effectively, building on lessons learnt from the EU AI Act;
- 3) industry incentives driving rapid AI development
- 4) mechanisms to address growing race dynamics and power imbalances—between companies, between consumers and producers, and across nations; and
- 5) the inclusion of diverse perspectives, particularly those from the Global Majority, in global AI governance.

**Ambassador François Nkulikiyimfura** | Ambassador to France, Government of the Republic of Rwanda

**Jack Clark** | Co-Founder and Head of Policy, Anthropic

**Brando Benifei** | Member of the European Parliament

**Maya Wiley** | President and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

**Barry Lynn** | Executive Director, Open Markets Institute

**Juraj Čorba** | Chair of AIGO OECD and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership on AI (Slovakia)



1:00 2:30pm	Lunch Break (Networking for in-person attendees, lunch provided)	
2:30 3:45 pm	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Nicolas Moës, <i>The Future Society</i> <b>Format:</b> Brief interventions followed by an open discussion and Q&A	
	<b>Building stronger accountability across AI actors globally</b>  This session will explore ways to incentivize more robust accountability mechanisms globally. Building on the challenges discussed in the previous discussion, this dialogue will highlight the need for international coordination, specifically on topics related to interoperable measurements and evaluations, liability frameworks, transparent information flows on capabilities worldwide, and incident monitoring. Participants will evaluate the solutions presented, with a view toward refining them for potential inclusion in discussions at the upcoming France's AI Action Summit. A synthesis of the day's outcomes will be compiled in a post-event report.	<b>Amandeep Singh Gill</b>   Under-Secretary-General and Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, United Nations  <b>Neema Lugangira</b>   Member of Parliament, Tanzania   Chair, African Parliamentary Network of Internet Governance  <b>Oliver Ilott</b>   Director, UK AI Safety Institute  <b>Stuart Russell</b>   Professor, UC Berkeley  <b>Axel Voss</b>   Member of the European Parliament  <b>Xue Lan</b>   Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor and Dean of Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University
3:45 5:15 pm	<b>Session 4</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Caroline Jeanmaire, <i>The Future Society</i> <b>Format:</b> Brief interventions followed by an open discussion and Q&A	
	<b>Key takeaways from the global consultation for the AI Action Summit, and the role of civil society in this endeavor and beyond</b>  This session will formally announce the findings from the global consultation for the AI Action Summit – organized and presented by AI & Society Institute, CNNum, Make.org, The Future Society, and the Tech and Global Affairs Innovation Hub of Sciences Po Paris. The goal will be to share ideas and assess concrete solutions aligned with the Summit's themes (Public Interest AI, Future of Work, Innovation & Culture, AI of Trust, Global AI Governance). The Summit's Envoys (TBC) and other members of the Summit team will reflect on the consultation takeaways and the discussion will then broaden to include all participants in the room, in order	<b>Anne Bouverot</b>   Special Envoy of the French President to the AI Action Summit, Office of the President of the Republic of France  <b>Henri Verdier</b>   Envoy to the AI Action Summit on Global AI Governance   Ambassador for Digital Affairs, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs  <b>Roxanne Varza</b>   Envoy to the AI Action Summit on Innovation & Culture   Director, STATION F  <b>Claire Foulquier-Gazagnes</b>   Advisor to the AI Action Summit Public Interest Envoy   Tech Policy Fellow, UC Berkeley  <b>Constance de Leusse</b>   Executive Director of



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	to collectively refine the proposals discussed. Lastly, the session will explore the essential role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in AI global governance efforts and discuss strategies to unify diverse CSO voices into a cohesive, global approach for trustworthy AI.	the AI & Society Institute <b>Axel Dauchez</b>   President and Founder, Make.org <b>Gilles Babinet</b>   Co-Chairman, Conseil national du numérique (CNNum)
5:15 6:00 pm	<b>Closing remarks</b>	
	<b>Ensuring continuity after The Athens Roundtable</b>  Participants will engage in an open discussion to explore next steps and outline the path forward toward the AI Action Summit and beyond. Those who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute will be invited to share their final thoughts. The session will conclude with closing remarks from the organizers and partners.	<b>Cédric Wachholz</b>   Chief of Digital Innovation and Transformation Section, UNESCO Communication and Information Sector  <b>Karine Perset</b>   Head, OECD AI and Emerging Digital Technologies Division, OECD  <b>Niki Iliadis</b>   Director, Global AI Governance, The Future Society  <b>Nicolas Mialhe</b>   Chair of the Board, The Future Society
6:00- 7:30 pm	Reception (TFS Ten Year Celebration!)	

## Organizer and Partners

Under the patronage of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Ms. Katerina Sakellaropoulou

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## Participants



**Dimitris Papastergiou**, Minister, Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance

Born in 1973 in Trikala, Dimitris Papastergiou graduated from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA). He also attended journalism courses and maintains strong ties with technology and the internet, a relationship that was strengthened at the Multimedia Laboratory of NTUA. Together with a group of colleagues, he built and presented the first integrated website for the Prefecture of Trikala, 3kala.gr, in 2001. Subsequently, he worked as an electrical and computer engineer and was involved in building private electromechanical projects and software programs. In 2007, he entered the field of renewable energy and has constructed more than 300 private renewable energy projects. His involvement in the community began in 2002 with his election to the City Council. He was re-elected in 2006, and in 2014 he was elected mayor of Trikala and member of the Board of Directors of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE). In 2019, he was re-elected as mayor and appointed president of KEDE. From June 2023, he served as minister of digital governance in the government of Kyriakos Mitsotakis. He is married to the engineer Soula Brakis and is the father of three children.

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**Carme Artigas**, Co-Chair at the AI Advisory Board, Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology

Carme Artigas is a recognized Expert in Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and Technology Innovation, with more than 25 years of experience in the Technology sector. She co-founded and was the CEO of Synergic Partners, a Pioneer European Big Data Company, which was acquired by Telefonica group in November 2015. She continued serving as company CEO until the company's full integration into the Telefonica Group at the end of 2018. From 2019 until her appointment as Secretary of State, she was a member of several International Advisory Boards. She was appointed by the University of Stanford (California) as Ambassador 'Women in Data Science (WIDS)'. She was recognized by the American business magazine 'Insight Success' as the one among the 30 most influential executives with an international projection. She is among the top women in the world in the data business and she has come to the public sector to make Spain a leading country in Digital transition and Technology transformation.





**Brendan Pearson**, Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD

Ambassador Brendan Pearson took up his duties as Permanent Representative of Australia to the OECD on 4 October 2021. Mr Pearson was most recently Senior Adviser (International – Trade and Investment), Office of the Prime Minister. He has previously worked overseas as Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge (2017-2018); North Asia Bureau chief for the Australian Financial Review in Tokyo (2002-2005) and Counsellor (Trade Policy), Australian Embassy, Washington DC (1996-1999). In Australia he worked as Senior Adviser, Office of the Minister for Finance (2018-2019); Senior Adviser (Trade Policy), Office of the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (2018); Chief Executive, Minerals Council of Australia (2014-2017); Vice President, Public Policy and Corporate Affairs, Peabody Energy Australia (2012-2013); Deputy Chief Executive, Minerals Council of Australia (2007-2012); Assistant Secretary, Environment Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) (2007); Assistant Secretary, Services and Intellectual Property Branch, DFAT (2006); Senior Correspondent, Australian Financial Review (1999-2005); and Australia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Branch, DFAT (1992-1995). Mr Pearson holds a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from the University of Cambridge (1992); and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Australian National University (1984).

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**François Nkulikiyimfura**, Ambassador to France, Government of the Republic of Rwanda

H.E. Mr François Nkulikiyimfura holds a master's degree in Industrial Economics from the University of Paris XIII and has more than 25 years of experience, including 18 years in development economics and the management of development finance programmes, acquired while working at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda and at the African Development Bank. H.E. Mr François Nkulikiyimfura is currently the Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to France, Spain, Italy, Monaco and Portugal. He is also a Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, the OIF, the OECD, the FAO, IFAD and the WFP.



**Anne Bouverot**, Special Envoy of the French President to the AI Action Summit, Office of the President of the Republic of France

Anne Bouverot Chairperson of the Board of Technicolor and Senior Advisor for TowerBrook Capital Partners. She was previously Chair and CEO of Morpho, a world leader in security and identity solutions, employing more than 8,600 people in 55 countries and generating revenues of €2bn. Prior to joining Morpho, Ms. Bouverot spent 4 years as Director General of GSMA, the international association of mobile network operators. Previously, she was Executive Vice President, Mobile Services at Orange. She began her career as IT project manager with Telmex in Mexico. Anne Bouverot is a Board Member of CapGemini, Cellnex Telecom, Edenred and Ledger, and Chair of Foundation Abeona (Data Science for Fairness & Equality). She is a graduate of Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris in Mathematics. She holds a Masters in Telecommunications Engineering and a PhD in Artificial Intelligence.

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**Stuart Russell**, Professor, UC Berkeley

Stuart Russell is a President of the International Association for Safe and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (IASpEAI), Professor in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at UC Berkeley UC Berkeley, and holds the Michael H. Smith and Lotfi A. Zadeh Chair in Engineering. His research spans machine learning, probabilistic reasoning, planning, computer vision, and the philosophical foundations of AI. He directed the development of a seismic monitoring system for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and currently addresses the ethical challenges of autonomous weapons and the long-term implications of AI on humanity. His acclaimed book, *Human Compatible: AI and the Problem of Control* (2019), explores these issues and earned recognition as one of the best books of the year by major publications.

A graduate of Oxford University (B.A. in Physics) and Stanford (Ph.D. in Computer Science), Russell has received prestigious honors, including the IJCAI Research Excellence Award, the Feigenbaum Prize, and the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2021 and delivered the BBC Reith Lectures. Russell co-authored *Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach*, the global standard AI textbook. He directs Berkeley's Center for Human-Compatible AI and is an influential voice in shaping AI's responsible future.





**Neema Lugangira**, Member of Parliament, Tanzania; Chair, African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance

Hon. Neema Lugangira (MP) is a Member of Parliament in Tanzania who bring forward extensive experience and successful track record in championing policy and legislative reforms for improved investment enabling environment for the agricultural, mining and oil & gas and health sectors to mention a few. As a Parliamentarian her personal prioritised agendas include food and nutrition security; digital development, community health, gender equality in politics and NGOs sector development in Tanzania and across Africa. Her continued passion and commitment for sustainable and economic development not only in her country Tanzania but also Africa led her to be the Founding Chair of the African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) and the Founding Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund – Tanzania Chapter.

Hon. Lugangira is also the Founder of two NGOs; Agri Thamani, which is committed to ending malnutrition in Tanzania; and Omuka Hub that aims to accelerate digital inclusion in peripheral regions of Tanzania. Internationally, Hon. Lugangira is a Member of the International Parliamentary Network on Education (IPNEd); the UNITE – Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases; serves as the Co-Chair of Global Parliamentary Group to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases; Vital Voices Fellow; and WSIS Gender Trendsetter for Advancing Digital Gender Inclusion.



**Axel Voss**, Member of European Parliament

Axel Voss (CDU), born in 1963, has worked as a lawyer since 1994. From 1994 to 2000 he was a citizens’ adviser at the European Commission Representation in Germany and from 2000 to 2009 a lecturer in European Affairs at the Rhein Ahr Campus of Koblenz University of Applied Sciences. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009. There he represents the Middle Rhine region, which includes the cities of Cologne, Bonn and Leverkusen as well as the districts of Rhein-Sieg and Rhein-Erft. He is a member and coordinator/spokesperson for the EPP Group in the Committee on Legal Affairs and a deputy member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice



and Home Affairs. He specialises in artificial intelligence (AI), European data protection and European copyright law. He was the European Parliament rapporteur on the highly publicised reform of EU copyright law. For the Group of the European People's Party (EPP), he was also rapporteur on the so-called Passenger Name Record (PNR) and the new EU Data Protection Regulation. In the current legislative period, he is the rapporteur for the European Supply Chain Act and for AI.

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**Brando Benifei**, Member of European Parliament

Brando Benifei is an Italian MEP serving his third term in the European parliament. During the previous mandate he was co-Rapporteur for the Artificial Intelligence Act and thanks to this work in March 2024 he won the prize for the Best MEP of the Mandate assigned by The Parliament Magazine.

Now he is Coordinator in the Committee on International Trade for the Socialists and Democrats Group and Chair of the European Parliament's D-US delegation. He is member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and he works also as substitute member on the EU internal market and consumer protection and on legal affairs, always following closely digital issues.

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**Lucilla Sioli**, Director, European AI Office

Ms Lucilla Sioli is the Director of the "EU AI Office" within Directorate-General CONNECT at the European Commission. She is responsible for the coordination of the European AI strategy, including the implementation of the AI Act and international collaboration in trustworthy AI and AI for good. The directorate is also responsible for R&D&I activities in AI and for the implementation of the AI Innovation Package. Lucilla holds a PhD in economics from the University of Southampton (UK) and one from the Catholic University of Milan (Italy) and has been a civil servant with the European Commission since 1997.

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**Jack Clark**, Co-Founder and Head of Policy, Anthropic

Jack Clark is the co-founder and Head of Policy of Anthropic, an AI research company. Prior to Anthropic, Jack was the Policy Director of OpenAI. Before OpenAI, Jack was a technical journalist who wrote in detail about supercomputers, neural networks, and advanced technology, working for publications ranging from The Register to BusinessWeek. Alongside his work at Anthropic, Jack writes Import AI, a popular AI newsletter read by more than 60,000 people each week.

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**Elizabeth Kelly**, Director, U.S. AI Safety Institute

Elizabeth Kelly is director of the U.S. Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute. As director, she is responsible for providing executive leadership, management, and oversight of the AI Safety Institute and coordinating with other AI policy and technical initiatives throughout the Department of Commerce, NIST and across the government. Prior to joining NIST, Elizabeth served as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy at the White House National Economic Council, where she helped lead the Administration's efforts on financial regulation and technology policy, including artificial intelligence. Elizabeth was a driving force behind the domestic components of the AI executive order, spearheading efforts to promote competition, protect privacy, and support workers and consumer, and helped lead Administration engagement with allies and partners on AI governance.

She previously served as a senior policy advisor on the Biden-Harris Transition Team and in the Obama White House. In the private sector, Elizabeth was Senior Vice President of Growth for Capital One Investing, which acquired United Income, a fintech start-up that she helped grow as SVP of Operations. Elizabeth holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, an MSc in Comparative Social Policy from the University of Oxford, and a B.A. from Duke University. She is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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**Martin Tisné**, Envoy to the AI Action Summit; CEO, AI Collaborative

Martin Tisné leads the AI Collaborative, an initiative of The Omidyar Group created to help regulate artificial intelligence based on democratic values and principles and ensure the public has a voice in that regulation. Martin brings over 15 years of investment and leadership experience to his role, including advising several Heads of State on AI policy, serving as a board member of the Partnership on AI, and helping establish two multi-stakeholder initiatives and three NGOs.

He founded the Open Government Partnership (OGP) alongside the Obama White House and helped OGP grow to a 70+ country initiative. He also initiated the International Open Data Charter, the G7 Open Data Charter, and the G20's commitment to open data principles. Additionally, Martin founded and led the Transparency and Accountability Initiative, a donor collaborative bringing together the world's largest open government funders, co-founded Publish What You Fund, a global campaign for foreign aid transparency, and co-founded Integrity Watch Afghanistan, the country's leading anti-corruption NGO.

As a philanthropic entrepreneur, Martin helped set up AINow, the Ethics & Governance of AI Fund, the AWO agency, Digital Action, and Reset among other initiatives. Before his appointment as CEO of the AI Collaborative in September 2023, Martin led Luminate's efforts to address global digital threats to democracy through policy change, campaigns, partnerships, and litigation.

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**Alexandros Boudouris**, Diplomatic Advisor, Minister of Digital Government, the Hellenic Republic

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**Agnes Delaborde**, Head of AI Systems Evaluation Department, LNE

Dr. Agnes Delaborde is head of the artificial intelligence evaluation department at LNE, after several years with the French center for scientific research CNRS, and the Sorbonne University. She currently manages a team of fifteen engineers and PhDs, who are regularly joined by PhD students, post-docs and trainees. Agnes specialises in assessing the impact of new technologies on human users and industry. Her multidisciplinary approach covers several aspects of artificial intelligence: psychosocial components, performance, security, safety, ethics, acceptability and regulation. She coordinates a number of projects for LNE in a range of domains, including agricultural robotics, industrial and medical robotics, and natural language processing. Since 2017, she has been a member of the steering committee of the Data Sciences and AI cluster of the Systematic competitiveness cluster, as Vice-President Vision & Foresight and in charge of the "AI Assessment" axis. She is also LNE's representative for the French agricultural robotics association RobAgri. As an expert, she supports various state bodies and supervisory bodies (Ministry of Labour, ASN, etc.) in understanding the regulatory requirements for AI

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**Rachel Adams**, Founder and CEO, Global Center on AI Governance, and Director, African Observatory on Responsible AI

Rachel Adams, PhD is the Founder and CEO of the Global Centre on AI Governance. She is a Research Associate of the Leverhulme Center for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge, and of The Ethics Lab at the University of Cape Town. She holds degrees in English Literature, International Human Rights Law and Philosophy. She serves on numerous international expert committees including UNESCO, the UN, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Global Partnership on AI. She advises policy-makers around the world on AI governance, and was one of the lead drafters of the African Union Commission's Continental AI Strategy. In November 2024, Rachel's third book *The New Empire of AI: The Future of Global Inequality* will be published with Polity Press.

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**Guillaume Avrin**, National Artificial Intelligence Coordinator of France

Guillaume Avrin is in charge of the "Evaluation of Artificial Intelligence" department at LNE, French National Laboratory for Metrology and Testing. In this context, Dr. Avrin conducts scientific and technical work on the definition of evaluation protocols, metrics, and test environments (databases, simulators, physical test benches) for intelligent systems. He is an expert on trustworthy AI for various institutional actors (DG CONNECT, COFRAC, HAS, various ministries) and coordinates various consortia and working groups at an international level with the aim of defining and eventually converging on a fundamental and operational metrology for AI. Dr. Avrin coordinates in particular the European consortium METRICS, made up of 17 testing centers for intelligent robots, as well as a working group of about fifteen industrial companies that created the first certification standard for AI. He also participates in standardization committees on AI and robotics (Afnor IA, ISO/IEC JTC1/SC42, CEN-CENELEC JTC21, UNM81, etc.), intervening notably as head of the French delegation to the JTC21.



**Gilles Babinet**, Co-Chairman, Conseil national du numérique (CNNum)

Gilles Babinet is a French multi-entrepreneur, born in 1967 in Paris. Since 1989, he has created 9 companies in various areas, such as mobile music (Musiwave, sold \$139M in 2006), co-creation (Eyeka), Big Data marketing (CaptainDash). He is also vice-president of the National Digital Council as well as Digital Champion, representing France at the European Commission for digital matters.

Gilles is a well known digital visionary in France. He has been collaborating with the Think Tank Institut Montaigne on several research works on digital competitiveness, digital inclusion, big data, IoT... In 2011, he was appointed chairman of the National Digital Council by the President Nicolas Sarkozy. From 2012 until 2018, Gilles was the French Digital Champion, representing France at the European Commission for the digital topics. He is also a teacher at SciencesPo Paris, and returned to the National digital Council as Vice-Chair in June 2018.

Gilles Babinet published his first book in January 2014, "l'Ère numérique, un nouvel âge de l'humanité", whereas he discusses the impact of new technologies on our societies, our lives and our institutions. Throughout his book, he identifies five areas such as Education, Healthcare, the State, Knowledge and Production, that are deeply challenged in the



context of the ongoing digital revolution. His new book, “ Big Data : penser l’homme et le monde autrement”, came out in February 2015 and deals with economic and social issues linked to the eruption of the data. In 2017, Gilles recently published another book « Transformation digitale, l’avènement des plateformes » on the digital transformation as it should be implemented in large companies. His last book, (Nov 2020) is titled “Refondre les politiques publiques avec le Numérique” and focuses on how government and public services should embrace the digital revolution. Gilles is also a teacher at Sciences-Po about Public Policies & Digital.

Finally Gilles Babinet is a member of many boards, including EY and EDF Foundation.



**Ronald Lenz**, Director of Innovation, Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL)

Ronald Lenz is the Director of Innovation and Programme Director MENA at the Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL). He is also responsible for AI strategy at HiiL. With over 20 years of experience in international development and social innovation, he has had the opportunity to lead programs and initiatives that span multiple sectors. His work focuses on advancing social entrepreneurship, collaborative innovation, and building impactful public-private partnerships.

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**Karine Perset**, Head, OECD AI and Emerging Digital Technologies Division

Karine Perset is the Acting Head of the OECD AI and Emerging Digital Technologies Division, where she oversees the OECD.AI Policy Observatory, the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI) & integrated network of experts as well as the OECD Global Forum on Emerging Technologies. She oversees the development of analysis, policies and tools inline with the OECD AI Principles. She also helps governments manage the opportunities and challenges that AI and emerging technologies raise for governments. Previously she was Advisor to ICANN’s Governmental Advisory Committee and Counsellor of the OECD’s Science, Technology and Industry Director. Karine is Franco-American.

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**Oliver Ilott**, Director, UK AI Safety Institute

Oliver is the Director of the AI Safety Institute. He previously worked for the Shadow Energy team in Parliament, and has worked in the House of Lords and in Public Sector PR, as well as being a Senior Researcher until June 2017. Oliver graduated from the University of Cambridge with a degree in English.



**Alexis Prokopiev**, Director, Governance & Democratic Innovation at Make.org

Alexis Prokopiev has a diverse work experience spanning from 2008 to the present. Most recently, in 2019, they were the Director of Public Affairs at Make.org, a European independent civic tech organization. From 2020 to 2022, they worked as a Maître de conférences in Public Economics at Sciences Po, specializing in public policies. Prior to that, they worked as a freelance consultant in sustainable development, finance, and public affairs from 2018 to 2019. Alexis has also held roles in various governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as being the Coordinator of Economic Affairs, Finance & Sustainable Development at the National Assembly from 2017 to 2018 and an Attaché for a group at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council in 2017. Alexis was also a parliamentary advisor and responsible for economic issues at France Nature Environnement from 2011 to 2012. Alexis began their career in 2008 as a parliamentary assistant at the Senate.

Alexis Prokopiev pursued their education at Sciences Po from 2002 to 2008, where they obtained a Master's degree in Affaires publiques. Alexis's field of study revolved around Finances publiques and Droit administratif. Additionally, they took part in an Erasmus program at Charles University in 2004 and 2005, concentrating on Relations et affaires internationales.



**Nozha Boujemaa**, Global VP AI Innovation and Trust, Decathlon;  
Co-chair of OECD Network of Experts in AI

Dr. Nozha Boujemaa is the Digital Trust Officer at Decathlon. She previously was Global Vice President Digital Ethics & Responsible AI for IKEA-Retail where she focused on operationalizing trustworthy AI across IKEA's retail operations in over 30 countries. She was the Vice-Chair of the European Commission's High Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence, where she led the development of the "Ethical Guidelines for Trustworthy AI." She also coordinated the work on Trustworthy AI principles at the OECD and was co-chair of the "OECD.AI Network of Experts working group on implementing trustworthy AI." Today, she is co-chair of the "OECD.AI Expert Group on Risk & Accountability" and member of the World Economic Forum's Steering Committee on Digital Trust. Dr. Boujemaa founded the interdisciplinary AI institute DATAIA and was the director of Inria Saclay Research Center. She holds a PhD and HDR in Computer Science, is a Knight of the French National Order of Merit, and a proud mother of a data scientist and a data analyst, as well as the wife of a digital strategist.

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**George Pagoulatos**, Ambassador of Greece to the OECD

Ambassador George Pagoulatos took up his duties as Permanent Representative of Greece to the OECD on 22 May 2023. Mr. Pagoulatos is Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business (2011–present) and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (2006–present). He has extensive experience advising the government and the corporate sector, including serving as Director General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) (2019–2023) and Advisor on European Affairs to the President of the Hellenic Republic (2020–2023). He was also Director of Strategy at the Prime Minister's Office and Senior Advisor to Greece's two non-political Prime Ministers (2011–2012). Mr. Pagoulatos is a Council member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and previously served on the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre (EPC) (2015–2020). He was a High Council member of the European University Institute (EUI) (2010–2013) and Citizens' Representative for Greece in the Conference on the Future of Europe (2021–2022). A prolific author, his book *Greece's New Political Economy* (2003) won the Academy of Athens' prize for best book in Economics. He holds a Law degree from the University of Athens, and an M.Sc. and



D.Phil. in Politics from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

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**Jean Cattan**, Secretary General, CNNum

Jean Cattan is the Secretary General of the French Digital Council, holds a doctorate in public law, and is a lecturer in digital law and regulation at Sciences Po Paris and Panthéon-Assas University. He is notably the co-author, with Serge Abiteboul, of *We Are Social Networks* (Odile Jacob, September 2022).

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**Raja Chatila**, Professor Emeritus, Sorbonne University

Raja Chatila is Professor Emeritus of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and IT Ethics at Sorbonne University in Paris. He is former director of the SMART Laboratory of Excellence on Human-Machine Interactions and of the Institute of Intelligent Systems and Robotics. He is an IEEE Fellow and recipient of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Pioneer Award. He is co-chair of the Responsible AI Working group of the Global Partnership in AI and was co-chair of the World Economic Forum Global Future Council on AI for Humanity. He is chair of the IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems.

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**Tawfik Jelassi**, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Dr. Tawfik Jelassi was appointed UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information on 1st July 2021. In this position, he is responsible for the Organization's programmes on building inclusive knowledge societies, leading digital transformation, strategizing the role of ICT in education, and fostering freedom of expression. Dr. Jelassi holds a Ph.D. doctorate in information systems from New York University (USA) and postgraduate diplomas from the University of Paris Dauphine (France). Dr. Jelassi has extensive experience in higher education, scientific research, and information & communication technologies. He held academic, corporate and government leadership positions in Europe, the USA, and Tunisia.





**Audrey Herblin-Stoop**, Head of Public Affairs, Mistral AI

Audrey Herblin-Stoop is Mistral AI's Head of Global Public Affairs and Communications. Prior to this role, she was Director of Public Affairs and External Communications for the Betclic group from January 2022, following her tenure as Head of Public Policy for France and Russia at Twitter for 7 years (2015-2022). She began her career at the French Business Confederation (Medef) in 2008 as Public Affairs Deputy Director, before joining TBWA\Corporate in 2012 as Account Director, where she led the public affairs division.

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**Juraj Čorba**, Chair of AIGO OECD and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership on AI (Slovakia)

Juraj Čorba is Chair of the Working Party on AI Governance (AIGO OECD) and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership on AI. Juraj is a senior expert in digital regulation and governance at Slovakia's Ministry of Informatization. He has led on expert level Slovakia's negotiations on the EU's AI Act and the first international AI convention at the Council of Europe, as well as negotiations on the 2024 UN Digital Compact. He also chairs the European policy makers' Reflection Group on general-purpose AI operationally supported by The Future Society. With a background in law and political science, he has previously served as Slovakia's agent before the Court of Justice of the EU and as a licensed private legal counsel.

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**Renée Cummings**, Professor of Practice in Data Science, University of Virginia's (UVA) School of Data Science

Professor Renée Cummings, an award winning artificial intelligence (AI) innovator, is an AI, data and tech ethicist, and the first data activist-in-residence at the University of Virginia's (UVA) School of Data Science where she was named Professor of Practice in Data Science. She's also the inaugural senior fellow in AI, Data and Policy at All Tech Is Human, a leading international think tank. Professor Cummings is also a nonresident senior fellow at The Brookings Institution, co-director of Brookings' Equity Lab, and a distinguished member of the World Economic Forum's Data Equity Council and the World Economic Forum's



AI Governance Alliance. She is also a member of the Global Academic Network, at the Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP), Washington, D.C.

A criminologist, criminal psychologist, therapeutic jurisprudence specialist, and a community scholar at Columbia University, Professor Cummings serves as co-director of the Public Interest Technology (PIT) University Network, at UVA, and is on the board of advisors of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. Listed among the world's top 100 women in AI ethics, Professor Cummings is a thought-leader, motivational speaker, and mentor, who has given a multitude of lectures, keynotes and talks to a variety of audiences, including policymakers in the U.S. Senate. She's an internationally recognized expert on responsible AI, ethical data science, and technology we can trust. Professor Cummings offers expert analysis, on national and international television, on everything from criminology to augmented collective intelligence. She has mastered the art of creative storytelling and deconstructing complex topics into critical everyday conversations that inform and inspire.

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**Audrey Plonk**, Deputy Director, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation

As one of the two Deputy Directors of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), Audrey Plonk is responsible for the OECD's portfolio of work on digital policy, which includes data governance and data flows, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, security and safety online, and connectivity and infrastructure. She plays a leading role in overseeing and advancing evidence-based policy analysis on the drivers, opportunities and challenges of digital transformation in collaboration with policy communities and stakeholders. She also supports and represents the OECD in related international initiatives. From 2019 to 2023, Ms Plonk served as Head of STI's Digital Economy Policy Division. She was responsible for leading two OECD committees and six working parties across digital and consumer policy. She has successfully expanded the OECD's digital portfolio delivering a key Ministerial meeting in 2022, the launch of the Global Forum on Technology, and the Declaration on Government Access to Personal Data Held by Private Sector Entities. Ms Plonk had previously worked on digital security issues in STI in 2007, including malicious software and the protection of critical information



infrastructure. Before returning to STI in 2019, Ms Plonk was Senior Director of Global Security Policy and Senior Director for Public Policy at Intel Corporation. During her more than ten years at Intel, she led a global team of policy experts focusing on issues such as connectivity, data, artificial intelligence and autonomous-driving policy issues. She also specialised in China cyber policy and advised Intel business and product teams on China strategy. Ms Plonk, an American national, holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University (Washington, DC, United States).

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**Chris Meserole**, Executive Director, Frontier Model Forum

Chris Meserole is the Executive Director of the Frontier Model Forum and an expert on AI safety, international governance, and global cooperation. He is currently focused on the development of standards and best practices for AI safety and evaluation, particularly for advanced models whose capability profile remains unknown.

Prior to the Frontier Model Forum, Chris served as Director of the AI and Emerging Technology Initiative at the Brookings Institution and a fellow in its Foreign Policy program. Established in 2018, the Initiative has aimed to advance the responsible governance of AI by supporting a wide range of high-profile efforts across Brookings, from research on the impact of AI on bias and discrimination to its implications for global inequality and democratic legitimacy.

In his own work, Meserole has worked extensively on safeguarding large-scale AI systems against the risks of accidental or malicious use. Among other efforts, Meserole has co-led the first global multi-stakeholder group on recommendation algorithms and violent extremism for the Global Internet Forum on Counter Terrorism; published and testified on the challenges posed by AI-enabled surveillance and repression; and organized a US-China track 2 dialogue on AI and national security, with a focus on AI safety and testing and evaluation. As a member of the Christchurch Call Advisory Network, he also opened the session on algorithmic transparency at the 2022 Christchurch Call Leadership Summit chaired by President Macron and Prime Minister Ardern.

Meserole has a background in interpretable machine learning and computational social science. He has regularly advised high-level



government, industry and civil society leaders and his research has appeared or been featured in the New Yorker, New York Times, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Wired, and other publications.

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**Duncan Cass-Beggs**, Executive Director, Global AI Risk Initiative at the Centre for International Governance Innovation

Duncan Cass-Beggs is the executive director of the Global AI Risks Initiative at CIGI, focusing on innovative governance solutions for current and future challenges posed by artificial intelligence (AI). With over 25 years of experience in public policy, he previously served as head of strategic foresight at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

At the OECD, Duncan led efforts to anticipate and prepare for disruptions and emerging issues across areas such as digital transformation, migration, climate change, and governance. Notably, in 2021, he launched the OECD's collaborative foresight initiative on emerging global existential risks, emphasizing advanced AI risks. This work continues under the OECD's Expert Group on the Future of AI.

Before joining the OECD, Duncan held various roles in the Canadian government. As director of strategic foresight at Policy Horizons Canada (2013–2016), he led initiatives exploring global transformations like technological development and the rise of Asia. Earlier, as director of medium-term policy (2004–2013) at Employment and Social Development Canada, he developed strategies to help Canadians adapt to future economic and social changes.

Duncan holds an M.Sc. in the politics of Asia and Africa from the University of London and a B.A. in economics and political science from McGill University.

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**Claire Foulquier-Gazagnes**, Advisor to the AI Action Summit Public Interest Envoy / Tech Policy Fellow, UC Berkeley

Claire Foulquier-Gazagnes is a seasoned technologist currently based in Paris. Her work spans the intersection of technology, society, and government. Currently, she is advising the AI Action Summit Public Interest Envoy and conducting research for the University of California, Berkeley. Previously, she led Sustainability & Civics Partnerships for



Google Search across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. She also played a pivotal role in Google's COVID-19 response. Before joining Google, she served in France's Chief Data Officer team, Etalab, and rotated at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. She was instrumental in co-creating France's Presidential Innovation Fellows program.



**Max Reddel**, Advanced AI Director, Centre for Future Generations (CFG)

Max Reddel is the Advanced AI Director at the Centre for Future Generations (CFG), where he leads a programme dedicated to addressing unresolved challenges in AI governance. The programme has contributed to significant research and policy discussions, including the reports "CERN for AI," which argues that Europe needs a CERN-like initiative to pool resources for developing trustworthy AI, and "We Have No Science of Safe AI," which describes the current dire state which lacks a robust scientific framework for ensuring AI safety. Other program outputs include work on the comparative analysis of risk thresholds across high-risk sectors and studies on compute governance. The programme has fostered international dialogue on key topics, from AI's role in democracy to the geopolitics of advanced technology, shaping policy discussions at the European Forum Alpbach, Friends of Europe's AI Summit, and at Oxford University. Max's academic background spans AI, policy analysis, sociology, philosophy, and cognitive science, fostering a transdisciplinary approach to navigating the complex relationship between technology and society. His earlier roles include serving as the Lead on Deep Uncertainty at the Odyssean Institute and Chief Communications Officer at the Giordano-Bruno Foundation Switzerland.

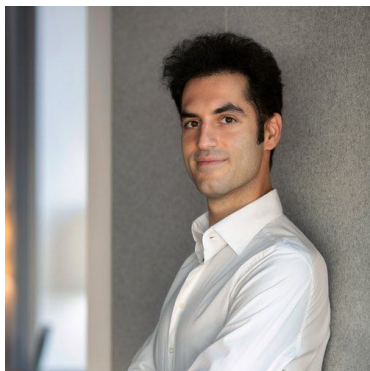
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**Samir Chhabra**, Director General of the Marketplace Framework Policy Branch, Government of Canada

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**Yannis Assael**, Special Advisor on AI, Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece

Dr. Yannis Assael is a Special Advisor on Artificial Intelligence at the Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance and Greece's Delegate at the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence. He has been featured in MIT's "Innovators Under 35" and Forbes' "30 Under 30" lists of distinguished scientists in Europe and has contributed to shaping Greece's National AI Strategy. In 2013, he graduated from the Department of Applied Informatics at the University of Macedonia. With full scholarships, he completed an MSc in Computer Science at the University of Oxford, where he graduated first in his class, followed by an MRes in Machine Learning at Imperial College London. In 2016, he returned to Oxford to pursue a DPhil, and after achieving several research breakthroughs and launching entrepreneurial ventures, he joined one of the world's leading AI labs as a Research Scientist. His contributions span audio-visual speech recognition, multi-agent communication, and AI applications for cultural heritage and the study of damaged ancient texts. His research has been featured on the cover of the scientific journal Nature and focuses on expanding knowledge and contributing to the greater good.

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**Claire Dennis**, Strategy Lead, International AI Safety Report, UK AI Safety Institute

She is an international AI governance expert whose current research focuses on international institutional design and global benefit-sharing in AI development and deployment. Before joining GovAI, Claire served as a US diplomat and strategic consultant in the United Nations Executive Office of the Secretary-General. She was also previously a journalist covering conflict and organised crime in Latin America.

Claire holds a Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University with a certification in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy, and a BA in International Affairs and Spanish from George Washington University.

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**Camille Grenier**, Executive Director, Forum on Information & Democracy

Camille Grenier is the Executive Director of the Forum on Information and Democracy, a civil society organization leading efforts to promote and safeguard the principles of information integrity and democracy globally. Since 2019, he has played a pivotal role in shaping and expanding the Forum's impact, facilitating the implementation of the Intergovernmental Partnership for Information and Democracy. This initiative, which has received the support from 54 countries, seeks to foster a democratic governance of the digital public sphere and the right to reliable information.

Camille is recognized for his expertise at the intersection of media freedom, information integrity, and platform governance. His work focuses on addressing democratic challenges posed by unregulated information spaces and the spread of dis- and misinformation. Under his leadership, the Forum has become a leading voice in the global effort to create frameworks that ensure access to reliable, pluralistic, and independent information. Camille Grenier's career spanned various sectors, including innovation in civil drone technologies, research on the impact of regulation on innovation, and projects on how emerging technologies intersect with society and democratic values. He holds a degree in International Studies from the University of Toulouse.

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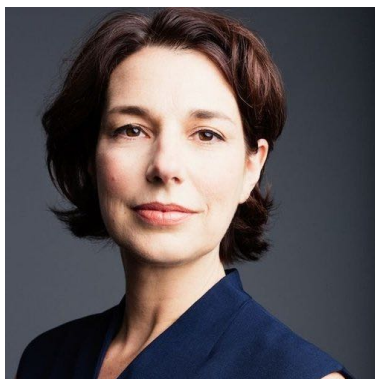
**Sebastian Hallensleben**, Chair of JTC 21, CEN CENELEC

Dr Sebastian Hallensleben is the Chair of CEN-CENELEC JTC 21 where European AI standards to underpin EU regulation are being developed, a member of the Expert Advisory Board of the EU StandICT programme and Chair of the Trusted Information working group. He co-chairs the AI Risk & Accountability work in OECD ONE.AI and has roles in AI committees at the Council of Europe and UNESCO. Sebastian Hallensleben heads Digital Trust and Artificial Intelligence at VDE Association for Electrical, Electronic and Information Technologies where he is responsible for new product and service development as well as for giving advice and developing frameworks for the German parliament and several federal ministries as well as the European Commission. He focusses in particular on AI ethics, on handling the impact of generative AI, building privacy-preserving trust infrastructures (including a Moonshot initiative at KI Park) as well as characterising AI quality with the recent launch of the AI Quality & Testing Hub and the international AI Quality



Summit. – Earlier, Sebastian Hallensleben worked on dialog facilitation between academia, industry and policymaking (e.g. in the context of federal research foresight) and in international infrastructure project development for waste, energy and drinking water. He holds a PhD in physics and began his professional life in IT development and solutions architecture in the financial and telecoms sectors.

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**Janet Haven**, Executive Director, Data & Society

Janet Haven is the executive director of Data & Society. She has worked at the intersection of technology policy, governance, and accountability for more than twenty years, both domestically and internationally. Janet is a member of the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC), which advises President Biden and the National AI Initiative Office on a range of issues related to artificial intelligence. In 2024, she became an appointed AI expert advising the members of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on AI. Janet is also a member of Partnership on AI's philanthropy steering committee, and has brought her expertise in nonprofit governance to bear through varied board memberships. She writes and speaks regularly on matters related to technology and society, federal AI research and development, and AI governance and policy.

Before joining D&S, Janet spent more than a decade at the Open Society Foundations. There, she oversaw funding strategies and worldwide grantmaking related to technology, human rights, and governance, and played a substantial role in shaping the emerging international field focused on technology and accountability.

Janet began her career in technology start-ups in Central Europe and lived in the region for more than fifteen years. She holds a master's degree from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's degree from Amherst College.

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**Daniel Baer**, Senior Vice President for Policy Research, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Dan Baer is senior vice president for policy research and director of the Europe Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He was a diplomatic fellow at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies from 2017 to 2019. He served in governor John Hickenlooper's cabinet as executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education from 2018 to 2019. Under President Obama, he was U.S. ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) from 2013 to 2017 and a deputy assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor from 2009 to 2013. Before his government service, Baer was an assistant professor at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business, a faculty fellow at Harvard's Safran Center for Ethics, and a project leader at the Boston Consulting Group.

He has appeared on CNN, Fox, MSNBC, BBC, PBS Frontline, Al Jazeera, Sky, and the Colbert Report. His writing has appeared in the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Foreign Affairs, Politico, the Christian Science Monitor, Foreign Policy, the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Denver Post, and other publications. He holds a doctorate in international relations from Oxford, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and a degree in social studies and African American studies from Harvard.

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**Blake Pierson**, Co-Founder & CEO, Fathom

Blake Pierson is the CEO of Fathom. Previously, he helped to create Ergo Impact, which works to scale high-impact philanthropic giving, and co-founded Rainbow Gardens, a Waldorf-inspired early-childhood school in rural Vermont, with his wife. Before that he led Outreach and Operations at the Future of Life Institute.

Earlier in his career, Blake founded Lovely, a digital apartment rental marketplace in the U.S., which was later acquired by TPG-backed RentPath. He served on RentPath's Executive Team as their Chief Product Officer before joining OpenDoor as a GM, where he launched and scaled the Customer Success Division in the lead-up to Opendoor's IPO in 2020.

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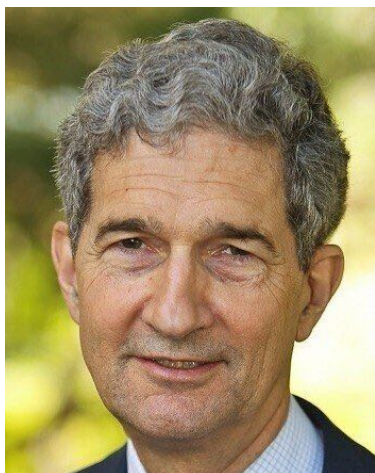




**Emmanuel Kahembwe**, CEO, VDE UK

Dr. Emmanuel Kahembwe is the co-editor for AI Trustworthiness at CEN-CENELEC. He chairs the UK's Robotics Standardization Committee at BSI and is a member of its AI Committee. He sits on technical Working Groups at the EU Commission, NATO and the OECD focused on AI, Standards, Safety, and Digital Trust. He is an alumni of The University of Edinburgh (MSc & PhD), Heriot-Watt University (PhD), Napier University (BSc) and The Heidelberg Laurette Forum. His expertise spans the fields of AI, Data, Robotics, Autonomous Systems and Standards. He is the CEO of VDE UK and the AI Architect of the VDE group, Europe's oldest and largest technical-scientific organisation.

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**Cameron Kerry**, Ann R. and Andrew H. Tisch Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution; Former General Counsel and Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce

Cameron Kerry is a prominent authority on privacy, artificial intelligence, and digital economy issues. Since 2013, he has been the Ann R. and Andrew H. Tisch Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Brookings, where he leads initiatives such as The Privacy Debate, fostering discussions on national privacy legislation, and the Forum for Cooperation on AI, promoting international collaboration on AI governance.

Previously, Kerry served as general counsel and acting secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, advising on technology, trade, and economic policy. He led efforts to draft the White House's consumer privacy blueprint, spearheaded the landmark America Invents Act, and co-founded the department's Internet Policy Task Force. Kerry played pivotal roles in U.S.-China legal dialogues, cybersecurity policy, and intellectual property initiatives.

In addition to Brookings, Kerry is a visiting scholar at MIT Media Lab and has held senior roles in leading law firms, focusing on privacy, security, and trade. Actively involved in politics and community service, he was a close adviser to John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign and serves on the National Archives Foundation board. As the inaugural Tisch Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Kerry continues to shape discussions on critical technological and governance challenges.

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**Paul Nemitz**, Principal Advisor, European Commission

Paul Nemitz, born in 1962 in Bonn, Germany, is the Principal Advisor on the Digital Transition in the Directorate General for Justice and Consumers at the European Commission. Appointed in 2017, he previously served six years as Director for Fundamental Rights, where he led key initiatives including the EU's landmark GDPR reform, the EU-US Privacy Shield negotiations, and agreements with major tech companies on combating online hate speech.

A visiting Professor of Law at the College of Europe in Bruges and Honorary Fellow at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Nemitz has co-chaired influential groups like the Ada Lovelace Institute's "Rethinking Data and Rebalancing Digital Power" initiative. He convenes the Transatlantic Reflection Group on Democracy and AI and is a regular speaker at the Athens AI Roundtable. A member of Germany's Data Ethics Commission, he contributes to media and internet policy for the Social Democratic Party and serves on multiple boards, including the Leo Baeck Institute and the Arthur Langerman Foundation.

Nemitz holds a Master of Comparative Law from George Washington University as a Fulbright scholar and studied law in Hamburg. Fluent in German, English, French, and Italian, he continues to influence global digital governance and ethics.

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**Irakli Khodeli**, Head of Ethics of AI Unit, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO

Irakli Khodeli has been with UNESCO since 2006. As part of the Bioethics and Ethics of Science and Technology team at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, he has been facilitating global ethical reflection on emerging technologies, and supporting international standard-setting to safeguard human rights from the associated risks. He has also led the development of capacity-building initiatives to help countries translate global normative instruments into national policies and action.

From 2015 to 2020, he headed the Social and Human Sciences Unit of UNESCO's Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in Jakarta, working with the governments and the civil society in Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Timor-Leste.



Since 2020, he has rejoined UNESCO Headquarters to support the elaboration, adoption and implementation of the Recommendation on the Ethics of AI. He is now leading the Ethics of AI team to assist countries around the world in the implementation of the Recommendation.

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**Sebastian Krier**, Policy Development & Strategy Manager, Google DeepMind

Séb Krier is a Policy Development & Strategy Manager at Google DeepMind, focusing on AGI and advanced AI systems governance. Previously, he was a Senior Technology Policy Researcher at Stanford University's Cyber Policy Centre, examining AI's impact on foreign policy, cybersecurity, and global development. Séb's work in AI governance began at the UK Government's Office for Artificial Intelligence in 2018, informing his subsequent advisory roles with various governments and organizations. His research explores the interplay between technological innovation and policy frameworks, with a focus on frontier AI governance, policy and regulation. He qualified in international arbitration and disputes at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, contributing to his interdisciplinary approach that bridges legal expertise, government experience, and academic research in AI governance.

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**Peter Schildkraut**, Technology, Media, & Telecommunications Industry Team Co-Leader, Arnold & Porter

Peter Schildkraut is a co-leader of the firm's Technology, Media & Telecommunications industry team. He provides strategic counsel on AI regulation and risk management as well as spectrum use, broadband, and other TMT regulatory matters. Peter helps clients navigate the ever-changing opportunities and challenges of technology, policy, and law to achieve their business objectives at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and elsewhere. He is the author of "AI Regulation: What You Need To Know To Stay Ahead of the Curve" (2021) and was the U.S. AI regulation presenter for the International Association of Privacy Professionals' first-ever AI Governance Training.

Peter represents clients in rulemakings and administrative litigation and advises them on regulatory compliance. He also assists them in all stages of transactions, large and small, including almost every major U.S. communications transaction of AT&T Inc. (formerly SBC) since 1998.



Aside from his TMT practice, Peter has represented companies in internal investigations and criminal and civil defenses of large antitrust and anti-corruption cases.

Prior to his graduation from law school, Peter served as a legislative assistant to a Kentucky congressman and as a legislative consultant at a lobbying firm.

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**Constance de Leusse**, Executive Director, AI & Society Institute

Constance Bommelaer de Leusse has more than 20 years of experience in digital policy, technology, research and education. She is the Executive Director of the Technology and Global Affairs Innovation Hub of the university of Sciences Po. In addition, she serves as an expert in the working groups of the UNESCO Information For All Programme (IFAP). Constance started her career working for the French prime minister's services (2003-2006) on information society issues. She then joined The Internet Society (2006-2022), the international NGO founded by Vint Cerf, the father of the Internet. In her role of Vice President of institutional relations and empowerment, she led the organisation's international partnerships and policy work across stakeholder communities. She also conducted training and learning activities, empowering the next generation of tech leaders to build an internet that creates opportunity and supports the public interest. She was seconded at UNESCO to develop their digital agenda (2013-2014). Prior to working at Sciences Po, Constance served as the executive director of the McCourt Institute (2022-2024), affiliated to Stanford and Georgetown universities.

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**David Marti**, AI Programme Lead, Pour Demain

David is the AI Programme Manager at Pour Demain, a Swiss think tank working at the interface of technology and policy. In dialogue with science, politics, civil society and industry, he develops AI policy recommendations on a national and international level. David has a background in physics, data science and technology policy. He previously worked at the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment and for an international independent renewable energy company.



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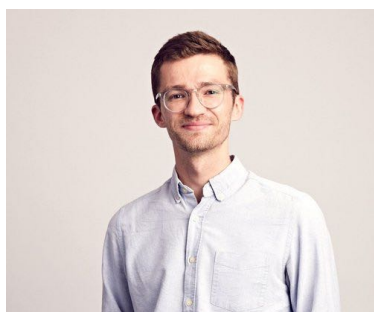
**Gabriel Nicholas**, Senior Policy Advisor, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Gabriel Nicholas is serving as a Senior Policy Advisor at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in the Office of International Affairs. He is placed there via the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

Gabriel previously served as a Research Fellow at the Center for Democracy & Technology, where his research focused on automated content moderation and data governance.

Gabriel is a software engineer by training and has a Masters in Information Management and Systems from the UC Berkeley School of Information. His written work has appeared in academic journals, law reviews, and journalistic outlets, including The Atlantic, The Washington Post, Slate, and Wired. His website can be found [here](#).

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**Aidan Peppin**, Policy & Responsible AI Lead, Cohere for AI

Aidan Peppin is the Policy and Responsible AI Lead for Cohere's non-profit research lab, Cohere for AI (C4AI). Previously, he was Associate Director (Research and Policy) at Milltown Partners, chaired program development for the 2023 AI Fringe, led the Public Participation and Research team at the Ada Lovelace Institute, and worked on the ethics of AI in health at Wellcome.

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**Antonia von-Born Fallois**, Intern, AI Unit, AI and Emerging Digital Technologies Division, OECD

Antonia is part of the OECD AI Unit where she has been supporting the team in research and events. She is also supporting the OECD AI Expert Group on AI, Data and Privacy. She previously worked at UNESCO (Unit Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists), the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the European Council on Foreign Relations, with a focus on online disinformation campaigns, platform regulations and hate speech. She is currently completing her dual degree Master's programme





between Sciences Po Paris and the London School of Economics and Political Science in International Relations.



**Deborah Raji**, Fellow, Mozilla Foundation

Deborah Raji is a Mozilla fellow and CS PhD student at University of California, Berkeley, who is interested in questions on algorithmic auditing and evaluation. In the past, she worked closely with the Algorithmic Justice League initiative to highlight bias in deployed AI products. She has also worked with Google's Ethical AI team and been a research fellow at the Partnership on AI and AI Now Institute at New York University working on various projects to operationalize ethical considerations in ML engineering practice. Recently, she was named to Forbes 30 Under 30 and MIT Tech Review 35 Under 35 Innovators.

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**Felix Reda**, Director, Developer Policy, GitHub

Felix Reda is the Director of Developer Policy at GitHub. He has been shaping digital policy for over ten years, including serving as a Member of the European Parliament from 2014 to 2019 and working with the strategic litigation NGO Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF). His areas of interest encompass copyright reform, freedom of expression, and the sustainability of the open-source ecosystem. Felix is an affiliate of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard and serves on the board of the Open Knowledge Foundation Germany. He holds an M.A. in Political Science and Communications Science from the University of Mainz, Germany.

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**Brian Tse**, Founder and CEO, Concordia AI

Brian Tse is the Founder and CEO of Concordia AI, the first social enterprise focused on AI safety and governance in China. It focuses on supporting the technical AI safety and evaluation ecosystem, advising domestic AI risk management practices, and promoting international understanding and dialogue on AI safety. He serves on the AI Safety Governance Committee in China's AI Industry Alliance. Internationally, Brian is a member of the consultative network for UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on AI, participated in the UK AI Safety Summit and AI Seoul Summit, and is a Policy Affiliate at the Centre for the





Governance of AI. Previously, Brian was Senior Advisor to the Partnership on AI. He co-edited the book "Global Perspective on AI Governance" published by Tongji University Press.

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**Sasha Rubel**, Head of Generative AI/Al Policy, EMEA, Amazon Web Services

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Dr Trager has written two books and numerous articles in leading social science journals, including the American Political Science Review, International Organization, International Security, Foreign Affairs and many others. His award-winning research has been covered in popular press outlets like the New York Times, Economist, Financial Times, Washington Post, NPR, Fortune, Foreign Policy, and Foreign Affairs. From 2017–2021, he was the Assistant Director for Research of the Burkle Center for International Relations. He was Associate Editor of one of the international relations field's leading journals, the International Studies Quarterly, and sat on the boards of the Institute for Global Cooperation and Conflict, the Berkeley Risk and Security Lab, and the Burkle Center. Before moving to the University of Oxford, Dr Trager was Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Los Angeles and held faculty positions at Yale University and an Olin Fellowship at Harvard University.

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**Tanya Perelmutter**, Co-founder, Director of Strategy, Fondation Abeona

Tanya Perelmutter is an expert in data technologies and a co-founder of the AI and Society Institute. She also co-founded Fondation Abeona, which champions responsible AI, and serves as its director of strategy. She was a founding member and director of data partnerships at Riskdata, a Fintech platform that analyzed hedge fund risk exposure. She started her career at Con Edison, adapting the New York City power grid and infrastructure to load demands produced by emergence of the internet and personal computing. Tanya holds an engineering degree from Columbia University, an MS in Management of Technology from NYU, and a certification in data science from École Polytechnique.



**Dan Nechita**, EU Director, Transatlantic Policy Network

Dan Nechita (co-) led the technical negotiations for the EU Artificial Intelligence Act on behalf of the European Parliament. For the 2019-2024 mandate, besides artificial intelligence, he focused on digital regulation, security and defense, and the transatlantic partnership as Head of Cabinet for Dragos Tudorache, MEP. Previously, he was a State Counselor for the Romanian Prime Minister with a mandate on e-governance, digitalization, and cybersecurity. He worked at the World Security Institute (the Global Zero nuclear disarmament initiative); at the Brookings Institution Center of Executive Education; as a graduate teaching assistant at the George Washington University; at the ABC News Political Unit; and as a research assistant at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace at Columbia. He is a member of expert AI working groups with the World Economic Forum and the United Nations. Dan is a graduate of the George Washington University (M.A.) and Columbia University in the City of New York (B.A.).

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**Amir Banifatemi**, Co-Founder and Director, AI Commons, and Chief Responsible AI Officer, Cognizant

My general focus is on identifying and developing emerging and transformative technologies that can impact society in significant and exponential ways. I do this by helping create interdisciplinary frameworks for understanding and planning new developments and the funding required to bring new innovations to market.

I help start, grow, and run innovative ventures, and focus on working with startups and growth-oriented companies on products and initiatives that could trigger significant breakthrough with substantial economic and societal impact. Particular emphasis on machine learning and predictive systems, IoT, knowledge sharing and crowdsourcing, Education, and digital health. I usually help teams on initial market opportunity validation, product roadmap strategy, pricing and business model, go-to-market operations, fundraising and mentorship, Mergers and high-growth partnerships.

I also have managed a few private and public technology investment and venture capital funds and know how to establish fund operations and their overall strategies and requirements.



I enjoy teaching and have been a guest lecturer and adjunct professor at UC Berkeley, HEC Paris, Chapman University, Claremont McKenna College, and UC Irvine.

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**Jakob Mökander**, Director of Science & Technology Policy, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change

Jakob is an expert on technology policy, with an emphasis on artificial-intelligence governance and international innovation ecosystems. His work focuses on harnessing the power of emerging technologies while managing the associated risks.

Prior to TBI, Jakob developed the world's first holistic framework to audit large language models, which has since been piloted and used by major AI labs. He also worked as a management consultant at McKinsey, helping Fortune 500 companies manage digital transformation, and at the Swedish Trade and Invest Council, where he was based in New Delhi to facilitate international research collaboration, innovation partnerships and technology transfer.

Jakob holds a PhD from the Oxford Internet Institute. He has been a visiting scholar at the Princeton Center for Information Technology Policy.

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**Ima Bello**, AI Action Summit Lead, Future of Life Institute

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Ima holds the Paris Bar Exam Certificate, a master's degree in Global Governance Studies from Sciences Po Paris and bachelor's degrees in social sciences, law and political sciences from Sciences Po Paris, Nancy II and the Free University of Berlin. She speaks French, English, German and a decent amount of Spanish.

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Jessica Galissaire is Studies & Partnerships Manager at Renaissance Numérique, the main French independent think tank dedicated to the digital transformation of our society. As such, she is responsible for coordinating the think tank's work (delivering the activity programme, coordinating working groups, managing publications, etc.) and developing its network of expert partners in France and internationally. In 2024, Renaissance Numérique launched the AI Dialogues, a three-day series bringing together multi-disciplinary experts to discuss international, European and local AI governance issues.

From February 2017 to March 2020, Jessica was Project Officer at the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE) in Brussels, where she managed research projects in close collaboration with regulatory authorities, EU institutions, companies and researchers from across Europe. At the beginning of her career, she carried out several missions with international NGOs in the field of human rights, including the Global Center for the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) in New York, and No Peace Without Justice in Brussels.

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**Yann Lechelle**, Co-founder and CEO, Probabl

Yann Lechelle is an entrepreneur & tech executive, co-founder & CEO at Probabl, an INRIA spinoff around Scikit-learn whose mission is to distribute open source data science and machine learning globally. Previously, he was CEO at Scaleway, a leading regional cloud infrastructure provider with unique European attributes and values. Over the past decades, he has founded, grown and exited a total of 5 tech startups. One of which was Snips.ai, a leading voice processing and AI deep-tech that he brought from seed to exit in a trade sale to Nasdaq-listed Sonos. Yann is also co-founding member of France Digitale, board member at HUB France AI, One-o-One and JEDI. He gives back to the community as an angel investor, founder mentor, Entrepreneur-in-Residence at INSEAD, and as digital expert to Matignon's Secretary General for Investment in its France 2030 investment committees. Yann holds a Bachelor of Computer Science summa cum laude from the American University of Paris, as well as an MBA from INSEAD.

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**Nicolas Mialhe**, Founder and Chair of the Board, The Future Society

Nicolas (Nico) Mialhe is the co-founder and CEO of PRISM Eval, a start-up based in Paris that specializes in the evaluation, interpretability, and alignment of cutting-edge AI models. PRISM Eval is leading the new research domain of GenAI Cognitive Science.

Until December 2023, Nico was Chief Executive Officer of The Future Society (TFS), which he originally co-founded in 2014 at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Nico is acknowledged as a pioneer in the governance of AI and emerging technologies, a field he has been actively shaping since 2011. His contributions over the past decade have been instrumental in establishing foundational governance frameworks and regulatory mechanisms for AI in the European Union, and the United States, and at a global scale. Since 2019, Nico has been a driving force behind The Future Society's Athens Roundtable, the leading international multi-stakeholder forum on AI and the Rule of Law. As a strategic thought leader, Nico has advised governments, international organizations, philanthropies, and multinational corporations globally. He serves as an appointed expert to the Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), where he co-chairs the Committee on Climate Action & Biodiversity Preservation, and is an invited expert to the OECD's AI Group of experts (ONE AI) and



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Nico has held teaching positions in AI Governance at the Paris School of International Affairs (Sciences Po) and the IE School of Global & Public Affairs in Madrid, and is a Future World Fellow at the Center for the Governance of Change at IE Business School. An Arthur Sachs Scholar, he holds a Master in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School, a Master in Defense, Geostrategy & Industrial Dynamics from Panthéon-Assas University, and a Bachelor of Arts in European Affairs and International Relations from Sciences Po Strasbourg.

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**Asma Derja**, Founder and CEO, Ethical AI Alliance

Asma Derja is the founder of the Ethical AI Alliance, a transdisciplinary nonprofit committed to advancing responsible AI through community engagement and social justice principles. With over 12 years of experience in technology strategy and consulting, Asma leverages best practices from the tech and consulting fields to support AI governance. She is currently leading the development of the first ethical AI label, a framework to assess AI applications post-deployment. Her work includes building one of the largest AI communities centered on the Global Majority, challenging one-size-fits-all approaches to AI standards by fostering solutions rooted in inclusivity, transparency, and accountability. Asma's efforts have positioned her as a sought-after voice in AI governance, policy development, and ethical innovation.

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**Axel Dauchez**, President and Founder, Make.org

Axel Dauchez is the President and founder of Make.org, the leading European platform for massive citizen engagement with public authorities, which he established in 2016. He also founded the Make.org Foundation, which implements concrete civil actions initiated by citizens. Axel has over 30 years of running tech and media companies. He served as the CEO of Publicis France and founded Viva Technology, the largest tech event in Europe. Prior to that, Axel was the CEO of Deezer, the leading music streaming platform. He also held the CEO position at Moonscoop, a world-leading TV animation production company, and at BDDP & Tequila Interactive, a pioneering digital agency. Axel began his career at Procter & Gamble. He completed his Master's degree in Economics at École Polytechnique.



**Kashyap Rajesh**, Vice President of Public Education, Encode Justice

Kashyap Rajesh, a student at Cornell University, is an 18-year-old youth activist committed to advancing responsible AI governance. As the Vice President of Public Education at Encode Justice, the world's largest youth-led movement for AI safety, Kashyap has played a pivotal role in expanding the organization's impact. He spearheaded the launch and growth of Encode Justice's chapter program, leading grassroots AI policy initiatives in collaboration with over 60 community-based chapters, advocating for innovative legislation, providing testimonies at congressional hearings, and conducting research on emerging AI trends and their societal implications. Currently, Kashyap is working to increase AI literacy in underserved communities across the Global South and is also pioneering Encode Justice's first-ever AI Ethics & Safety Fellowship, aimed at equipping young leaders with the tools to navigate the ethical challenges of emerging technologies.



**Lee J. Tiedrich**, NIST Senior AI Advisor; Duke University Professor; OECD-GPAI Expert

Lee Tiedrich is a widely recognized leader in AI, data, and emerging technologies. She's a Senior AI Advisor at NIST and a GPAI/OECD expert, co-chairing GPAI committees on AI and the environment and intellectual property. She's a Senior Adviser for the International Scientific Report on Advanced AI Safety led by Yoshua Bengio and a member of the EU AI Office working group developing AI Codes of Practice. With a degree in electrical engineering and over 30 years of legal experience, she has a long career helping organizations navigate uncertainty to achieve their objectives. She was a partner at a global AmLaw 50 law firm, where she led the global and multi-disciplinary AI Initiative and advised on regulatory, corporate, and policy matters.

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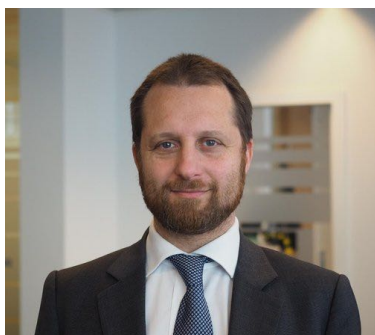
**Maria Axente**, Head of AI Public Policy and Ethics, PwC United Kingdom

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**Sebastiano Toffaletti**, European DIGITAL SME Alliance, Secretary General

Alliance, a Brussels based international association he contributed to found in 2008. Under his leadership, DIGITAL SME has become Europe's largest association for digital Small and Medium sized Enterprises, representing over 45.000 companies in EU member states and neighbouring countries. The organisation represents its members in EU and global intergovernmental initiatives, legislation, policies and standards related to topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, digital and data economy, connectivity, blockchain and digital skills. In 2024, DIGITAL SME published its Manifesto calling for Europe's "Digital New Deal" highlighting 10 key priorities and the role of SMEs in the digital revolution.





Sebastiano authored several articles and position papers on topics such as Intellectual Property Rights, Standards, data economy and digital skills, and serves as an expert in EU working groups and task forces, where he brings forward the interests and views of SMEs. He is a member of the EU High Level Forum on ICT standardisation and of the D4SME steering committee at the OECD. He is currently Vice Chair (SME) at the European Cybersecurity Organisation and has led the creation of the label “Cybersecurity made in the EU” in support of SME cybersecurity providers. Since 2020, Sebastiano is also a Board member of EIF, the European Internet Forum.

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Angela Huyue Zhang is a Professor of Law at the USC Gould School of Law. Widely recognized as a leading authority on Chinese tech regulation, she has written extensively on this topic. Her first book, *Chinese Antitrust Exceptionalism: How the Rise of China Challenges Global Regulation*, was named one of the Best Political Economy Books of the Year by ProMarket in 2021. Her second book, *High Wire: How China Regulates Big Tech and Governs Its Economy*, released in March 2024, has been covered in *The New York Times*, *Bloomberg*, *Wire China*, *MIT Tech Review* and many other international news outlets. Zhang is currently conducting research on the regulation of artificial intelligence, with plans to teach and write on this topic in the coming years. Before joining USC Gould in 2024, Zhang taught at the University of Hong Kong, New York University School of Law, and King's College London.

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Arno Amabile has carried out several digital transformation and data science projects, first for municipalities in the United States and France, then in the e-commerce sector. Engineer from Mines School in Paris and normalien, he now works at the Ministry of Economy. He is co-author of Digital police, a revolution under surveillance and of a study by the Institut Montaigne on algorithm biases, both published in 2020.

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Mark Brakel is Director of Policy at the nonprofit Future of Life Institute (FLI), coordinating its policy efforts globally. In particular, Mark successfully advocated for inclusion of general-purpose AI systems with systemic risk in the EU Artificial Intelligence Act. Previously, Mark was FLI's regional director for European policy, and served in the Dutch diplomatic service where he was head of the economic section at the Netherlands' Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. He started at the Dutch Foreign Ministry as The Hague focal point for the Dutch diplomatic teams in Iran, followed by those in Lebanon and Syria. Mark holds a bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from the University of Oxford, and completed a master's degree from the Johns Hopkins' School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) on a Fulbright Fellowship from the U.S. Department of State. He speaks Dutch, English, Arabic and a decent amount of French.

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**Barry C. Lynn**, Executive Director, Open Markets Institute

Barry C. Lynn is the executive director of the Open Markets Institute. Over the past two decades, Lynn pioneered understanding of how the monopolies of the 21st century threaten our democracy, individual liberties, security, and prosperity. Lynn's efforts to update anti-monopoly law and thinking for the digital era have been fully embraced by the Biden administration and have shaped the thinking of policymakers and scholars around the world. His warnings on structural flaws in international systems predicted today's supply chain crises, and his proposed remedies have been widely studied by the U.S. government, Europe, Asia, the IMF, and the OECD.



Lynn developed his thinking in three books — *End of the Line* (2005), *Cornered* (2010), and *Liberty from All Masters* (2020), as well as numerous articles, speeches, and congressional testimony. Lynn's thinking has been profiled in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Politico*, *The Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *CBS*, and his work has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, French, and Danish. Lynn was previously the executive editor of *Global Business Magazine* and a correspondent for *The Associated Press* and *Agence France-Presse* in South America. He holds a B.A. in English from Columbia University.

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**Buse Çetin**, Policy and Communications Lead, AI Forensics

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**Jeannette Gorzala**, CEO ACT AI NOW, Vice Chair Austrian AI Board

Jeannette is a leading expert in the European AI landscape, recognized for driving advancements in AI governance, literacy, and policy. With over 15 years of experience in international commercial law, she has earned a reputation as one of Austria's foremost legal advisors in the AI and technology sector. Jeannette has founded several initiatives, in particular ACT AI NOW, addressing the growing demand for robust AI governance frameworks and literacy programs. Furthermore, she serves as Vice Chair of the Austrian AI Board, aiming to positively shape responsible development and deployment of AI and cross-border collaboration to foster more trustworthy innovation in Europe.

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**Chloé Goupille**, Secretary General to the French AI Action Summit

As a career diplomat, Chloé Goupille has been involved both in France's European policy and in global affairs such as climate change and global health. She has served in the French Embassies in London and Berlin. From 2013 to 2015, she was Adviser to the French Minister Delegate for European Affairs, focusing notably on climate change and energy. From 2020 to 2023, she was deputy Europe Adviser to the President of the French Republic and contributed to organizing the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Her work in French foreign policy related to global public goods included tracking of France's contribution to the Global Fund to fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and she later worked as Senior Adviser to the French Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington, DC. Chloé speaks French, German and English and is learning Arabic. She holds degrees from the London School of Economics, the University of Kent and Sciences Po Lille.

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**Adrien Basdevant**, Founder, Entropy

Adrien Basdevant is a recognized lawyer in information technology, artificial intelligence, and data protection. As the founder of Entropy, a forward-thinking tech law firm, he provides strategic counsel to cutting-edge cybersecurity and AI organizations, covering areas like digital identity, homomorphic encryption, computer vision, and frontier models. His expertise extends to platform issues such as Trust & Safety, moderation, and digital rights.

In addition to his entrepreneurial endeavor, Adrien is a lecturer at Sorbonne University and ESSEC Business School, where he explores the intersection of technology, law, and public policy. Notably, he serves as a member of the French Digital Council (CNNum), an independent body appointed by the French Prime Minister to scrutinize the impact of technology on society. Recently, he co-authored and presented a comprehensive report on metaverse and immersive technologies to the Ministers of Economy, Culture, and Digital Affairs, showcasing the importance of shaping a responsible digital future.



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Charbel-Raphael Segerie is the Executive Director of the Centre pour la Sécurité de l'IA (CeSIA) in Paris, where he leads research and education on AI safety. He teaches an AI safety course at the École Normale Supérieure, which is being developed into a textbook. His work focuses on identifying emerging risks in artificial intelligence, improving current safety methods such as RLHF and interpretability, and advancing safe-by-design AI approaches. Additionally, he contributes to AI evaluation efforts and collaborates on the EU AI Office's Code of Practice for general-purpose AI systems. Charbel also founded ML4Good, a 10-day bootcamp designed to upskill researchers in AI safety.





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Chloé is Head of Policy at SaferAI. She leads SaferAI's engagement with external stakeholders (spanning civil society organisations, policymakers and companies). In addition, Chloé conducts applied research and policy projects on AI risk management practices. A researcher on labor, AI and inequalities, Chloé spent 5 years as Policy Researcher at the OECD doing research and policy work in those domains. Chloé holds a PhD in political economy from the University of Oxford.

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**Daisy McGregor**, Deputy Director for International AI Policy in the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, United Kingdom

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**De Kai**, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, HKUST

For pioneering contributions to machine learning of the cognitive relationships between different languages, De Kai is among only 17 scientists worldwide selected in 2011 by the Association for Computational Linguistics to be awarded the honor of Founding ACL Fellow, and is a Distinguished Research Scholar at UC Berkeley's International Computer Science Institute. A native of St Louis, he worked and traveled extensively in San Francisco, New York, Germany, Spain, China, India and Canada before joining Hong Kong's ambitious creation of Asia's now top-ranked HKUST, where he developed the foundations of modern statistical machine translation technology, with broad applications in computer music and computational musicology as well as human language processing, and built the world's first public web translation service resulting in global coverage. De Kai's cross-disciplinary work relating music, language, intelligence, and culture stems from a liberal arts perspective emphasizing creativity in both technical and humanistic dimensions. A multi-instrumentalist songwriter classically trained at Northwestern University's School of Music, De Kai started piano and composing at age 4 while simultaneously immersed in the improvisational, rhythmic, conversational forms of Chicago's blues, soul and funk. At Berkeley he studied West African polyrhythms prior to years of intensive training on flamenco cajón with a wide range of top Spanish percussionists and dancers.

In parallel with music performance and theory, De Kai began building



analog synths at the age of 12. Several years later, he began studying computer music at the UCSD Center for Music Experiment and Related Research (CME / CRCA). At Berkeley he subsequently designed digital additive synthesis chips. His recent work explores the potential of cognitive machines that learn the relationships between various different kinds of musical languages. During his doctoral studies in cognitive science, artificial intelligence and computational linguistics at Berkeley, he worked on seminal projects on intelligent conversational dialog agents. His PhD dissertation employing maximum entropy to model human perception and interpretation of ambiguities was one of the first to spur the paradigm shift toward today's state-of-the-art statistical natural language processing technologies. De Kai also holds an executive MBA from Kellogg (Northwestern University) and HKUST. His undergraduate degree at UCSD was awarded cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and won the liberal arts oriented Revelle College's department award. In 2015, Debrett's HK 100 named De Kai as one of the 100 most influential figures of Hong Kong. In 2019, Google named De Kai as one of eight inaugural members of its AI Ethics council, ATEAC (Advanced Technology External Advisory Council).

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**Denia Psarrou**, Advisor on Governance of Science & Technology, IEEE Standards Association

Denia Psarrou is a Researcher and Advisor on Governance and Emerging Technologies with a specialization in AI and the law at IEEE Standards Association. She drafted the landmark UN Resolution on children's rights in the digital environment, advocating for safety by design and by default, which codified General Comment No. 25 on children's digital rights. With extensive expertise in protecting minors online, she focuses on countering algorithmic persuasive design and advising governments on the adoption of policies and the integration of regulations that uphold children's safety and human rights. Denia serves as Lead Researcher on Governance and Trust in Generative AI and is integral to designing the Global Trust Challenge in collaboration with IEEE and the OECD. She is currently pursuing an MSt in AI Ethics & Society at the University of Cambridge, where her primary research interests include algorithmic moral agency, dislocated accountability in technology supply chains, and the impact of AI narratives on societal, cultural and regulatory frameworks.

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**Giada Pistilli**, Principal Ethicist at Hugging Face

Giada Pistilli is a philosopher specialized in AI ethics, focusing on conversational agents and generative AI. With a PhD in philosophy from Sorbonne University, her research explores the intersections of value systems, ethical frameworks, multilingualism, and cultural biases in emerging technological landscapes. As Principal Ethicist at Hugging Face, she conducts interdisciplinary research that bridges philosophical inquiry with technological development. In this role, she oversees the platform's content moderation policy, applying nuanced ethical principles to the challenges of large-scale AI systems. Through a multidisciplinary approach, her academic work critically examines the ethical dimensions of language models, with a particular emphasis on algorithmic responsibility, cultural representation, and the societal implications of artificial intelligence at large.



**Ella McIntosh**, Chief of Staff, Effective Institutions Project

Ella is Chief of Staff at the Effective Institutions Project (EIP), a network of philanthropic and civic leaders striving to improve the quality of decision-making at important institutions around the world. Ella supports EIP's strategy, philanthropic advisory and programming, including their efforts to build cross-ideological coalitions across the AI funding and policy landscapes, and sensemaking for the philanthropic community around AI governance and U.S. Government resilience under the incoming administration. She also leads on EIP's operations and culture. Ella holds a MSc in International Social and Public Policy from the London School of Economics, where she specialised in quantitative policy research and received the Titmuss Performance.



**Stephanie Ifayemi**, Head of Policy, Partnership on AI (PAI)

Stephanie Ifayemi is the Head of Policy at Partnership on AI (PAI). In this role, she has established a new public policy department for PAI. Stephanie drives the organization's engagement with global policy makers, aligns PAI research with policy, and facilitates dialogue between government, multilateral organizations and PAI's partner community of over 100 partners in 16 countries. Prior to PAI, Stephanie was the Head of Digital Standards Policy in the UK government, where she built a new portfolio focused on technical standards for emerging technologies including AI and quantum. She was responsible for designing and





building the UK's AI Standards Hub, and for setting the UK's first objectives on AI standards in the UK's National AI strategy.

Internationally, Stephanie sits on Chatham House's Taskforce for AI and Society, the OECD's Network of Expert on AI groups (AIGO and ONE AI), representative in standards bodies such as ISO/IEC and CEN/CENELEC and Observer at the Council of Europe. She is a Schmidt Futures European International Strategy Fellow and a member of the World Economic Forum's Defining and Building the Metaverse initiative. Stephanie holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Oxford where she was a Duke of Cambridge Scholar.

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**Fotis Fitsilis**, Head of Department for Scientific Documentation and Supervision Scientific Service, Hellenic Parliament

Dr. Fotis Fitsilis is a distinguished parliamentary researcher specializing in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its application in legislatures. Since joining the Scientific Service of the Hellenic Parliament in 2009, Dr. Fitsilis has pioneered initiatives for the data-driven parliament of the future. In 2017, he co-founded the Hellenic OCR Team, a pioneering crowdsourcing initiative dedicated to processing and analyzing parliamentary data. He subsequently shifted his research interests to integrating AI into parliamentary processes, with a focus on enhancing transparency, efficiency and public engagement. In 2023, he initiated the first global effort and co-edited the inaugural guidelines for AI in parliament, which address the ethical, responsible and effective use of AI in parliaments. Dr. Fitsilis's work extends to exploring broader impact on democracy, examining how emerging technologies influence public policy, governance and lawmaking. His insights contribute to ongoing international discussions on AI governance and he actively participates in leading forums such as ICON-S, ReMeP, LegisTech, and The Athens Roundtable on AI and the Rule of Law. Dr. Fitsilis has lectured at numerous academic institutions and authored over 80 scientific publications, including six books.

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**Gaia Marcus**, Director, Ada Lovelace Institute

Gaia has extensive experience of leadership roles across the UK Civil Service and the non-profit sector. In government she has held roles as Deputy Director (Advanced Analytics and Local Capabilities) at the Spatial Data Unit within the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). Deputy Director (Strategy for the Integrated Data Service) at the Office for National Statistics, Head of Engagement for Civil Service Reform at the Cabinet Office, and Head of National Data Strategy at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

In the non-profit sector, Gaia specialised in data strategy and participatory approaches to research, innovation and policy. This included roles at Parkinson's UK, Centrepoin and the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

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**Henri Verdier**, French Ambassador for Digital Affairs; Envoy to the France's AI Action Summit on Global AI Governance

Henri Verdier, born in 1968, is the French Ambassador for Digital Affairs within the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. Since 2018, he leads and coordinates the French Digital Diplomacy. He previously was the inter-ministerial director for digital information and communications systems (DG DINUM) of France; and he was the director of Etalab, the French agency for public open data. Mr Verdier is also an entrepreneur: he was the co-founder and CEO of MFG Labs, an internet-based startup involved in social data mining, and chairman of the board of Cap Digital, the French-European Cluster for Digital Content and Services, located in Paris. He is member of the ARCEP strategic committee, member of the CNIL strategic committee and also served as member of the board of Paris-Sorbonne University. In addition, Mr Verdier was the founding director of Edition Odile Jacob Multimedia, a publishing company in the field of e-learning and executive adviser for innovation at Lagardère Group as well as director of foresight at Institut Telecom. He co-authored three books: in 2012, with Nicolas Colin, *L'Age de la Multitude, Entreprendre et Gouverner Après la Révolution Numérique* (The Age of Multitude, Entrepreneurship and Governance After the Digital Revolution), in 2017, with Pierre Pezziardi, *Des Startup d'État à l'État plateforme* (From State Startups to the Platform State), and in 2022, with Jean-Louis Missika, *Le Business de la haine : Internet, la démocratie et les réseaux sociaux* (The Business of Hate: Internet, Democracy and Social



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**Jake Okechukwu Effoduh**, Assistant Professor, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University.

Jake Okechukwu Effoduh is an Assistant Professor at the Lincoln Alexander School of Law of the Toronto Metropolitan University in Canada, where he teaches Technology Law. With expertise at the intersections of international law, human rights, and AI, Effoduh has informed the regulatory frameworks and policy formulation on artificial intelligence (AI) at the United Nations and the African Union, as well as for several countries, including Canada, the United States, Brazil, and Nigeria. Effoduh's current research investigates how the governance of AI systems can effectively address algorithmic bias against Africans and people of African descent, as well as discrimination and unfair treatment based on protected characteristics such as race, gender, identity and ethnicity.

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**Karine Caunes**, Executive Director, Centre for AI and Digital Humanism (Digihumanism)

Karine Caunes is the founder and Executive Director of Digihumanism, a think & do tank which aims to ensure a humanistic governance of artificial intelligence in Europe and beyond. Digihumanism just recently released an in-depth report on information manipulation on TikTok in the context of the Romanian presidential elections and how the EU Digital Services Act should be applied to remedy the situation. She is contributing to the drafting of the EU GPAI Code of Practice and participated in the drafting of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on AI, human rights, democracy and the rule of law as well as the UNESCO guidelines on AI and justice. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the AI & Democratic Values Index (2024) which assesses the public policies of 80 countries. She is also Editor-in-Chief of the European Law Journal and research associate at the University Jean Moulin Lyon 3.

She holds a PhD in law from the European University Institute, was Jean Monnet Research Fellow within the Center for International and Regional Economic Law & Justice at NYU and visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School. She has experience teaching AI law & policy, as well as data protection law, human rights law, EU law, comparative law, trade law,



migration law, legal theory and political philosophy in various universities such Sciences Po Paris, Université Paris X, Université Lyon III, France; European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy; Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; Ljubljana University, Slovenia; IE Law School, Madrid, Spain; Catolica Global School of Law, Lisbon, Portugal. She has participated in EU and nationally-funded research and training projects and has been a consultant for European and national institutions.

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**Kris Shrishak**, Senior Fellow, Enforce

Dr Kris Shrishak is a public interest technologist and a Senior Fellow at Enforce. He advises legislators on emerging technologies and global AI governance (including EU AI Act). He is regularly invited to speak at the European Parliament and has testified at the Irish Parliament.

His work focuses on privacy tech, anti-surveillance, emerging technologies, and algorithmic decision making. Previously, Kris was a researcher at Technical University Darmstadt in Germany where he worked on applied cryptography, privacy enhancing technologies and Internet security.

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**Xue Lan**, Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor and Dean of Schwarzman College in Tsinghua University.

Dr. Lan Xue is a Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor and Dean of Schwarzman College in Tsinghua University. He was the Dean of School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University from 2008-2018. With a Ph. D in Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University, he taught at the George Washington University before returning back to China in 1996. His teaching and research interests include public policy analysis, science, technology and innovation policy, crisis management, and global governance. He has published widely in these areas.

He also serves as the Convener of the State Council Public Administration Disciplinary Review Committee, a member of the National Committee for Strategic Consultation and Comprehensive Review, the Chair of the National Expert Committee on AI Governance, a member of the Advisory Group of STI Directory of OECD, an adjunct professor at



Carnegie Mellon University, a Non-Resident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution, and a Co-Chair of the Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Solution Network (UNSDSN). He is a recipient of the Fudan Distinguished Contribution Award for Management Science, and a recipient of the Distinguished Contribution Award from Chinese Association of Science of Science and S&T Policy.

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**Laura Lazaro Cabrera**, Counsel and Director of the Equity and Data Programme, CDT Europe

Laura is the Programme Lead at the CDT Europe Office in Brussels, focusing on protecting fundamental human rights in the implementation of EU legislation regulating new technologies. Her work addresses the adverse impacts of artificial intelligence on human rights, identifying regulatory gaps and collaborating with affected communities to craft effective solutions.

Before joining CDT, Laura worked in strategic human rights litigation, contributing to significant cases. In Mexico, she was part of a team that successfully challenged law enforcement abuses. In Colombia, she worked on a landmark case enabling victims of serious human rights violations to access classified government files for justice.

Laura brings extensive experience in privacy and data protection from her role as Senior Legal Officer at Privacy International (PI). She has challenged unlawful surveillance through legal interventions before the European and Inter-American Courts of Human Rights and submissions to domestic courts worldwide. Her advocacy extended to UN and global bodies, highlighting privacy's intersection with other rights and collaborating with beneficiary-led organizations.

Laura's contributions include drafting ESCR-Net's position paper on Data for Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights and assisting the WHO with AI ethics modules. A Dickson Poon Scholar, Laura holds an LL.B and LL.M in Transnational Law from King's College London.





**Linda Bonyo**, Founder, Lawyers Hub

Linda Bonyo is Founder of the Lawyers Hub; a Digital Law organization working on Artificial Intelligence Policy in Africa. She Leads Africa Law Tech Forum where she convenes Policymakers, Regulators and Bar Associations on the Regulation of emerging Technologies in Africa. Ms. Bonyo is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Technology Policy (2023-2025) and the G20 Digital Working Group. She served in the Africa Union's Data Policy Framework Technical Committee as well as different global working groups including the Digital Public Goods Alliance and the Data2Policy Initiatives and consulted for the United Nations. Linda Bonyo is a licensed attorney in Kenya and convenes the Largest annual gathering of Digital Policy experts in Africa, Bringing together 2500 professionals annually in a multi-stakeholder group comprising Lawyers, Policy Makers, Startups, Civil Society Groups and Technologists at the Africa Law and Tech Festival which is now in its 5th Year.

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**Lisa Soder**, Europe Associate, RANDs Technology & Security Policy Center

Lisa is a Europe Associate at RANDs Technology & Security Policy Center, as well as a Senior Policy Researcher on the interface AI team. Her work focuses on establishing AI accountability infrastructures, with particular emphasis on developing third-party auditing ecosystems, bridging the gap between technical and regulatory aspects of AI governance, and assessing emerging technology practices. Previously, Lisa was a Summer Research Fellow at the Centre for the Governance of AI, worked as a Strategy Consultant at the Boston Consulting Group, and led a global health NGO in Ethiopia. She holds a Master's degree from the London School of Economics, focusing on comparative transatlantic approaches to technology regulation and competition law.

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**Marek Canecky**, First Secretary at the Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU

Marek Canecky is a seconded national expert at the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, he deals with cyber policy issues. During the Slovak Presidency in the Council of the EU, he served as a digital and cyber attaché at the Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU. Prior to that, he held various managerial positions in the Slovak public service (Government Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Environment) where he was responsible for programme and project level management and implementation of EU funded eGovernment initiatives. He has worked in the ITAPA team since 2010. Marek is a graduate of University of Matej Bel (2004, International Relations and Diplomacy) and Linköping University (2006, European Studies).

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**Mark Nitzberg**, Interim Executive Director, International Association for Safe & Ethical AI (IASAI)

Mark Nitzberg is Interim Executive Director of the International Association for Safe & Ethical AI (IASAI), a new independent organization committed to ensuring advanced AI systems are guaranteed to operate safely and ethically, providing a unified voice for the many individuals, research groups, and organizations that share these goals. Since 2016, he has served as Executive Director of the UC Berkeley Center for Human-Compatible AI (CHAI). Over 30 years he has built technology ventures applying AI in health care, finance, education and development aid, has worked at Bell Laboratories, Microsoft, and Amazon, and has developed and run diverse programs in industry and academia. He is co-author of the book Solomon's Code, examining how AI reshapes human values, trust, and power.

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**Martin Hullin**, Director of the Bertelsmann Stiftung's Digitalization and the Common Good Program

Martin has been Director of the Bertelsmann Stiftung's Digitalization and the Common Good program since 2023, where he and his team develop innovative approaches to strengthen the common good in context of responsible digitalization at national and international level. Next to conceptualising how public interest decentralised digital architecture could better serve the common good, his expertise includes areas such as international digital and data governance, AI and sustainability policy. Martin has held professional positions in Washington D.C., Geneva, Paris and Bonn, including co-founding the Datasphere Initiative and roles at the United Nations, GIZ and in global multistakeholder policy networks.

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**Martin Signoux**, AI Policy Lead, Europe, OpenAI

Martin Signoux currently serves as AI Policy Lead for Europe at OpenAI. In his role, he collaborates with policymakers and regulators on issues related to governance, regulation, and promotion of innovation to unlock the value of frontier technologies for society. A graduate of the School of Public Affairs at Sciences Po and the School of International Relations at Fudan University, Martin has dedicated the majority of his career to exploring the intersection of technology and policy. Before joining OpenAI, Martin was a public policy manager at Meta, where he specialized in artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. He also worked as a consultant, advising start-ups, technology industry leaders, and international organizations.

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**Brian W. Tang**, Founding Executive Director, Law, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship Lab

Brian is founding executive director of Law, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship Lab, the award-winning interdisciplinary and experiential programme at University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Law ([LITE Lab@HKU](#)), and is part of the vanguard of educators [incorporating generative AI into teaching future talent and upskilling working professionals](#). Brian has authored chapters in Wiley's [The FinTech Book](#), [The RegTech Book](#), [The AI Book](#) and [The LegalTech Book](#) and most recently [Artificial Intelligence in Finance: Challenges, Opportunities and Regulatory Developments](#). Brian is also one of the original participants of the SMU-Microsoft Asian Dialogue on AI Governance and previously on [IEEE's Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems Policy Committee](#). Brian is co-chair of the [Asia Pacific Legal Innovation and Technology Association \(ALITA\)](#), APAC Regional board member of [Global Alliance of Impact Lawyers \(GAIL\)](#), and board member of the [Fintech Association of Hong Kong](#). Brian previously spent nearly 20 years at global investment bank Credit Suisse in Hong Kong, and at law firms Sullivan & Cromwell in New York and California and Mallesons in Perth, Australia.

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**Matej Štefánik**, Head of International Cooperation and the European Union Digital Legislation Unit



**Maximilian Gahntz**, AI Policy Lead, Mozilla Foundation

Maximilian Gahntz (he/him) is the Mozilla Foundation's AI Policy Lead, working on questions around the regulation and governance of AI around the world. Previously, he has also led work around data governance and platform accountability. Before he joined Mozilla, he was a fellow of the Mercator Fellowship on International Affairs, working on the EU's AI Act at the European Commission. He holds degrees in public policy and administration from Columbia University, Sciences Po Paris, and the University of Konstanz.

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**Maya Wiley**, President and CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Maya Wiley is a prominent civil rights attorney and activist committed to justice, equality, and fairness. She has held leadership roles in government, academia, and advocacy. As the first Black woman counsel to the mayor of New York City, she championed civil and immigrant rights and expanded minority/women-owned business contracts. Wiley later became a faculty member and senior vice president for social justice at the New School University, where she founded the Digital Equity Laboratory to promote universal and inclusive broadband access.

She chaired the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), where she led efforts to prosecute Officer Daniel Pantaleo for the death of Eric Garner, resulting in his firing. Under her leadership, the CCRB improved transparency, case closure rates, and public outreach for victims of police abuse. Wiley ran for NYC mayor in 2021, further highlighting her commitment to public service.

Earlier, Wiley worked at the ACLU, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, focusing on racial justice. Post-9/11, she co-founded the Center for Social Inclusion, addressing structural racism and poverty. She also served as a senior advisor at the Open Society Foundations. Wiley holds a B.A. from Dartmouth and a J.D. from Columbia Law School and lives in Brooklyn with her family.



**Philippe Huberdeau**, AI Action Summit

Secretary General of Scale-Up Europe, an initiative launched by President Emmanuel Macron to accelerate the growth of innovation and to consolidate the technological sovereignty of Europe : « The headline goal is to build in Europe 10 global tech champions worth more than euro 100bn by 2030 ». Passionate about international business development, with an extensive track record in European affairs. Strong believer in the huge untapped potential in private-public co-operation to boost transnational trade, investment and innovation. Previously, I organized the G7 Summit in Biarritz in 2019, and also worked at the French foreign ministry as well as the European Commission.

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**Pierre Noro**, Advisor, SciencesPo Tech & Global Affairs Innovation Hub

Pierre Noro is a lecturer at SciencesPo Paris and Université Paris-Cité, and an associate expert of the Paris School of International Affairs Tech & Global Affairs Hub. His works are dedicated to decentralized governance, digital ethics and the social and environmental impact of digital technologies.

During his time with the French administration, Pierre designed innovative blockchain-based public services before building impact-oriented decentralized solutions with startups and opensource communities.

Beside his academic work, Pierre sits on Blockchain for Good's scientific committee (co-author of the Blockchain and Sustainable Development report), is part of the founding team of Pebble.vote, the 1st fully decentralized, transparent, and secure voting system, and contributes to the development of the AIAAIC, the independent and open AI incidents database, as well as the first large-scale implementation of Whiteflag.

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**Rama G. Elluru**, Senior Director for Governance and Intellectual Property, Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP)

Rama G. Elluru is currently the Senior Director for Governance and Intellectual Property at the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP). SCSP is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative established to make recommendations to strengthen America's long-term competitiveness for a future where artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies reshape our national security, economy, and society. At SCSP, she leads a team on shaping emerging technology governance and Intellectual





Property policy. Previous to the SCSP, Rama was a Director for Research and Analysis for Ethics and Responsible AI at the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI), an independent Commission established by Congress to consider the methods and means to advance the development of AI, ML, and associated technologies to address the national security and defense needs of the United States. She was detailed to the NSCAI from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), where she served as an Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal. Before joining the USPTO, Rama practiced IP law for 20 years, specializing in analyzing and litigating E.E. and bio-pharma patents. Her career started as a Software Engineer. She graduated from Trinity University with a B.S. in Computer Science/Philosophy and obtained a J.D. from the Washington and Lee School of Law. At her law school, she received a M.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Georgetown University.

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**Roxanne Varza**, Envoy to the AI Action Summit on Innovation & Culture | Director, STATION F

Roxanne Varza is currently Director of STATION F, the world's biggest startup campus, located in Paris. She is also an angel investor and a scout for Sequoia Capital, and sits on the boards of NRJ Group and Fonds pour l'Indépendance de la Presse (FIP).

Before joining STATION F, she worked at Microsoft and TechCrunch. She also co-founded Tech.eu (acquired by Webrazzi), StartHer (now Sista) and the Failcon Paris conference. Roxanne is trilingual and holds degrees from UCLA, Sciences Po Paris and the London School of Economics.

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**Sarah Bérubé**, Policy Analyst, AI Unit, AI and Emerging Digital Technologies Division, OECD

Sarah is part of the OECD AI Unit where she has been working on policy issues such as AI and the environment as well as AI, data and privacy. She previously worked for the Government of Canada, where she spent two years working on online safety. Prior to that, she supported the implementation of open government in Canada, coordinating with federal departments, provinces and territories, as well as international organizations such as the Open Government Partnership and the OECD. She is an alum of the Government of Canada Advanced Policy Analysts



Program. Sarah has a keen interest in comparative tech policy. She holds a Masters degree in International Relations from l'École supérieure études internationales of Laval University.

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**Theodora Skeadas**, Chief of Staff, Humane Intelligence

Theodora Skeadas, CEO of Tech Policy Consulting, has advised various entities such as Humane Intelligence on algorithmic audits, Microsoft on elections policies, and Domelabs AI on healthcare and national security AI. She consulted for organizations like the National Democratic Institute on online gender-based violence, and worked with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace on countering disinformation in Ukraine. Formerly at Twitter, she oversaw the Trust and Safety Council, managed human rights programs, and supported global civic integrity efforts. With a background in national security at Booz Allen Hamilton and work with nonprofits worldwide, she holds an MPP from Harvard Kennedy School.

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**Sarah Heck**, Head of Policy Planning and Programs, Anthropic

Sarah leads the Policy Planning and Programs team at Anthropic, focusing on building global ecosystems that support safe and beneficial AI development. She has held leadership positions in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. From 2017-2023 Sarah was the Head of Entrepreneurship at Stripe focused on entrepreneurship, public policy and public affairs, and global expansion. Prior, Sarah served as Senior Director for Global Engagement on the National Security Council at the White House, where she was the President's adviser for global entrepreneurship policy, public-private partnerships, youth demographics, and expanding the impact of U.S. public diplomacy on national security. Prior to her White House appointment, Sarah worked at the State Department on issues including public diplomacy, countering violent extremism, and technology and entrepreneurship.

Before entering government, Sarah worked at McLarty Associates, supporting corporate investments, crisis situations, and community development initiatives. She also served as Country Director in Paraguay for Amigos de las Americas, creating and managing rural community development and youth entrepreneurship and leadership projects.

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**Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen took up his duties as Deputy Secretary-General in January 2019. His portfolio includes the strategic direction of OECD policy on the digital and technological transformation; global and UN relations; trade and agriculture. In June 2021, he was appointed OECD Gender & Diversity Champion, and leads the organisation's work on gender equality and diversity. Mr Knudsen led the transformation of the OECD Executive Committee in Special Session into the Global Strategy Group (GSG) to have a strategic forum to discuss issues of global relevance. He chaired the first GSG meetings from 2012-2017.

Until the end of 2018, Mr Knudsen was Permanent Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Denmark. Prior to this, he served as Sherpa and Chief Diplomatic Advisor to two Danish Prime Ministers on Security Policy and on EU and Foreign Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office. Mr Knudsen served as Ambassador to the OECD and UNESCO in Paris (2008-09). Besides his diplomatic career, which includes postings in London (2003-04), Washington (1998-2000) and Moscow (1997), he briefly served as Group Director for International Policy at Vodafone in London (2013).

He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Copenhagen (1994), where he also acted as external lecturer, and he has published various papers and publications on Asia, WTO, trade policy and globalisation.



**Vanja Skoric**, Program Director, European Center for Not-for-profit Law

Vanja Skoric is a Program Director at the Netherlands-based European Center for Not-for-profit Law, overseeing global and European engagement programmes with 20 years of experience in legal analysis, research, litigation and strategic campaigning. She leads engagement in digital and artificial intelligence (AI) issues affecting civic freedoms and work on securitisation and counter-terrorism measures that impact civil society. Coming from Croatia, Vanja holds a LL.M degree in Public International Law from the University of Amsterdam. She is currently an external PhD candidate at the University of Amsterdam Civic AI Lab, Informatics Institute, pursuing interdisciplinary research on inclusive normative design for AI systems. This includes striking the balance



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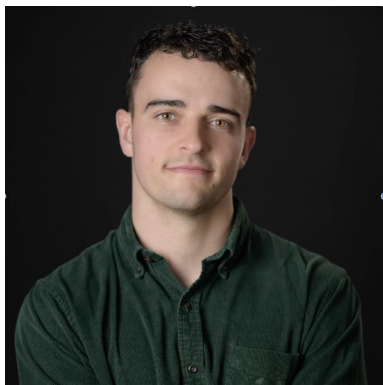
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**Vincent Corruble**, Professor, Sorbonne University

Vincent is a professor at Sorbonne University and a researcher at the Laboratoire d'Informatique de Paris 6, one of the largest computer science labs in France. He will be here at CHAI continuing his research on characterising and mitigating the risks of a comprehensive AI that anticipates, satisfies, preempts all human needs and desires, and simulating the emergence of ethical values in a society of learning agents. He will be doing his research with CHAI for the next three months.

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**Will Henshall**, Program Associate, AI Governance and Policy, Open Philanthropy

Will is a program associate in Open Philanthropy's AI Governance and Policy team. He previously worked as an editorial fellow at TIME, a policy fellow at the Tony Blair Institute, and as an associate consultant at Bain & Company. Will holds a Master in Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School and an MChem in Chemistry from the University of Oxford.

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**Yong Lim**, Associate Professor, Seoul National University

Yong is an Associate Professor at Seoul National University ("SNU"), School of Law, who specializes in competition and governance in digital markets. As a leading contributor to law and policy for data and AI governance in Korea, Yong's work includes articles and publications on digital platforms and competition, data ownership and portability, and data privacy. As the co-founder and director of Seoul National University's AI Policy Initiative, Yong has contributed to government policy in digital competition and governance, and has also assisted industry efforts to establish responsible guardrails and processes for AI, XR and other new and emerging technologies.

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**Zoe Karathanasi**, Counsellor, Permanent Delegation of Greece to the OECD at Government Administration

Zoe is a skilled policy analyst with an extensive track record in liaison and communications, complemented by substantial experience in providing high-quality copyediting services for the OECD and the Greek Permanent Delegation. A graduate of King's College with a solid background in public administration and competition policy, Zoe has served as the Delegation's Counsellor on competition policy, trade, and education for the past nine years. She is recognized for her impeccable communication and organizational skills, as well as her expertise in devising and delivering messages tailored to diverse audiences.

Passionate about writing, Zoe is currently completing a Master's Degree in Creative Writing with a specialization in Poetry at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU).

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**Cédric Wachholz**, Chief of Digital Innovation and Transformation Section, UNESCO Communication and Information Sector

Cédric Wachholz, Chief of Section of UNESCO's Digital Innovation and Transformation Section (CI/DIT), which includes multiple Artificial Intelligence (AI) work streams. UNESCO's AI work focuses on the human rights and ethical dimension of AI and on the use of frontier technologies for attaining the UN Sustainable Development Goals, through advocacy, capacity and public policy development. UNESCO harnesses AI-related opportunities in its field of competence (education, sciences, culture, communication and information), addresses related risks and serves as a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on AI innovations for development. Previously, as Chief of the Executive Office of UNESCO's Communication and Information (CI) Sector, Cédric provided strategic decision-making support to the Assistant Director-General for CI on the management of the Sector's activities, budget and staff (Jan. 2017 until Feb. 19). Before, he coordinated UNESCO's World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) follow-up, covering a wide range of ICT issues in the fields of the Sciences, Culture, Education and Communication and Information, also including Internet Governance.

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