

1. About the Global AI Policy Research Network

The Global AI Policy Research Network (GlobAlpol) is a community of practice that serves as a platform for policy researchers and professionals to advance responsible AI policy research, evidence-based insights and actionable strategies for stakeholders across academia, industry, public sector, and civil society. AI policy research has emerged as an essential guide to navigating the complex interplay between technological innovation and societal impact. It ensures that we guide advancements in AI in alignment with ethical, legal, and social priorities.

The network was established following the inaugural AI Policy Research Summit in Stockholm, November, 2024. The inaugural summit was a joint initiative led and organized by the [AI Policy Lab](#), Umeå, Sweden, and [Mila - Quebec AI Institute](#), Montreal, Canada. The summit brought together a community eager to address the need for better synergies between research, policy and impact to realize responsible, equitable and sustainable AI for the benefit of all.

A core objective of the GlobAlpol network is to inform global approaches to AI governance by sharing best practices and fostering collaboration on developing AI policy. This includes advancing responsible AI policy research that meets the growing need for governance grounded in ethical, transparent, and evidence-based practices to shape inclusive and trustworthy policies. The network takes an interdisciplinary and multistakeholder approach to holistically address the complex challenges and opportunities that arise with these developments. Through these objectives, the network works for effective knowledge exchange to bridge the gap between AI policy research and practice.

Read more about the network's commitments in the [Roadmap for AI Policy Research](#).

2. The Global AI Policy Research Summit

The GlobAlpol network organizes the annual Global AI Policy Research Summit. The Summit invites representatives from AI policy research institutes and key policy actors globally to actively participate and engage in knowledge exchange to advance the core objectives and principles of the network. Parts of the Summit are dedicated to exchanges on evidence-based policy and good governance practices, inviting other key stakeholders in AI policy with relevant experience and expertise. To enrich discussions and outcomes, the Summit prioritizes geographic, disciplinary, and sectoral diversity among its participants.

The annual Global AI Policy Research Summit rotates hosts to ensure diverse global perspectives. Potential host institutions, often members of the GlobAlpol network, may volunteer or be selected during the annual summit for the upcoming year. Collaborative hosting arrangements with partner organizations are encouraged to broaden regional engagement and pool resources, further enriching the summit experience for all attendees.

The summit program is built upon the active participation and expertise of the global AI policy research network. A 'Call for Contributions' is issued annually to shape a relevant and dynamic agenda. Accepted contributions directly inform the program's content and identify key speakers and session leaders.

3. Core Principles

The GlobAlpol network is guided by the [AI Policy Research Roadmap](#), which was developed through collaborative discussions at the inaugural AI Policy Research Summit in Stockholm, in November 2024. The roadmap reflects a shared vision for advancing research and collaboration for responsible AI policy and governance and includes a number of core principles:

- **Human and Planetary Welfare:** Research must prioritize the development of policies that enhance individual and collective well-being while promoting human rights and environmental sustainability. This includes systematically addressing direct and indirect environmental impacts of AI systems, such as biodiversity, the ecosystem, energy and water consumption, and electronic waste, and aligning AI deployment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In particular, AI policy research should address issues of exploitation within AI development. This concerns both the hardware (mineral extraction) as well as exploitative work practices where data workers often have little to no autonomy and where psychologically and physically demanding tasks, e.g., removing toxic content, are outsourced without proper compensation and labour rights.
- **Accountability and Transparency:** AI policy research should advocate for, and provide the tools and methods to support, decision-making processes that are transparent, evidence-based, and accountable. This entails creating frameworks for accessible, relevant, and reliable explainability in AI systems and ensuring that policymakers and stakeholders understand the risks, assumptions, and trade-offs involved in AI governance. The transparency principle underscores the importance of traceability in AI system design, implementation, deployment, and, whenever possible, reproducibility.
- **Inclusivity, Diversity, and Capacity Building:** Effective AI policy research must address disparities in access to AI technologies, their benefits, and AI-related decision-making processes especially in underrepresented or historically marginalized communities. This includes examining issues such as data bias, unequal distribution of AI advancements and resources or AI risks, and systemic barriers to participation in AI ecosystems on local, regional and global levels. Promoting diversity in AI governance is essential to ensuring that AI serves a wide range of societal interests.

- **Ethical Research Practices and Institutional Responsibility:** AI policy research and collaborations must adhere to rigorous ethical standards that ensure innovation aligns with societal well-being. This involves upholding principles of fairness, institutional responsibility, accountability, human-centered values, human rights, robustness, safety, and inclusiveness throughout the research process. Researchers should be guided by established frameworks, such as those from OECD and UNESCO, to maintain transparency, integrity, and methodological rigour. By fostering trust and credibility, these practices ensure not only responsible research but also institutional accountability and a commitment to ethical governance in shaping the future of AI.
- **Ethical Governance:** Governance should be guided by ethical considerations that balance innovation with societal impact, following principles of fairness, accountability, human-centered values, human rights, robustness, safety, and inclusiveness as advocated by principles and guidelines such as OECD and UNESCO. AI policy research provides the much-needed scientific evidence to support and refine these guidelines. By grounding governance principles in scientific theories and empirical research, AI policy research ensures that ethical frameworks remain actionable, measurable, and responsive to evolving challenges, fostering responsible AI policy and governance.
- **Equitable economic growth:** AI policy research should focus on ensuring that the economic benefits of AI are distributed fairly across society, promoting opportunities for underrepresented communities and fostering inclusive growth. This includes addressing systemic economic inequalities exacerbated by AI adoption, supporting policies that create equitable access to AI-driven markets and resources, and encouraging sustainable market practices that prevent monopolistic dependencies. By prioritizing fairness and inclusivity in economic frameworks, AI policy can contribute to shared prosperity and long-term economic resilience.

4. Guiding Actions and Roadmap

To work towards these Core Principles, the Global AI Policy Network undertakes to:

- 1. Establish a Community of Practice:** Develop networks and platforms for researchers,
- 2. Promote visiting AI Policy Fellowships:** Create fellowship opportunities to build stronger connections between researchers and policymakers, enabling practical exchange of knowledge and alignment of research with policy needs
- 3. Organize the annual AI Policy Research Summit:** Host an annual forum to bring together stakeholders for discussions, knowledge-sharing, and collaborative reflection on AI policy research progress and priorities.
- 4. Put out Calls to Action on AI Policy:** Engage a broad range of stakeholders through targeted campaigns to promote the adoption of ethical, evidence-based AI policies and governance frameworks.
- 5. Produce AI Policy Briefs:** Develop and distribute concise, actionable, and timely briefs to communicate research findings and policy recommendations effectively to decision-makers.
- 6. Support Student and Staff Exchange and Capacity Building:** Facilitate academic exchanges, exchanges between industry and academia, and interdisciplinary programs to train future leaders in AI policy research and governance, fostering a globally connected and informed community.
- 7. Promote AI Literacy:** Promote AI literacy for people of all ages through accessible media, educational programs, and public engagement efforts, ensuring a widespread understanding of AI's impact, opportunities, and risks.

5. Membership

The Global AI Policy Research Network (GlobAIpol) is a community of practice that serves as a platform for policy researchers and professionals to advance responsible AI policy research, evidence-based insights and actionable strategies for stakeholders across academia, industry, public sector, and civil society. Whereas the Global AI Policy Research Summit primarily invites representatives of AI Policy Research Institutes for active participation to advance the core objectives and principles of the network, membership in the network at large can be extended to interested policy researchers and professionals for continuous knowledge exchange and capacity building to advance responsible AI policy research.

New members will be assessed on a rolling basis and can be suggested by an existing member or apply for consideration independently. In both cases, the prospective member will be asked to provide a brief explanation of how their work aligns with GlobAIpol core principles.

6. Governance

The formation and strategic development of the Global AI Policy Research Network (GlobAIpol) are overseen by a Steering Committee, which guides the network's overall direction and growth. Steering committee members volunteer on a two-year rotating basis.

The planning and execution of the annual Global AI Policy Research Summit are managed by a distinct Organization Committee, specifically tasked with ensuring the success and impact of the event. The Organization Committee may include upcoming host institutes, participants from former summit organization, members from Steering Committee and others.

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