



AI4PEOPLE SUMMIT 2025

AS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESHAPES INDUSTRIES,  
IT IS CRITICAL TO VIEW AI GOVERNANCE NOT MERELY  
AS A REGULATORY OBLIGATION BUT AS AN ETHICAL  
IMPERATIVE

# ADVANCING ETHICAL AI GOVERNANCE SUMMIT

2 - 3 DECEMBER 2025  
VIRTUAL EVENT

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The AI4People Summit is scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd 2025 as a virtual event. Organized by the AI4People Institute together with Atomium – European Institute for Science and Democracy the Summit aims to advance concrete discourse and drive actionable progress in artificial intelligence (AI) governance and regulation, embedding ethics at the core of responsible AI innovation and development.

Building upon the insights from the Paris AI Action Summit, the Summit will convene key stakeholders to facilitate cross-communication and collaboration aimed at achieving tangible and real-world outcomes.

While AI innovation is essential, it must be accompanied by robust governance and clear technical standards to support human flourishing. In line with this vision, the summit moves beyond compliance and champions a future where rigorous risk management, fundamental rights impact assessments, human oversight, and proactive measures in cybersecurity and environmental sustainability are central to every breakthrough, ensuring that ethical oversight is an integral part of AI's evolution.

Ultimately, AI should remain a tool for human empowerment, promoting self-determination and societal well-being.

A key highlight of the event is the presentation of the AI4People Institute's Report on a Proportional Approach to Ethical AI Requirements. This report presents a comprehensive framework that reimagines ethics as the core driver of AI development. It addresses the challenges posed by general-purpose AI models while emphasizing transparency, explainability, and inclusivity—setting a new benchmark for responsible, innovative, and sustainable AI.

## 2 DECEMBER 2025

### OPENING SESSION (11:00 - 12:30)

**Roberta Metsola**, President, European Parliament (TBC)

**Robert Madelin**, Chairman of the Advisory Board at AI4people Institute; former Director General of DG CONNECT, European Commission

**Kristian Vigenin**, Member of the European Parliament and LIBE member

**Virginia Dignum**, Professor of Computer Science at Umea University

**Kilian Gross**, Deputy Director, AI Office and Director-designate for Enabling and Emerging Technologies.

**Dame Wendy Hall**, Regius Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton

**Serban Georgescu**, CEO of Fujitsu Research of Europe

**Michelangelo Baracchi Bonvincini**, President, AI4People Institute and Atomium European Institute for Science and Democracy

### PRESENTATION AI4PEOPLE REPORT (12:30 - 13:00)

The report outlines a comprehensive ethical framework that goes beyond mere compliance by integrating robust risk management, fundamental rights impact assessments, human oversight, and measures to ensure accuracy, robustness, and cybersecurity.

**Burkhard Schafer**, Professor of Computational Legal Theory, University of Edinburgh, Chairman Scientific Committee AI4People Institute

**Virginia Ghiara**, Senior Research Manager – AI Governance Fujitsu Research of Europe Ltd (FRE), Coordinator Working Group AI4People Institute

**Rónán Kennedy**, Senior Lecturer at University of Galway

**Amanda Horzyk**, Doctoral Researcher in Designing Responsible Natural Language Processing at University of Edinburgh

**Flavia Massucci**, Compliant Digital Transformation at Banca Intesa San Paolo

**Patrice Chazerand**, Director of Public Affairs at AI4People Institute

### WORKING SESSIONS (15:15 - 18:30)

## 3 DECEMBER 2025

### WORKING SESSIONS (09:30 -12:00)

# WORKING GROUP I

2 DECEMBER 2025



## CREATING A TRUSTWORTHY AI-ENABLED FUTURE (15:15 - 17:45)

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At this session, speakers will focus on the intricate balance between fairness and privacy, exploring how these principles intersect or conflict in the pursuit of trustworthy AI. As breakthroughs in AI reshape sectors like healthcare and finance, the challenge of harmonizing equitable outcomes with robust data protection becomes ever more critical. Speakers will delve deep into issues such as bias mitigation, fair decision-making, and enhancing transparency and explainability. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies and a comprehensive roadmap for creating trustworthy AI systems that align with societal values and human dignity.

1. What practical strategies have proven effective for ensuring fairness and protecting privacy in real-world AI deployments?
2. What interdisciplinary approaches should be adopted to establish who sets the benchmarks for trust?
3. Given the documented cases of bias in AI, what additional measures can be implemented to systematically detect and mitigate these biases throughout the AI development lifecycle?

## SPEAKERS

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**David Danks**, Professor of Data Science, Philosophy, and Policy at UCSD

**Andreas Kaminski**, Professor for Philosophy of Science and Technology at Technische Universität Darmstadt

**Jean-Michel Loubes**, Research Director, Inria

**Jo Pierson**, Full Professor of Responsible Digitalisation, Hasselt University

**Andreas Schwab**, Member of the European Parliament, IMCO EPP Group Coordinator

**Ann Skeet**, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University

**Suresh Venkatasubramanian**, Computer Scientist and Professor of Data Sciences and Humanities at Brown University

Moderated by **Burkhard Schafer**, Professor of Computational Legal Theory, University of Edinburgh



# WORKING GROUP 2

## 2 DECEMBER 2025



### BUILDING SUSTAINABLE AI FOR A GREENER FUTURE (15:15 - 17:45)

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In today's era of transformative AI innovation, we must also address its environmental implications. This session critically examines AI's ecological footprint - from energy and water consumption to carbon emissions and resource utilization - while highlighting pioneering strategies that harness AI for sustainable development. Experts will present the latest research and initiatives that drive ecofriendly innovations across industries, and discuss practical approaches to reduce the environmental impact of AI systems. Together, we'll explore how AI can be designed and deployed not only as a catalyst for progress but also as a guardian of our planet.

1. What frameworks are needed to prevent a "greenwashing" effect in AI sustainability efforts, ensuring that companies genuinely reduce environmental harm rather than just marketing sustainability?
2. How can we develop a universal metric for measuring AI's energy consumption, water usage, and carbon footprint across different models and infrastructures?
3. How can international coalitions ensure equitable access to low-carbon AI infrastructure for developing nations?
4. How can we balance the growing computational demands of cutting-edge AI with the urgent need for sustainable energy practices?

### SPEAKERS

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**Ganesh Kumar Bukka**, Vice President & Global Head Industry 4.0 at Hitachi Digital Services

**Junfeng Jiao**, Associate professor and Director of Ethical AI program at University of Texas at Austin

**Sarvapali (Gopal) Ramchurn**, Professor of AI in the School of Electronics and Computer Science at University of Southampton

**Antoine Rostand**, President and Founder of Kayrros

**Ricardo Vinuesa**, Associate Professor in the department of Aerospace Engineering, University of Michigan

Moderated by **Patrice Chazerand**, Director of Public Affairs at AI4People Institute; Former Director of Public affairs, Digital Europe



# WORKING GROUP 3

## 2 DECEMBER 2025



### NAVIGATING A WORLD TRANSFORMED BY AI (16:00 - 18:30)

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AI is fundamentally altering the way we live, work, and interact, with profound implications for all sectors of society. Through diverse perspectives, this session will outline the pathways for integrating AI into society in a way that aligns with human values, emphasizing the roles of governments, businesses, and individuals in shaping a just and sustainable AI-driven future. The discussion will focus on the ethical and regulatory considerations that must accompany AI's growth, especially in balancing technological progress with societal well-being.

1. With AI systems increasingly influencing decisions traditionally made by humans, how do we safeguard human autonomy?
2. What design principles or safeguards can be implemented to guarantee that AI remains a tool under human control rather than evolving into an autonomous force?

### SPEAKERS

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**Danielle Allen**, James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard University; Director of GETTING Plurality Research Network

**Ziyaad Bhorat**, Senior Advisor, AI Ecosystem Strategy, Mozilla

**Rishi Bommasani**, Society Lead at Stanford Center for Research on Foundation Models

**Frincy Clement**, Head of North America and Board Director at Women in AI

**Sennay Ghebreab**, Professor of Socially Intelligent AI, University of Amsterdam

**Olaf Groth**, Professor at Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley

**Pierre Lévy**, Associate Professor at Université de Montréal

**Aida Ponce Del Castillo**, Law, Science & Technology, Foresight at the European Trade Union Institute

**Jacob Livingston Slosser**, Director of Research, Sapien Institute; iCourts Global Fellow, University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law

**Anthony Vetro**, President and CEO of Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories

Moderated by **Luca Bertuzzi**, Senior AI correspondent at MLex

# WORKING GROUP 4

## 3 DECEMBER 2025



### AI'S INFLUENCE ON SCIENCE AND THE HUMANITIES (9:30 - 12:00)

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AI is revolutionizing every field, transcending traditional boundaries to reshape how we create, share, and preserve knowledge. This session delves into AI's transformative role in both the sciences and humanities. In research, AI accelerates discovery by processing vast datasets and revealing complex patterns that enhance experimental design. In education and cultural preservation, it personalizes learning, supports adaptive teaching, and revitalizes our cultural heritage through advanced digital archiving and immersive experiences. Join us as we explore how ethical and responsible AI is bridging disciplines to foster innovation, inclusivity, and human flourishing. Recent global discussions have led to frameworks for responsibly integrating AI into scientific research and cultural preservation—resulting in initiatives such as a detailed mapping of AI challenges in journalism and the development of opensource tools for detecting AI-generated content. This session builds on these advancements.

1. How is AI currently reshaping research methods and academic collaboration in your field?
2. In what ways has AI reshaped how knowledge is preserved, translated, and disseminated in the humanities?
3. How is AI influencing the peer review process and academic publishing across different fields?

### SPEAKERS

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**Arisa Ema**, Japanese sociologist at University of Tokyo

**Magnus Franklin**, Managing Director, Teneo

**Iryna Gurevych**, Professor at the Department of Computer Science of the Technical University of Darmstadt

**Vincent C. Müller**, Director, Centre for Philosophy and AI Research at Eindhoven University of Technology

Moderated by **Rónán Kennedy**, Associate Professor in the School of Law, University of Galway



# WORKING GROUP 5

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## AI IN HEALTHCARE (9:30 - 12:00)

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AI is revolutionizing healthcare by driving advancements in diagnosis, treatment, and personalized medicine. This working session will examine the latest AI applications in fields such as medical imaging, genomics, and digital pathology. At the same time, AI is playing a crucial role in public health by uncovering trends, optimizing resource allocation, and crafting effective prevention strategies. Despite these promising developments, challenges related to fairness, transparency, interpretability, data privacy, and regulatory compliance still pose significant obstacles. Experts from AI, medicine, and computer science will share their insights on recent innovations and outline strategies to overcome these barriers, paving the way for healthcare solutions that are both effective and ethically robust.

1. What essential components should a standalone healthcare framework for AI include to ensure clinical effectiveness? (follow up: How can such a framework integrate robust ethical oversight to address issues of fairness, transparency, interpretability, and data privacy?)
2. In what unexpected ways could AI transform patient care beyond improving efficiency and diagnostics?

## SPEAKERS

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**Ran Balicer**, Public Health Professor at the Ben-Gurion University, Israel

**Karyn Baum**, Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Minnesota

**Guillaume Bernard**, Computer Research Engineer at LNE

**Donald Combs**, Senior Associate Vice President and Dean, EVMS School of Health Professions at Old Dominion University

**Elisa Gastaldi**, Head of Office - Government Affairs & EU Policy at Siemens Healthineers

**Marco Lorenzi**, tenured research scientist at the Inria Center of University Côte d'Azur

**Alison Noble**, Technikos Professor of Biomedical Engineering, University of Oxford

**Kristian Vigenin**, Member of the European Parliament, LIBE Member

Moderated by **Fausto Pedro Garcia Marquez**, Full Professor at Castilla-La Mancha University, Spain (UCLM)

# WORKING GROUP 6

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## ADVANCING ETHICAL AI THROUGH GOVERNANCE AND GLOBAL STANDARDS (9:30 - 12:00)

This session will explore how international standards and regulatory frameworks for AI can establish an ecosystem that not only safeguards human dignity and flourishing but also drives innovation. Building on recent high-level international initiatives—including the convening of the UN AI Scientific Panel, which brought together representatives from numerous nations to commit to maintaining human control over lethal autonomous systems—and the subsequent publication of a comprehensive global mapping of AI governance, this session aims to further coordinate regulatory efforts through ongoing ministerial dialogues.

1. How can we accelerate the development and widespread adoption of open technical standards to ensure interoperability and accountability in AI systems?
2. Considering the outcomes of the UN AI Scientific Panel and the global mapping of AI governance, what are the most critical regulatory gaps that need to be addressed to ensure both innovation and the protection of fundamental rights?
3. What policies are needed to create equitable access to AI infrastructures (e.g., cloud computing, data centers) for startups and smaller economies, preventing monopolization by a few dominant players?
4. How can we harmonize public policies across different jurisdictions to prevent regulatory fragmentation while allowing for localized governance that respects cultural and societal differences?

## SPEAKERS

**Nooshin Amirifar**, Team Leader & account manager Electrotechnology & ICT Standardization at CEN & CENELEC

**Virginia Dignum**, Professor of Computer Science at Umeå University

**Touradj Ebrahimi**, Professor at EPFL and convenor of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC29/WG 1 on JPEG normalization

**Ansgar Koene**, Global AI Ethics and Regulatory Leader, EY

**Lyse Langlois**, Director General, International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technology (OBVIA)

**Albina Ovcearenco**, Secretary to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence at the Council of Europe

**Enrico Panai**, Professor of AI and NLP in Decision Making at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

**Jeannie Paterson**, Professor of Law and the Director of the Centre for AI and Digital Ethics, University of Melbourne

**Toby Walsh**, Laureate Fellow & Scientia Professor of AI at the School of CSE, UNSW Sydney

Moderated by **Robert Madelin**, Member Scientific Committee AI4People Institute, former Director General DG Connect, European Commission



# WORKING GROUP 7

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## OPTIMIZING BASE MODELS FOR RESPONSIBLE AI PROGRESS (9:30 - 12:00)

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As foundational AI models are refined, the field faces pivotal opportunities and challenges in guiding humanity towards ethical progress. This session will explore the necessary steps and innovations to ensure that agentic systems benefit humanity and its environment. Real world applications such as autonomous disaster response and climate-smart AI tools will be spotlighted. Leveraging concrete outcomes from recent international initiatives—most notably, the launch of the “Current AI” foundation, which emphasizes data transparency, open AI tools, and responsible development—this session takes a significant step toward supporting the creation of ethically built base models.

1. How can we incentivize academics to become leaders and innovators in AI?
2. What risks or advantages are associated with personifying (attributing human qualities such as emotions, personality, etc..) base models? Does personifying them help responsible AI progress?
3. What do you envision as the next critical steps for integrating responsibility into the lifecycle of AI model

## SPEAKERS

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**Vincent Conitzer**, Professor of computer science and philosophy at Oxford University

**Jimmy Farrell**, EU AI Policy Lead at Pour Demain

**Ece Kamar**, VP and Lab Director of AI Frontiers, Microsoft Research

**Andreas Krause**, Professor of Computer Science at ETH Zurich

**Conrad Tucker**, Trustee Professor of Mechanical Engineering at CMU

**Eric Xing**, Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University; Co-Founder and Chief Scientist at GenBio AI

Moderated by **Amanda Horzyk**, Doctoral Researcher in Designing Responsible Natural Language Processing at University of Edinburgh



# SPECIAL SESSION

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### DEFENDING SOCIETY FROM DISINFORMATION AND MISINFORMATION (9:30 - 12:00)

This special session will explore the growing influence of disinformation and misinformation on modern society. Experts and representatives from diverse sectors will examine how false or misleading information undermines democratic systems, disrupts key industries, and affects the integrity of research and innovation. The session will also highlight emerging strategies and collaborative initiatives aimed at countering these threats, showcasing new research and technological solutions designed to strengthen societal resilience in the face of information manipulation.

1. Which technologies and regulatory frameworks show the most promise in detecting and mitigating the spread of disinformation?
2. How to balance the need to fight disinformation with the protection of freedom of expression online?
3. In what way do governments, industry and civil society experience and respond to the risk of disinformation and misinformation?

### SPEAKERS

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**Sofia Ananiadou**, Professor in the School of Computer Science at the University of Manchester

**Guillaume Avrin**, Chief Go-to-Market Officer at Arlequin AI

**Federica Russo**, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics of Techno-Science at Utrecht University

**Riza Theresa Batista-Navarro**, Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester

**Andrea Cosentini**, Head of Data Science & Responsible AI at Banca Intesa Sanpaolo

**Eleonore Vissol-Gaudin**, Senior Researcher at Fujitsu Research

**Yiannis Kompatsiaris**, AI4Media Coordinator and Director at the Information Technologies Institute

**Amelie Favreau**, Professor of Digital Law & Intellectual property Law at University Grenoble-Alpes

Moderated by **Virginia Ghiara**, Senior Research Manager of AI Ethics at Fujitsu