

The Politics of AI: Citizen Perceptions, Preferences, and Priorities

Lecture Theatre, Nuffield College, Oxford

13th – 14th November 2025



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The workshop is open to the public. To register your attendance, please follow this [link](#).

| Thursday, 13 th November | |
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| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome and introduction (Ben Ansell & Matthias Haslberger) |
| 9:15 – 12:15 | Session 1: AI and the future of welfare states (Chair: Thomas Kurer) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juliana Chueri, Carlo Knotz, Flavia Fossati: Who's afraid of AI? The drivers and political consequences of perceived vulnerability to AI• Ranjit Lall: The political economy of artificial intelligence: Evidence from Western Europe• Matthias Haslberger, Patrick Emmenegger, Jane Gingrich, Jasmine Bhatia: How do people reason about social protection in the AI economy?• Gaetano Inglese: From aspiration to disillusion? Occupational expectations, fairness beliefs and redistribution preferences |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Presenters' Lunch (<i>Fellows' Dining Room</i>) |
| 13:15 – 16:15 | Session 2: AI in the context of new societal cleavages (Chair: Matthias Haslberger) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna Wilson, Juliana Chueri, Carlo Maria Dimitri: Canaries in the coal mine: How platform workers' experiences of automation threats shape political preferences• Paolo Agnolin, Valentina Gonzalez-Rostani: When machines manage: Workers' demands and trade union responses to AI• Gregorio Buzzelli, Francesco Nicoli: The fiscal trade-off of AI eco-social risks: Evidence from a novel randomized survey experiment• Julian Limberg, Sebastian Diessner, Niccolo Durazzi, Federico Filetti, David Hope, Hanna Kleider, Simone Tonelli: What's so scary about artificial intelligence? Public perceptions on risks and opportunities from new AI technologies |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | Coffee break |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Academia and practice roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Burn-Murdoch (Chief Data Reporter, Financial Times)• Julian Jacobs (Researcher, Google DeepMind)• Ben Ansell (University of Oxford) |
| 18:45 – 19:15 | Drinks reception (<i>Senior Common Room</i>) |
| 19:15 | Workshop dinner (<i>Fellows' Dining Room</i>) |

| Friday, 14th November | |
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| 10:15 – 10:30 | Coffee break |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | <p>Session 3: AI policy and regulation (Chair: Nicole Wu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shir Raviv, Tamar Mitts: How elites mobilize public support for AI governance • Aina Gallego: Attitudes towards AI regulation • Zack Grant, Jane Green, Geoffrey Evans: New tech, new threat? Occupational exposure to artificial intelligence increases support for AI regulation |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Presenters' Lunch (<i>Junior Common Room</i>) |
| 13:30 – 16:30 | <p>Session 4: Algorithmic decision-making and interactions with AI (Chair: Shir Raviv)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Zenklusen, Pradeep Krishnan, Eri Bertsou: Public attitudes toward AI governance models: Evidence from vignette experiments • Siegfried Manschein, Carmen Ramírez Folch: Algorithmic justice and gender-based violence: Fairness, alignment, and public perception • Semra Sevi, Can Mekik: AI weakens, but does not strengthen, political attitudes • Nicole Wu, Patrick Wu, Anil Menon: The truth we prompt: How user partisanship shapes AI interactions |
| 16:30 | End of workshop |

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Please note that there will be photography at the event.