

Al Policy Clinic Meeting #1

CAIDP Research Group September 8, 2025







Welcome to the CAIDP Al Policy Clinic, Fall 2025 Cohort!



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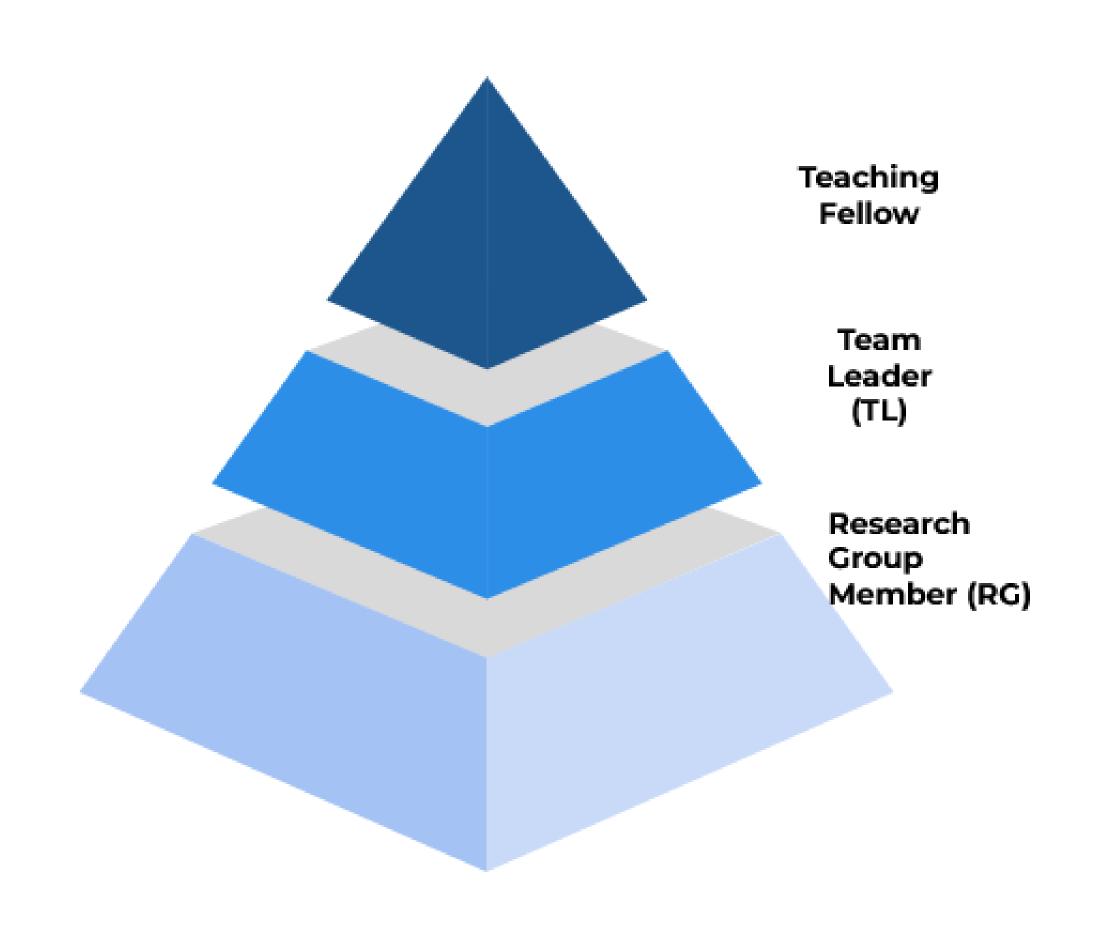
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5 Teaching **Fellows** 53 Team Leaders (leading 15 sub-groups) 358 Research **Group Members**

3-4 TLs per sub-group 24 RGs per sub-group

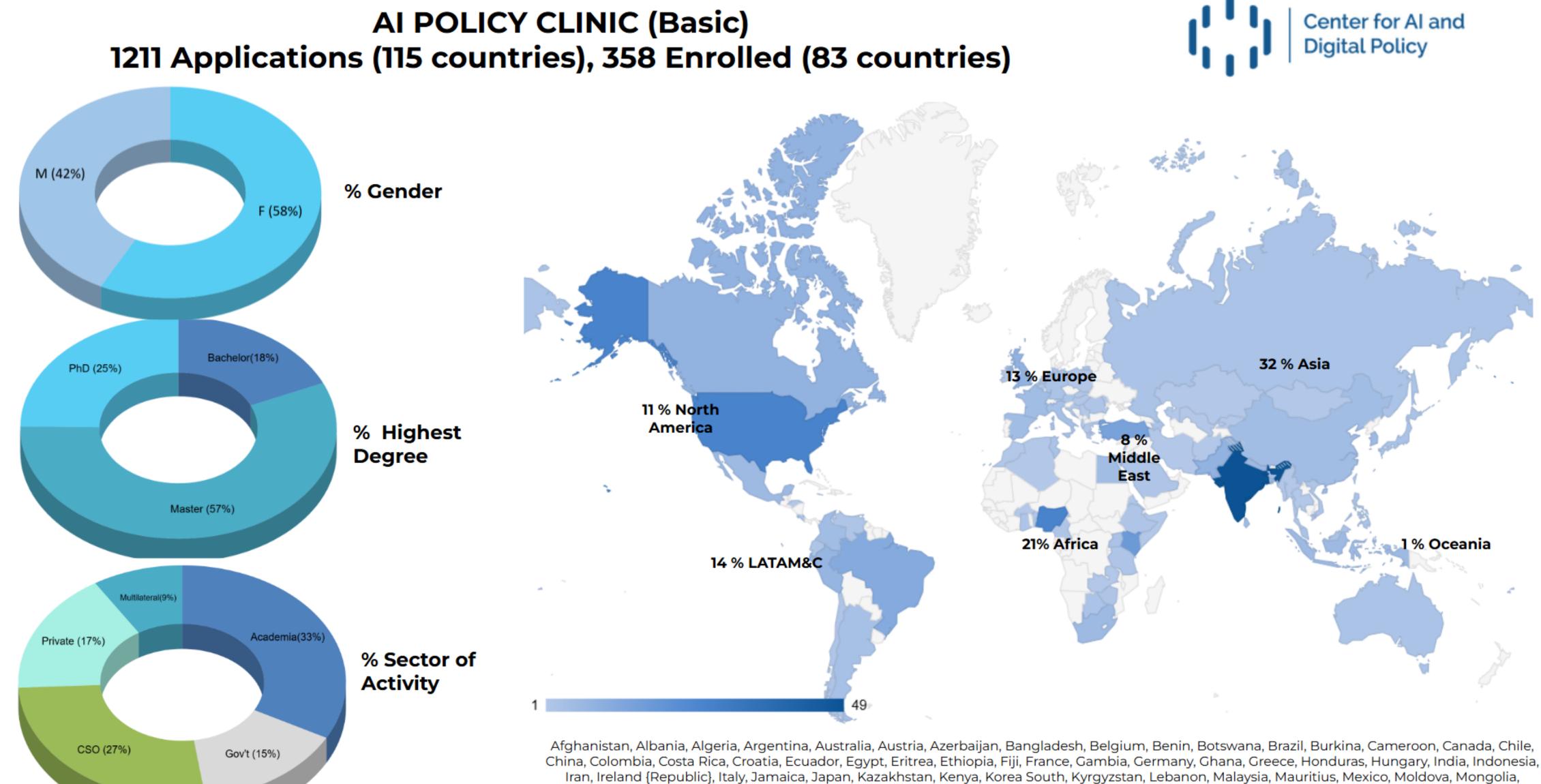




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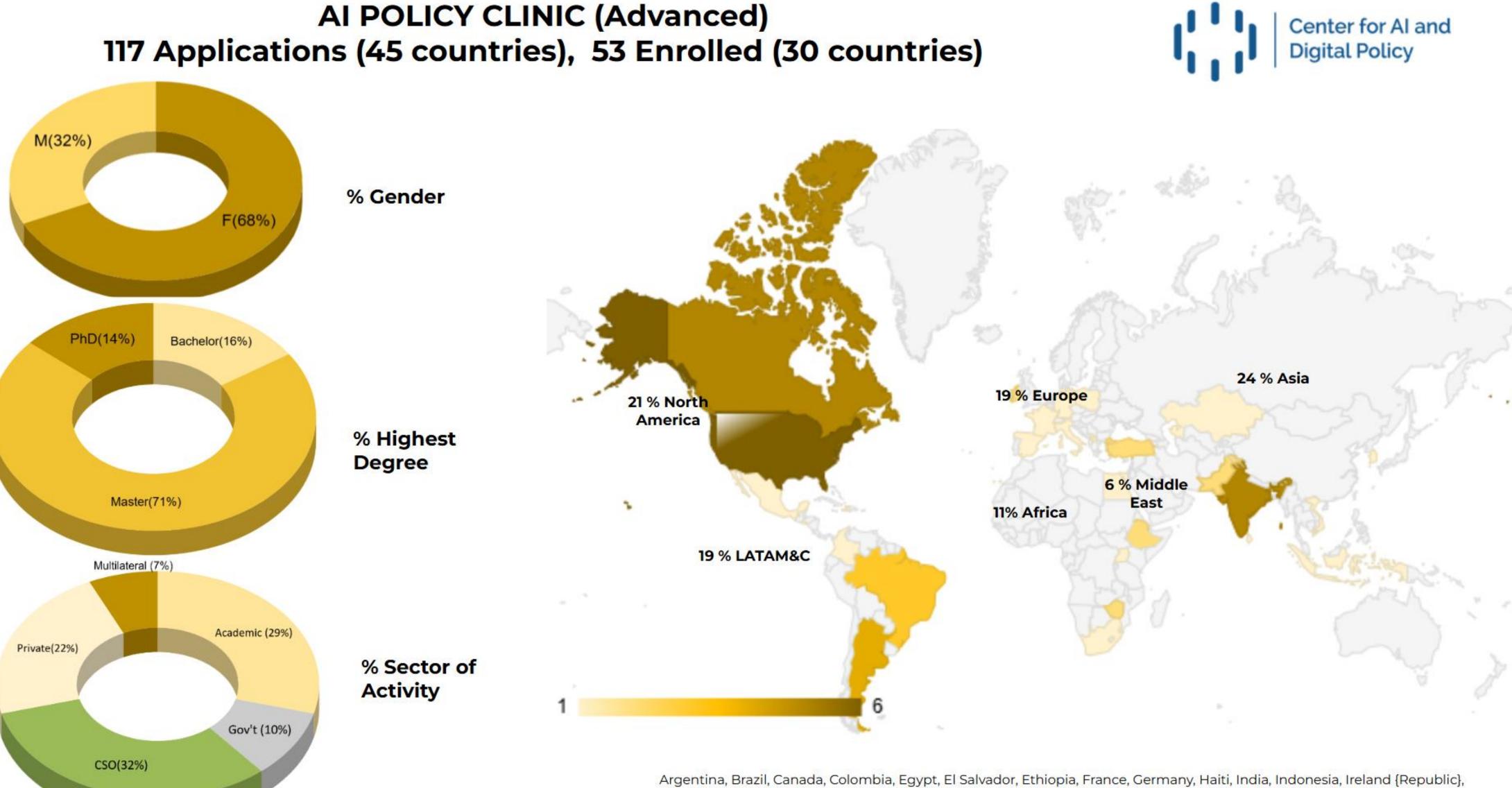
- •First, refer to Syllabus, Welcome Pack or Moodle.
- •If no answer, first point of contact is Team Leader





Morocco, Myanmar, {Burma}, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.







About CAIDP

- Trains the next generation of AI policy leaders
- Advocates & Supports Al initiatives, projects, and campaigns that safeguard rule of law, democratic institutions, and fundamental rights
- Researches & Publishes commentaries on Al policy
- Advises national governments and international organizations on Al policies and practices
- Promotes the Global Academic Network
- Organizes educational events with Al policy experts















































OUR MISSION -

"The Center for AI and Digital Policy aims to promote a better society, more fair, more just —a world where technology promotes broad social inclusion based on fundamental rights, democratic institutions, and the rule of law."



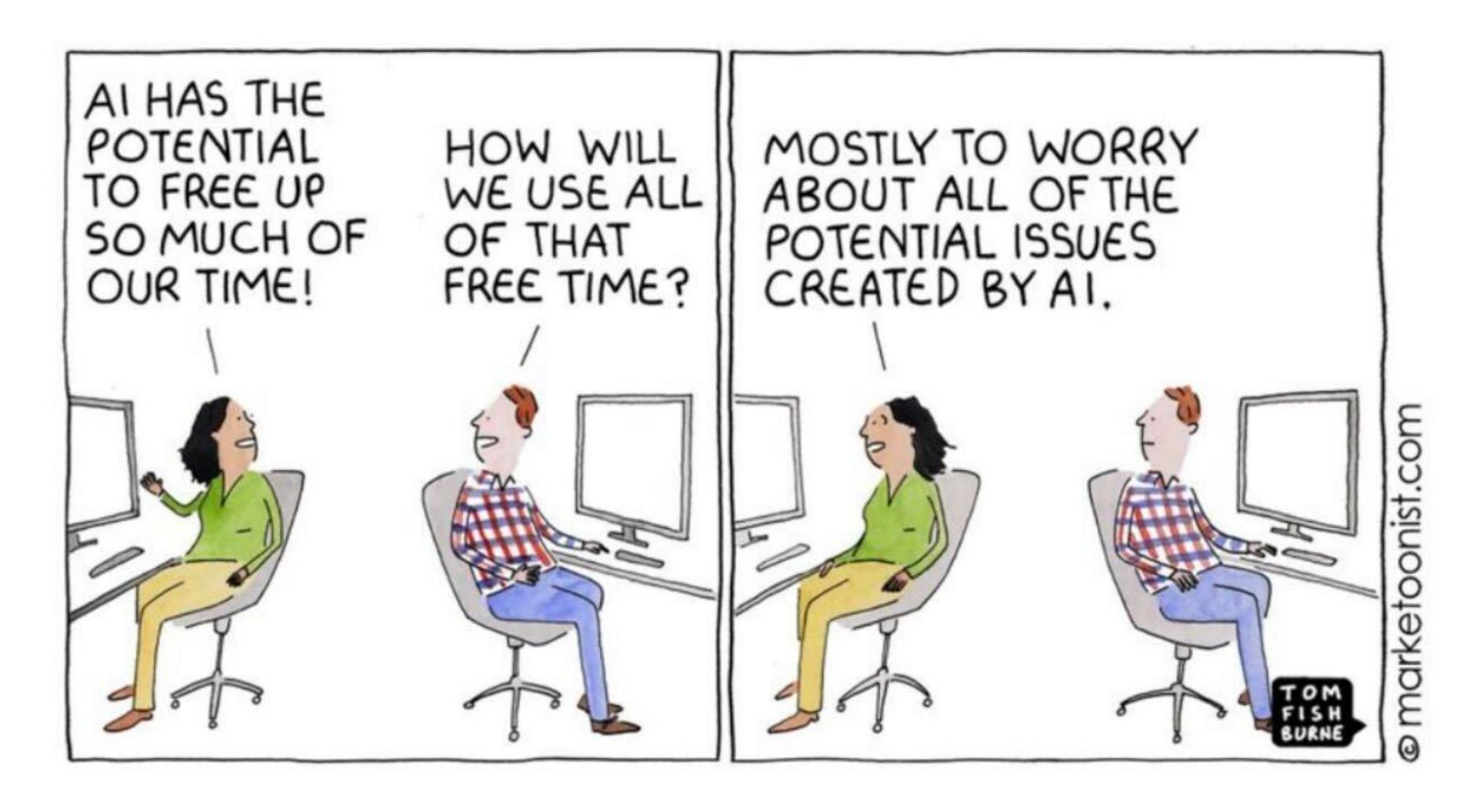
CAIDP's Merve Hickok statement on
Al Policy before the US Congress,
March 8, 2022 - "The U.S. does not
have the guardrails in place, the laws
that we need, the public education,
or the expertise in the government
to manage the consequences of
these rapid technological changes."
[CAIDP - House Hearing on
Advances in Al]







A brief history of Al governance:





Al Governance is not simply about "Al Ethics" or "Responsible Al"



Al Governance is about the laws and policies established to

- (a) promote human-centric and trustworthy Al
- (b) ensure safe, secure, and trustworthy Al
- (c) safeguard democratic values, fundamental rights, and the rule of law
- (d) all of the above





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A Call to Uruguay to Sign and Ratify the International Treaty on AI, Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law

27 March 2025

The Center for Al and Digital Policy (CAIDP), a global network of Al experts and human rights advocates, respectfully urges Uruguay to sign and ratify the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence (the "Al Treaty"). The Treaty is a landmark international agreement designed to safeguard human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. More than 40 nations have already signed the Treaty, underscoring the global commitment to legally binding Al agreemence.



??? was the first Latin
American country to sign
the ??? global Al treaty.





Arvin OBNASCA Aug 26th at 5:55 PM

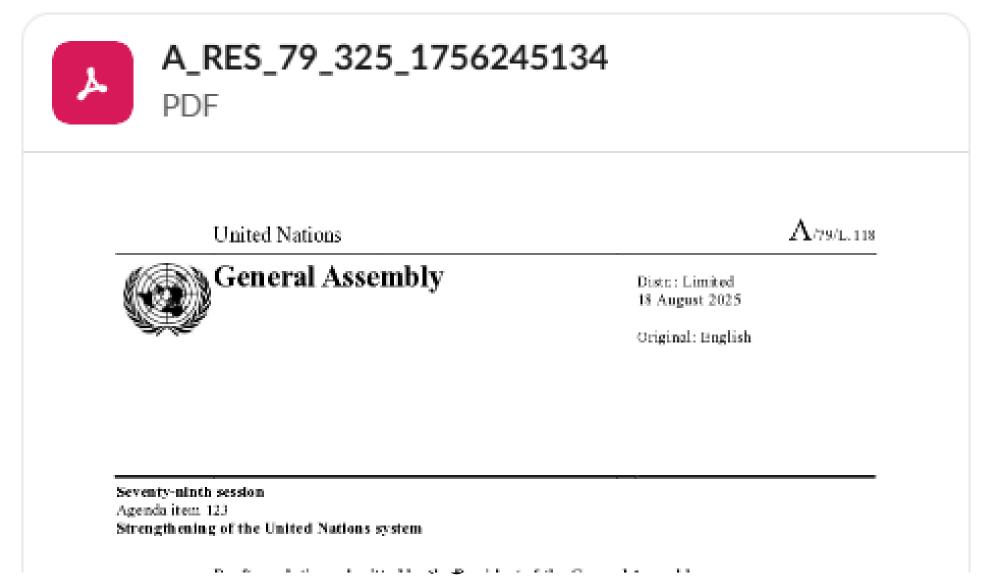
Today, the General Assembly established two new institutions to promote international cooperation on AI: a Global Dialogue

on AI Governance and an Independent Scientific Panel on AI.

An open call for nominations for the Scientific Panel will be launched soon, with annual reports presented at the Global Dialogue in Geneva (2026) and New York (2027).

Reference: United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies

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Secretary-General



26 August 2025

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General – on the General Assembly decision on new artificial intelligence governance mechanisms within the United Nations

Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesman for the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General warmly welcomes the General Assembly's decision to establish two new mechanisms within the United Nations to promote international cooperation on the governance of artificial intelligence (AI).

The establishment of the United Nations Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance marks a significant step forward in global efforts to harness the benefits of artificial intelligence while addressing its risks. This pathbreaking milestone underlines Member States' commitment to build on the Global Digital Compact adopted as part of the Pact for the Future in September 2024.

"The Secretary-General will shortly be launching an open call for nominations for the Scientific Panel, which will present its annual reports at the Global Dialogue on Al Governance to take place in July 2026 in Geneva and 2027 in New York."





Statement of

The Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP)

a the

United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies for delivery at

Global Digital Compact Stakeholder Townhall Meeting (June 2025)

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, thank you for the floor. Thank you to the United Nations (UN) Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) for convening today's Global Digital Compact townhall meeting and to the expert panelists for sharing their insights.

I, Julian Theseira, speak on behalf of the Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP), an independent, global, non-profit that has provided expert guidance on AI policy to the UN on multiple occasions and contributed to prior consultations on the Global Digital Compact and its mandated outcomes. Our remarks today focus on the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance mandated by paragraph 56 of the Global Digital Compact.¹

We at CAIDP note the progress in the Terms of Reference and Modalities for the Establishment and Functioning of the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence and the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance (Rev2). Yet, we highlight that decisive refinements are essential to make these bodies truly human rights centered.

Firstly, we recommend anchoring the mandate of the International Scientific Panel on AI explicitly in human rights and democratic values, and granting a permanent seat to a UN Special Rapporteur on AI and Human Rights³, to ensure that UN expertise on human rights guides and informs international scientific assessment of AI.

Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP)

16 June 2025

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Global Digital Compact

Stakeholder Townhall Meeting

¹ United Nations (UN), Global Digital Compact, September 2024: https://www.un.org/global-digital-compact/sites/default/files/2024-09/Global%20Digital%20Compact%20-%20English_0.pdf

² United Nations (UN), Terms of Reference and Modalities for Al Panel and Dialogue (Rev2), June 2025: https://www.un.org/global-digital-compact/sites/default/files/2025-06/tor_and_modalities_rev_2.pdf

^{*} Marc Rotenberg, The Imperative for a UN Special Rapporteur on AI and Human Rights, Journal of AI Law and Regulation, 2024: https://aire.lexxion.eu/article/aire/2024/1/13/display/html





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BREAKING NEWS - UN Secretary General Launches High-Level Advisory Board

on AI (26 Oct 2023) 🔴 💍 ...more





Global Al Governance A Five-Point Plan for the UN Advisory Board on Al

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30 September 2023

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CAIDP Statement to the UN Global Digital Compact on Al and Human Rights (Aug. 5, 2024)



CAIDP Recommendations on Al Governance to the United National Global Digital Compact (Feb. 8, 2023)



CAIDP Statement to the UN on Al and the Protection of Fundamental Rights (Dec. 9, 2022)



Questions to Ask

- What is the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI? Who are the Members? Who can nominate?
- How to ensure "independence"?
- What are the mechanisms for implementation and enforcement?
- What is the relationship of the UN Scientific Panel on AI to other frameworks? Universal Declaration of Human Rights? EU AI Act related bodies? UNESCO?...
- What is the significance of Independent International Scientific Panel on AI?



The Challenges for Al Policy

- Al is a vast field and changing rapidly
- There are thousands of AI policy experts, organizations, reports, news articles, and resources
- CAIDP anchors its work in <u>objective</u>, <u>authoritative research and analysis</u>
- CAIDP considers both the <u>horizontal</u> (there are many AI policy frameworks) and the <u>vertical</u> development of AI policy (each framework typically has antecedents, e.g. GDPR -> EU AIA, COE 108+ -> COE AI Treaty)



FROM BLOG@CACM

Everything. Everywhere. All at Once: Al Policy When Congress Returns

Here is a quick take on what to look for in Washington and on the broader Al Policy landscape when Congress returns in September.

Marc Rotenberg

From BLOG@CACM | August 24, 2023 at 11:01 AM





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REAKING - Uruguay is the first Latin American country to sign the Council of Europe's global AI treaty |

- Uruguay today signed the Council of Europe's Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, the first-ever international legally binding treaty aimed at ensuring that the use of #AI systems is fully consistent with human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
- O Uruguay has become the first Latin American country to sign the AI Treaty, joining 41 other countries that have endorsed the AI Treaty.
- 🝊 📒 🥐 🍙 In 2024, the Center for AI and Digital Policy launched a global campaign to encourage signature and ratification of the AI Treaty, urging countries around the world to support the first legally binding treaty for AI governance.
- 👉 📑 On 27 March 2025, CAIDP issued a public statement respectfully urging the government of Uruguay to endorse the AI Treaty. CAIDP wrote, "As AI shapes societies worldwide, we urge Uruguay to sign and ratify the AI Treaty and commit to the full inclusion of the private sector under its provisions. By endorsing the treaty, Uruguay would reaffirm its commitment to human rights, democracy, and responsible AI governance, positioning itself as a regional leader in AI development."



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CAIDP Urges Young AI Leaders in Latin America to Set Redlines for AI Systems

- CAIDP is proud to see its long-standing recommendations reflected in the publication that preceded DCN Global's AI for Prosperity: Innovation and Economic Growth in the Americas #BuenosAires (May 2025).
- "This report can serve as a playbook for the Global South young start-up ecosystem, mindful of infrastructure gaps and systemic inequalities. The goal is to ensure the right questions guide #NorthSouthpartnerships and solutions are homegrown, serving the region's unique cultural, economic, and social context," said Ayca Ariyoruk, CAIDP Fellow. "We are especially encouraged to see frameworks like the Universal Guidelines for AI, with values of #human rights woven throughout
- An excerpt from the report :
- "Frameworks such as the Council of Europe's AI Treaty (Council of Europe, 2024) which Latin American countries participated as observer and non-member states (Mexico, Canada, the United States, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Peru and Argentina) are a legal instrument that can inspire national debates, adaptations, and policy development tailored to the region's unique political and economic context, helping set human rights as a foundational reference."

May 2025 (DCN Global's Al for Prosperity: **Innovation and Economic Growth in the Americas**)



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Public Citizen, CAIDP, and 30+ Other Organizations urge OMB to Shut Down Grok

We are proud to join with Public Citizen, Color Of Change, Consumer Federation of America, and 30 other organizations in calling on the Office of Management and Budget to bar the use of #grok in the federal government. Grok fails to comply with the necessary requirements for the acquisition and deployment of AI systems by federal agencies.

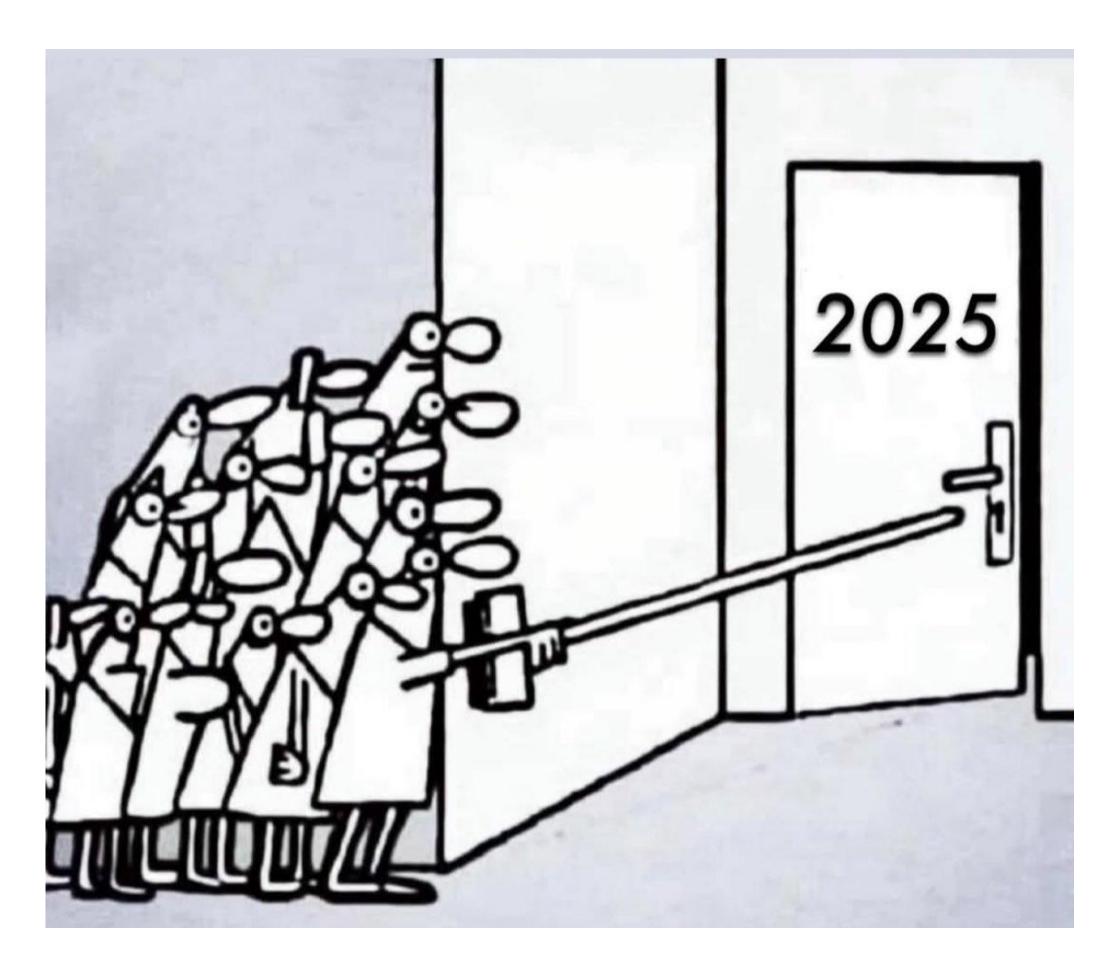
- Executive Order 14099 clearly requires agencies to procure only those LLMs that are truth-seeking (LLMs shall prioritize historical accuracy, scientific inquiry, and objectivity) and ideologically neutral
- The Administration has said that federal AI systems must "objectively reflect truth" rather than social engineering agendas" and be "neutral, nonpartisan tools that do not manipulate responses in favor of ideological dogmas."
- Grok's ideological bias, erratic behavior, and tolerance for hate speech render it wholly incompatible with the Administration's AI principles
- OMB expressly requires agencies to discontinue use of an AI system if proper risk mitigation is not possible
- We respectfully request that OMB, in coordination with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and relevant agencies, explicitly prohibit Grok's use within the federal government.

August 2025 (US – Office of Management & Budget)



Priority Projects – Fall 2025

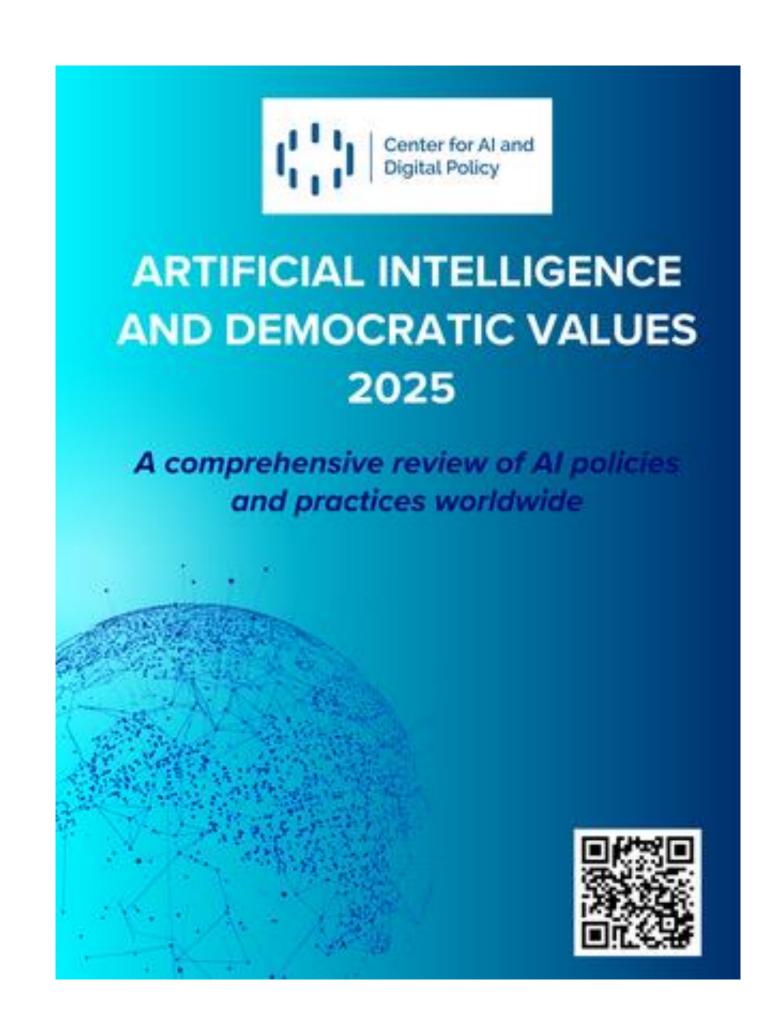
- Concrete recommendations to Global Majority (aligned with CAIDP's mission)
- EU Al Act (implementation)
- Council of Europe Al Treaty (ratification)
- OECD Al Principles & UNESCO Recommendation on Al Ethics (implementation)
- G7 Hiroshima Process (implementation)
- US (Federal & California initiatives)
- Bridge the Al Safety and the Al Fairness Agendas





Ongoing Projects – Fall 2025

- Identify "Significant Al Policy News"
- Identify Public Voice opportunities
- Inform public and policymakers (CAIDP Update)
- Provide expert advice to Al decisionmakers
- Update CAIDP Index





5KP Presentations- Global Al Frameworks

Week 2



Universal Guidelines for AI UGAI 2018



OECD AI Principles/G20 Guidelines 2019

Week 3



Unesco Recommendations on the EThics of AI 2021



Hiroshima Al Process 2023

Week 4



Saudi Al Ethics Principles 2023

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

ASEAN Guide on Al Governance 2024

Week 5



Santiago and Montevideo Declaration on AI 2023/2024



EU Al Act 2024

Week 6



African Union Continental Strategy 2024/The African Declaration on Al 2025



Council of Europe Al Treaty 2024



CAIDP AI Policy Resources

- CAIDP LinkedIn page
- CAIDP website (<u>caidp.org</u>)
- CAIDP Update Weekly Al Policy Newsletter
- CAIDP reports
 - CAIDP Index AI and Democratic Values
 - Al Policy Sourcebook

Familiarize yourself with AI policy resources - look for resources that are objective, timely, reliable



A Note on Philosophy

- The work of CAIDP is objective, authoritative, timely, and accurate
- We will seek to influence global Al policy at the national and global levels
- We favor the protection of fundamental rights, democratic institutions, and the rule of law
- We also believe in professional ethics for Al
- You will develop the skills to become a more effective Al policy analyst, advisor, and advocate



STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR AI POLICY

I recognize that AI systems may impact the opportunities and rights of others.

I recognize that bias is an ongoing challenge in the design and use of AI systems.

I recognize that AI systems may pose a risk to public safety.

I will work to ensure that AI systems are fair, transparent, and accountable.

I will work to ensure that AI systems protect fundamental rights, the rule of law, and democratic values.

I will work to ensure diverse perspectives are represented in discussions about AI policy.

I will provide advice about AI systems that is objective, fair, and well-supported.

I will reveal any conflicts of interest that may influence my recommendations.

I will continue to review emerging issues in AI policy to ensure that my advice reflects the best information available to me at the time I make an assessment.

I will work to ensure that AI systems are human-centric and trustworthy

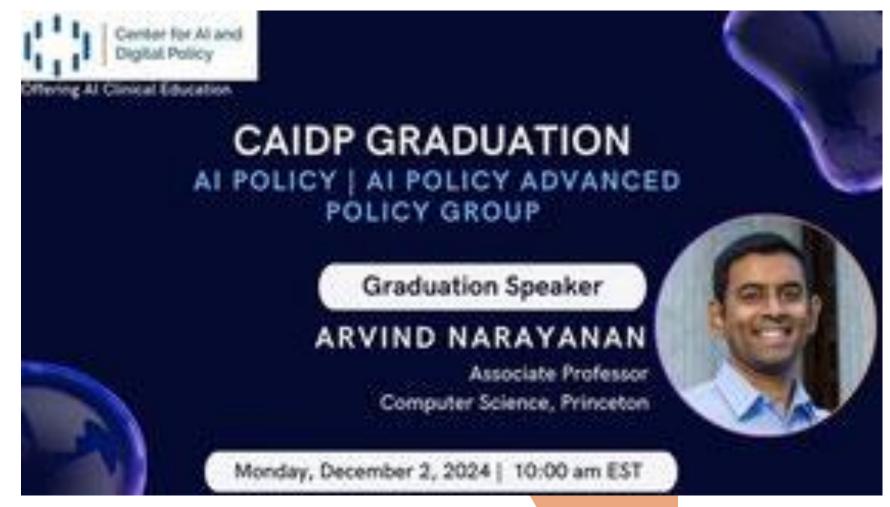
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The Al Policy Clinic



The Al Policy Clinic

The Al Policy Clinic is one of the program activities of the Center for Al and Digital Policy (CAIDP). The Policy Clinic program is an outgrowth of the work of the CAIDP Research Group, and the preparation of the report Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values, the first comparative study of Al policies and practices around the world. The Al and Democratic Values report also set out a methodology to rank and rate the Al policies and practices of countries.







The Al Policy Clinic

The Al Policy Clinic is an intensive, interdisciplinary, semester-long course, established to teach future leaders in the Al policy field basic skills in Al policy analysis, research, and evaluation. Topics covered include Al History, Al Issues and Institutions, Al Regulation, and Research Methods. Successful completion of the program will lead to the award of the Al Policy Certificate. Candidates are also required to sign a Statement of Professional **Ethics for Al Policy.**





Al Policy Clinic: Learning Objectives

- Develop analytic skills for Al policy
- Identify Significant AI policy news
- Identify AI Policy comment opportunities
- Identify significant AI policy events
- Develop team-based collaborative research and policy writing expertise
- Undertake empirical research on national Al policies and practices



Al Policy Clinic: Evaluation

ELIGIBILITY

Individual (Weekly activities):

- Attendance and active participation in weekly sessions on Mondays (70% minimum attendance) AND Fridays (70% minimum attendance)
- Completion of Al Policy research and analysis.
- Completion of written Al Policy work in designated weeks.
- Completion of weekly readings in CAIDP Moodle.

Collaborative (Weekly activities):

- Completion Country Report and Presentation for the CAIDP Index as a Country Team
- Engage with your learning community (RGs and Team Leaders)
 via CAIDP channels (Zoom and Slack)

Successful completion of 50-question multiple choice test

Statement of Professional Ethics for Al Policy

Consult the syllabus for details and CAIDP.ORG for information



The Logistics

- Weekly meetings Mondays at 10:00 to 10:50 EST/EDT AND Fridays at 10:00 to 10:50 EST/EDT.
- Monday: assignments for week. Friday: review assignments
- Work in teams with CAIDP Team Leaders
- Slack is to exchange information and news. Moodle is for syllabus and assignments,
- Consult the syllabus for details and <u>CAIDP.ORG</u> for information



Meetings with Team Leaders

- Meet with Fridays Team Leaders until 10.50 ET
- Good opportunity to ask questions, meet one another, discuss objectives
- Presentations from TLs on major policy frameworks
- Please contact your Team Leader directly. They will answer questions
- On Mondays, we will take your questions in Chat

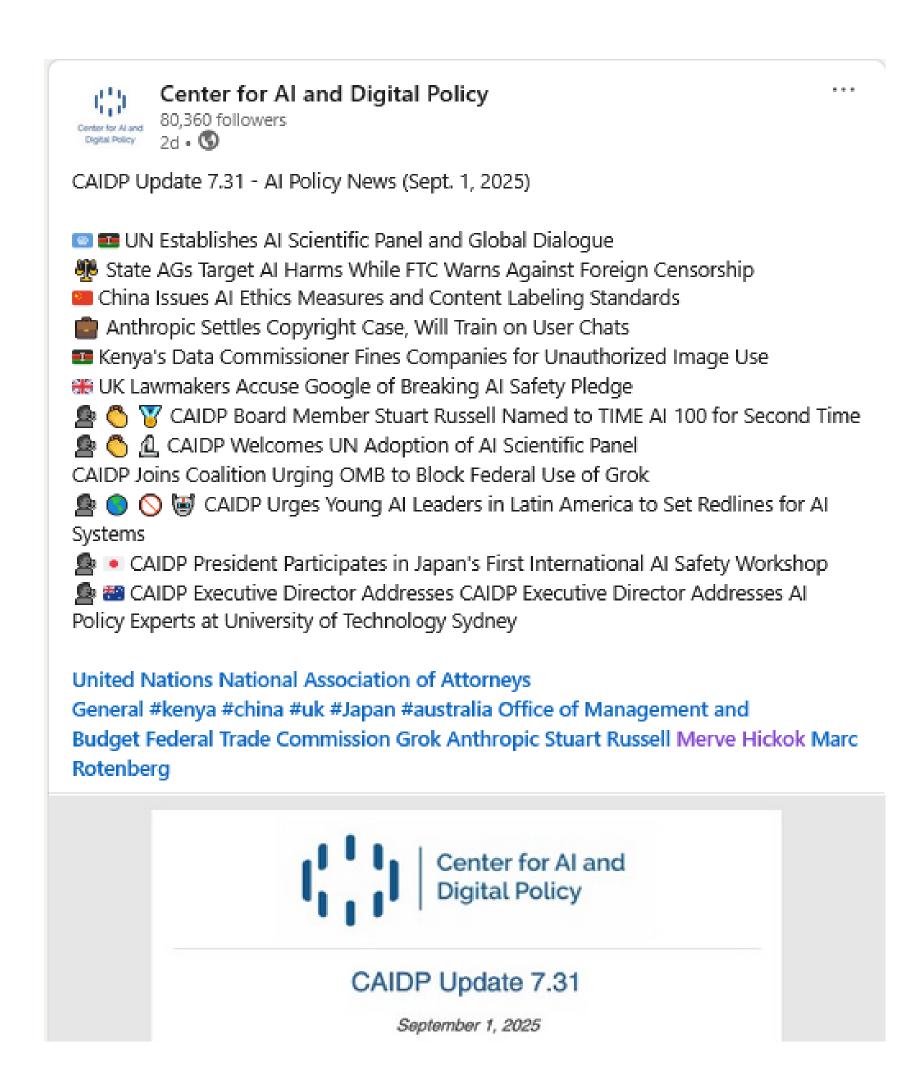


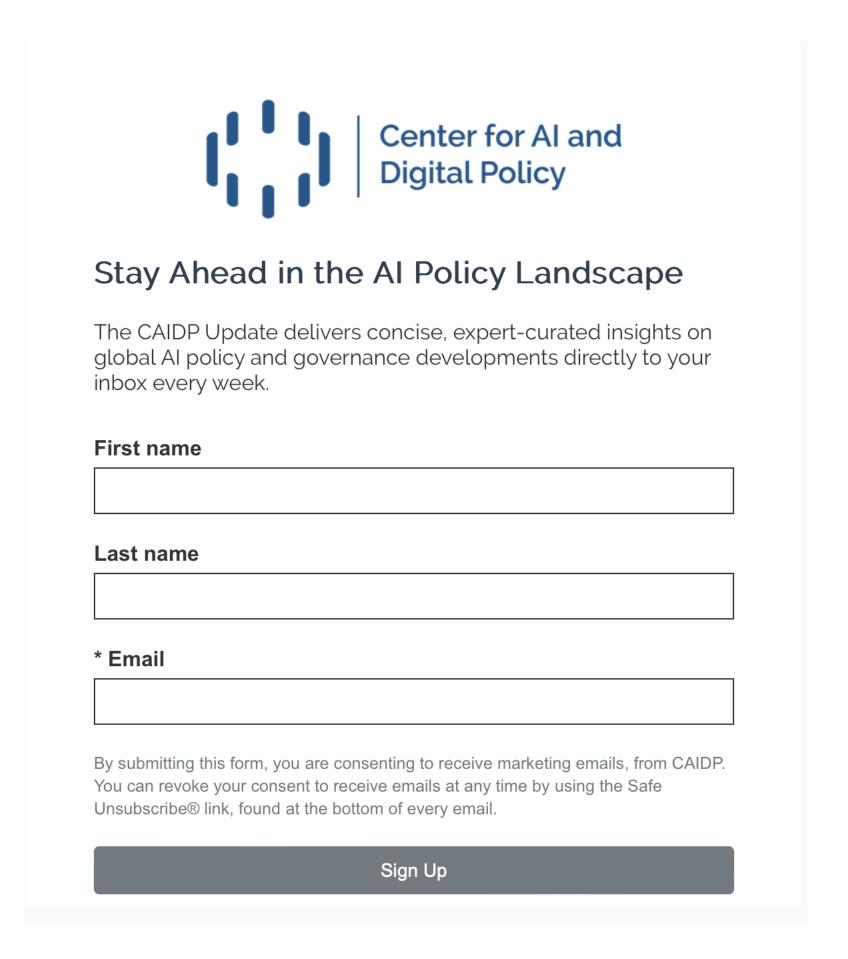
Stay Informed!

- Visit <u>CAIDP.ORG</u>
- Subscribe to the CAIDP Update
- Follow CAIDP on LinkedIn
- Search for Al Policy News
- Share information with colleagues



CAIDP LinkedIn and CAIDP Update

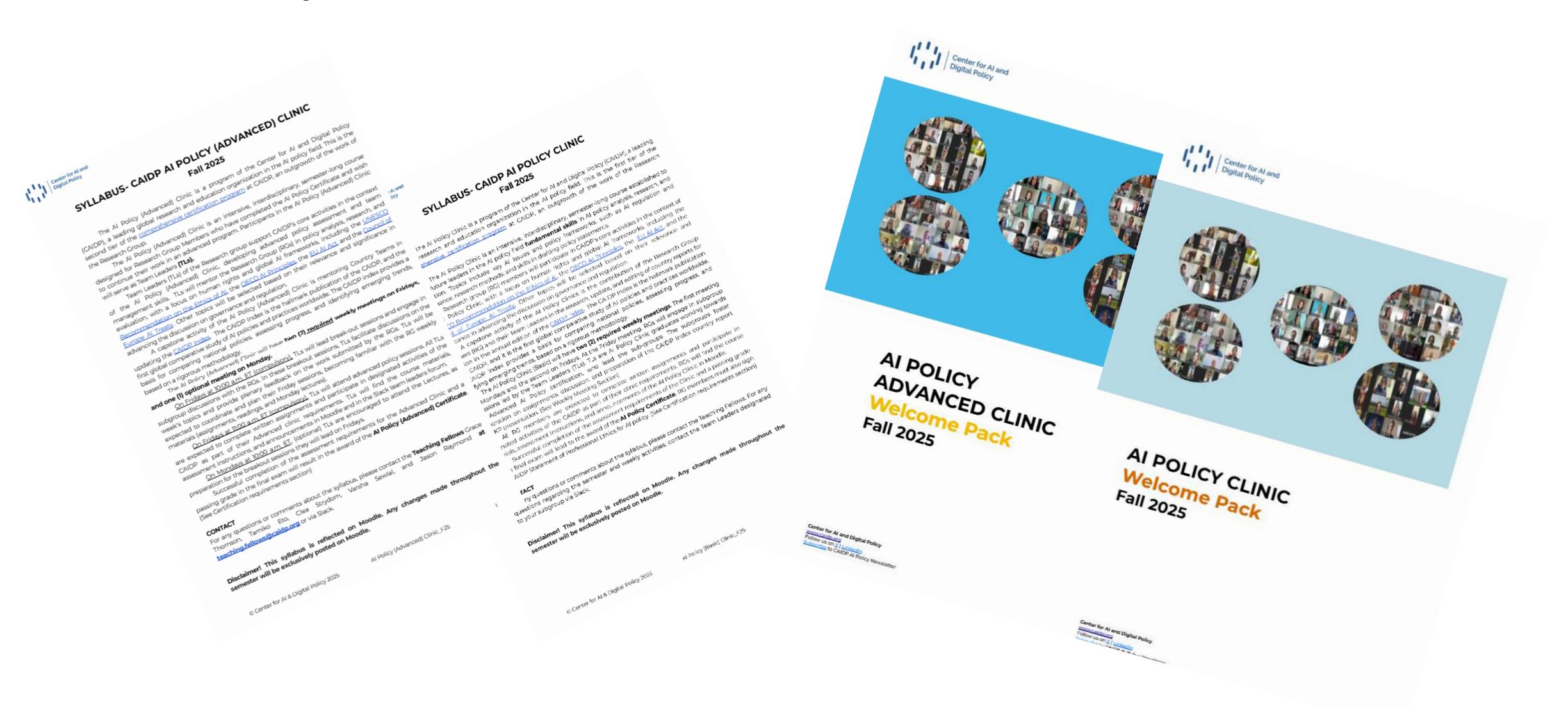




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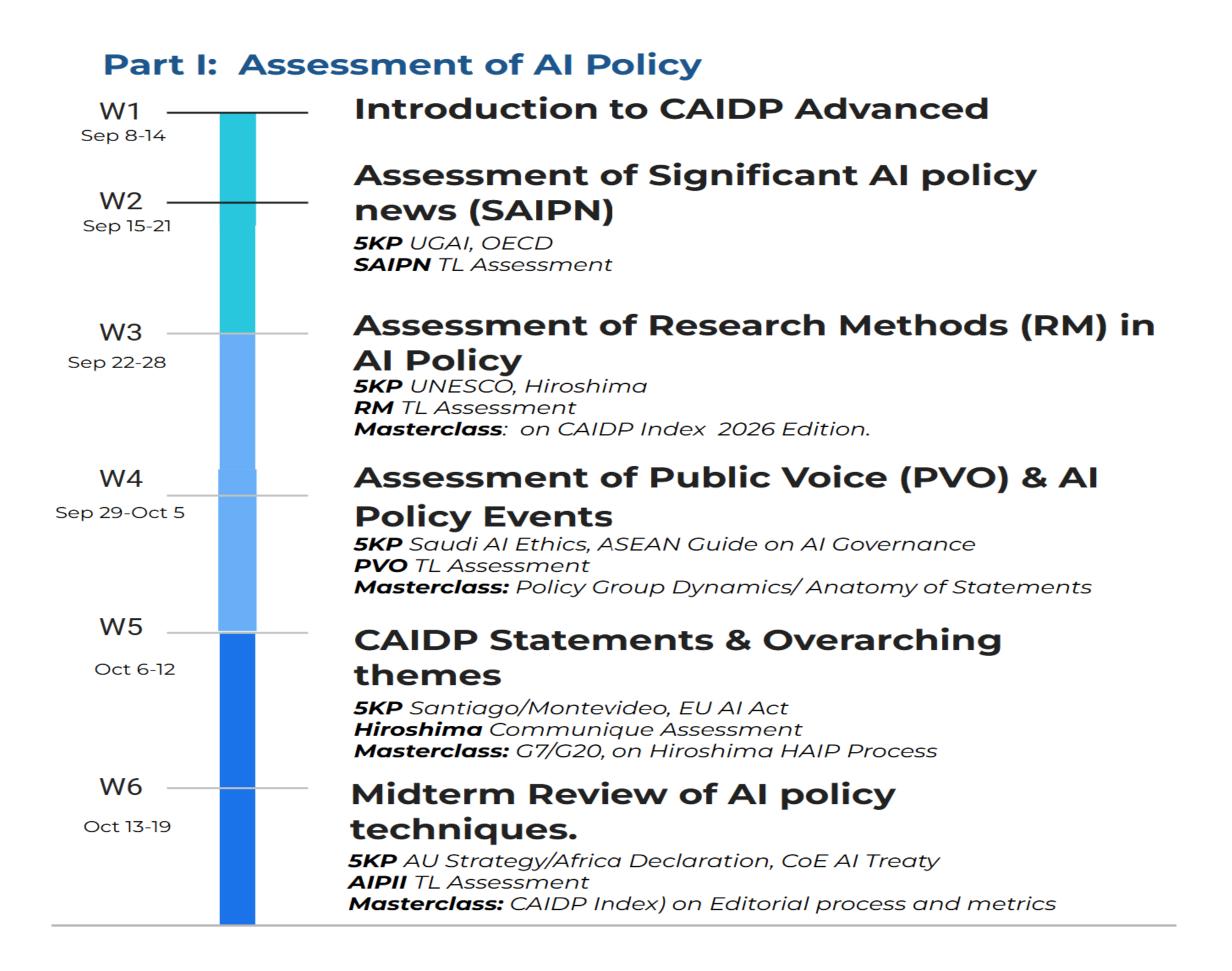


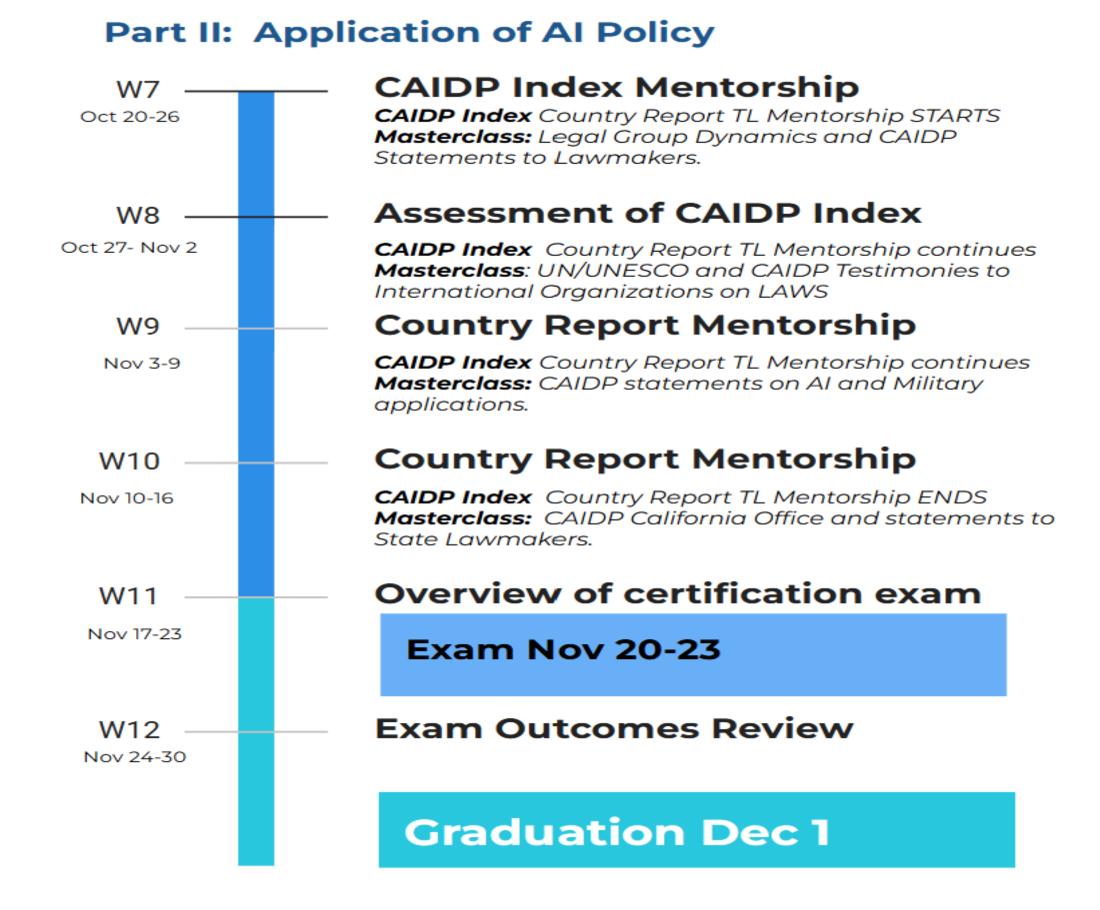
Syllabi and Welcome Pack, Your Companions.





Al Policy Clinic: Scope and Sequence







Research Group Member @ Al policy clinic

Team Leader @ Advanced Al policy clinic

Policy Group Member

Team Leader @ Policy
Group

- Active participation in Monday & Friday sessions (attendance rate min 70%)
- Timely Completion of weekly assignments
- Country report update
- Country report presentation
- Eligible to take Al Policy certification exam

- Participate in TL meetings
- Mentor & Coordinate
 RG subgroup
- 5 Key Point presentation

- Attend Monday PG sessions
- Research, analyze & draft CAIDP policy recommendations
- Attend policy events as necessary

- Participate in PG meetings
- Mentor & Coordinate
 PG subgroup
- Represent CAIDP in testimonies or events as necessary

Eligible to take
Advanced Al Policy
certification exam

Policy Group certification exam

"CAIDP Fellow"
designation is **ONLY**reserved for those who
completed Policy
Group successfully and
voted by Board of
Directors



Next Week

Ensure you are all set with the logistics (Moodle, Zoom, Slack)

Complete Week 1 readings (as per syllabus)