

MONEERA YASSIEN

Economist | Data Scientist | AI Researcher

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Economist and researcher specializing in the translation of technical AI safety research into governance frameworks. Experience designing quantitative monitoring systems and facilitating multi-stakeholder alignment for international organizations and national ministries.

CORE COMPETENCIES

AI Oversight: Mechanistic interpretability synthesis, AI verification, model behavior analysis.

Framework Design: Conceptualizing system architectures for policy monitoring and technical evaluation.

Stakeholder Engagement: Workshop facilitation for multilateral organizations and national government advisory.

Technical: Python, R, Econometric Modeling , Data Pipeline Engineering.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

INDEPENDENT AI [RESEARCHER](#)

2025 – Present

- Synthesize research on mechanistic interpretability and model behavior into policy briefs for regulatory bodies.
- Authored technical analysis on "AI Scheming," distinguishing between model capability and propensity to inform evaluation standards.
- Analyze technical safety risks, including activation steering and attention patterns, to develop actionable governance notes.

Computational Social Scientist

United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (UN OSAA), New York US

May 2024 – Present

- Engineered a centralized monitoring system for development finance across 54 African states for the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa.
- Produced technical briefings and talking points for UN leadership and African ministers to support data-driven advocacy.
- Harmonized fragmented financing data into a unified evidence base for multilateral reporting.

XCEPT RESEARCH FELLOW

Cross-Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends (XCEPT) Programme – Remote

Apr 2024 – Apr 2025

- Created "Market Potential" and "Conflict Exposure" indices via econometric modeling for investors and donor agencies.
- Provided strategic recommendations to regional ministries in East Africa based on geospatial trade trend analysis.

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

The Netherlands Institute of International Relations (Clingendael), The Hague Netherlands

Jun 2022 – May 2024

- Designed early-warning tools for European diplomats to monitor the impact of digital policy on regional stability

- Worked on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), framing technical inequality data as a central geopolitical risk to influence the public and multilateral agenda on digital sovereignty.

RESEARCHER / ANALYST

SEO Amsterdam Economics | World Bank | Competence Finance

Feb 2021 – Jun 2022

- Conducted quantitative modeling for fiscal and investment scenarios, providing the evidentiary foundation for multi-country data validation (Doing Business indicators) used by global financial institutions
- Cleaned and harmonized large-scale administrative datasets to produce "clean" evidence for national-level fiscal policy reforms, ensuring high-stakes decisions were based on verified quantitative trends.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Amman, Djibouti, Darfur and Khartoum

Sep 2018 – Jan 2020

- Facilitated multi-stakeholder workshops to align national government partners and international donors on digital inclusion strategies
- Designed data-collection protocols in data-scarce environments to support youth employment and SME finance programs

EDUCATION

MA International Development Studies – Sciences Po Paris, France (2022)

BSc Economics and Quantitative Analysis – University of Khartoum, Sudan (2018)

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Native) | English (Highly Proficient) | French (Proficient) | Dutch (Intermediate)