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EXPERIENCE

AI Governance Associate — London, UK
One World Trust — *July 2023 - Present*

The One World Trust is an independent think tank committed to advancing global governance. I advise their AI Global Governance team to assist in their mission of ensuring responsible development and governance of AI.

- Co-organised the London AI Fringe event "*Bletchley Park Unpacked: Successes, Failures and the Path Forward*" with speakers Dr Florian Ostmann and Dr Robert Trager [link]

Research Assistant — Remote
Humane Intelligence — *May 2024 - Aug 2024*

I provided in-depth research assistance to Dr. Rumman Chowdhury, U.S. Science Envoy for Artificial Intelligence, directly supporting a diverse research portfolio.

- Conducted desk research, producing literature reviews and bibliographic material on the political economy of AI, AI Safety, and the geopolitics of AGI
- Wrote research briefs with quick turnaround and minimal supervision
- Transformed academic research analysis into thought-leadership outputs, including podcast scripts and supporting materials for written publications and public speaking engagements

Research Analyst — London, UK
Tamang Ventures — *Jan 2023 - Jun 2023*

Delivered client advisory projects and led research at an advisory firm founded by Nina Schick specialising in emerging generative AI technologies. Conceptualised and communicated complex technical concepts and social impacts of generative AI using clear and concise language for keynote briefings, podcast interviews, online content, and reports. Performed comprehensive analyses of trends, use cases, and ethical considerations.

- Supported the launch campaign of the world's first authenticated deepfake video using transparent engineering with Truepic, Revel.ai and Nina Schick—activities included stakeholder management and administrative support
- Led research and project management for the podcast from conception to delivery; enhanced audience metrics by doubling the output of podcast releases with improvements in design and professionalism while interfacing with external editors and producers
- Demonstrated leadership and communication skills through chairing sessions at the world's inaugural GenAI Conference for enterprise, liaising with representatives from organisations including Google, Meta and Microsoft

Special Advisor — London, UK
Goodenough College — *Sept 2021 - June 2022*

Provided advisory and strategic support to an academic institution as a special advisor to the Dean and contributing team member of the academic committee.

- Engaged with high-level stakeholders including UN officials and contributed to discussions on the intersection of technology and peace-building
- Coordinated events, such as the 'Port Talk,' organising speakers from the Royal Geographical Society

Researcher and Copywriter — Remote
Rightly — *Feb 2021 - Apr 2021*

Collaborated with cross-disciplinary teams to distill complex topics into articles directed at a non-technical audience, showcasing skills in delivering technical information clearly.

- Researched, developed, and updated articles on key issues in AI, data ethics, and privacy; conducted detailed analyses of privacy policies of numerous organisations including Facebook and Amazon

SKILLS SUMMARY

Policy Research: Proficient in analysing and interpreting policy documents, including the EU AI Act, UK National AI Strategy, UK Digital Strategy, and AI Regulation Policy Paper, to stay abreast of the latest trends in AI technologies

Technical skills: Data analysis and visualisation (using matplotlib and numpy libraries); Python, C++, LaTeX; all standard office software (e.g. word processors, spreadsheets, slide decks) including MS Office Suite

Professional skills: Policy research, Data Analysis & Reporting, Technical writing, Project management, Cross-functional Collaboration, Influential communicator, Stakeholder engagement

EDUCATION

University College London (UCL)   London, UK
Science, Technology, and Society (MSc)   *2022*

Highlighted Courses: *Responsible Innovation, Sociology of Science and Technology, Political Economy of Science, Science Journalism*

- **Research project**: Conducted qualitative research at the intersection of AI, technology policy, and socioeconomic inequalities. **Thesis**: *Technological Innovation and Socioeconomic Inequality: An analysis of recent UK AI and digital technology policy*
- **Awarded full scholarship (tuition + stipend) from Google DeepMind for AI Ethics research**; leveraged this to build valuable mentorship relationships with experts across DeepMind's Ethics and Policy team

The University of Manchester   Manchester, UK
Master of Physics (MPhys)   *2021*

- **Research project**: Worked as part of a collaborative team developing modelling simulations to provide theoretical support for the work of Nobel laureate Andre Geim and collegues at the National Graphene Institute; utilised the LAMMPS framework in FORTRAN. **Thesis:** *Molecular dynamics simulations of two-dimensionally confined water*
- Granted special permission to enroll in elective on AI & Society, subsequently switched focus to AI policy research and qualitative methods after developing strong technical foundation

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Bristow, T., Thorburn, L. & Acosta-Navas, D. (2024) Views on AI aren't binary—they're plural (Extended Abstract). *Proceedings of the AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society, 7*(1), 225-225. [link]
- Dotan, R. *et al.* (2023) *Evaluating AI Governance: Insights from Public Disclosures.* [link]
- *Response to the Safe and Responsible AI in Australia discussion paper (June 2023).* [link]

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES-24)   San Jose, CA
Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University   *2024*

- Presented on independent research, titled "Views on AI aren't binary—they're plural" [link], mapping discourse within the AI governance community and arguing for more collaborative approaches to AI policy research

Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute   Oxford, UK
University of Oxford   *2024*

- As a selected participant on this intensive programme themed *Technology, Policy, and Democracy in Flux: From Inequalities to Inclusion* I presented on current research on AI policy discourse and deepened my understanding of key issues including AI governance, election disinformation, and regulation of emerging technologies
- Engaged with academics, researchers, lawyers, industry specialists and policy heads from Big Tech organisations including Google, OpenAI, Meta, TikTok, Oversight Board, and more

Generative AI Media, Marketing & Creative Conference (London AI Summit)   London, UK
Panelist ("Generative AI & Synthetic Media: The Opportunities and Risks of Deepfakes")   *2023*

Generative AI Summit   London, UK
Operations role chairing sessions of the world's inaugural GenAI conference for enterprise   *2023*

Across the Pond Responsible AI Workshop   London, UK
Keynote Speaker   *2023*

CERTIFICATIONS

AI Safety Fundamentals: Governance   Remote
BlueDot Impact   *2023*

- Developed comprehensive knowledge of AI safety, AI alignment, and advanced AI through continuous learning and engagement with experts to inform and shape safe AI governance practices

Privacy and Data: Law and Practice   Remote
University College London (UCL)   *2021*

- Analysed the intersections between digital technology, policy, and regulation, demonstrating awareness of the regulatory landscape
- Investigated themes of surveillance and biotechnology in public life, showcasing an ability to address ethical considerations, a key theme in emerging technology sectors