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Better Preparedness
Funding Resilience

How are we doing this?
Bringing together peace and security and human rights funders, and civil society to codesign a blueprint for better funder coordination, and to build the trust and political will to deliver against it.

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A blueprint for better coordination

By June 2024 we will have designed and validated a blueprint which includes a range of different approaches and tools that together enable coordination around different types of crises:

- coordination principles
- protocols and mechanisms for coordination
- crisis preparedness drills
- mapping of foundations' work and of an ideal wider funding ecosystem
- taxonomies of risk and crisis
- early warning systems

Better Preparedness: **Funding Resilience**

01

Discovery
May-July

Research coordination challenges and opportunities
Design program

03

Codesign Labs
Dec/Jan/Feb/March

Confirm challenges we will address
Build prototype coordination blueprint to address them

02

Learning Labs
November

Explore topics and solutions as a community

04

Validate and optimise
April/May/June

Test prototype with internal foundation teams and civil society
Finalise blueprint

Learning Lab **Week**

LEARNING LAB:
EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

8am PST / 11am ET / 4pm UTC
5pm CET / 11pm ICT

LEARNING LAB:
LEGAL AND BANKING SOLUTIONS

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

8am PST / 11am ET
4pm UTC / 5pm CET / 11pm ICT

LEARNING LAB:
DECOLONIZING AND LOCALIZING GRANT-MAKING

WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

8am PST / 11am ET / 4pm UTC
5pm CET / 11pm ICT

LEARNING LAB:
AI AND HUMAN RIGHTS

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

8am PST / 11am ET / 4pm UTC
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Two lines of enquiry

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Civil society work on AI and human rights

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What we'll cover today

- What is 'artificial intelligence'?

- The impact of AI on human rights

- The regulatory landscape around artificial intelligence

- Human rights in the European Union's AI Act

- Big questions and challenges

What is AI?

- The ChatGPT / generative AI boom
  - 'Generative AI' is an imperfect term to describe a very popular subset of machine learning systems that 'generate' content such as text, images, music
  - Generative AI systems have been rapidly improving over the last few years, but 2022 was unprecedented
  - Big progress had already been made in 'large language models', which are a type of machine learning system trained on huge datasets of natural language, as well as multi-modal models' which can go from text-to-image, text-to-video etc across modalities of media
- The realm of science fiction
  - Will AI become conscious?
  - Should robots have rights?
  - Will AI wipe out humanity?
- Real systems and real impacts…

What is AI? cont.

The real-world harms of surveillance, predictive policing, and algorithms of oppression:

serves as a warning for
...ks of using algorithms
...ands of lives after using an algorithm to spot suspected benefits fraud
...g it from happening again.

The Secretive Company That Might End Privacy as We Know It

A little-known start-up helps law enforcement match photos of unknown people to their online images — and "might lead to a dystopian future or something," a backer says.

What we need to focus on

- We should not be distracted by science fiction scenarios, but the focus should be primarily on real, existing systems that affect people in the here and now

- Rights-based approaches, and particularly **data protection and privacy regulation,** remain key to protecting people in the context of AI

- Public transparency

The regulatory landscape

- The EU AI Act

- US Executive Order, AI Bill of Rights

- G7 Hiroshima Process

- OECD

- UK AI Safety Summit and future iterations…

The EU AI Act pt.1

- What does it do for human rights?
  - Prohibitions on the most harmful AI systems (TBC)
    - Remote biometric identification in public spaces
    - Predictive policing
    - Emotion recognition
  - Transparency, accountability, documentation and human oversight for 'high risk AI systems'
    - High-risk categories are:
      - Biometrics
      - Critical Infrastructure
      - Education
      - Employment
      - Access to essential public and private services
      - Law enforcement
      - Migration
      - Administration of justice and democratic processes

The EU AI Act pt.2

- Civil society coalitions are working to improve the AI Act:
  - https://www.accessnow.org/guide/the-eu-ai-act-proposal-a-timeline/

Big questions and challenges going forward:

- Keep focus on real harms, but civil society needs to focus on the future too

- Effective work on AI governance can only be done in coalition

- Stopping bad, knee-jerk regulatory proposals

- The question of openness and AI

  - [Open (For Business): Big Tech, Concentrated Power, and the Political Economy of Open AI](#)

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