

Introduction

Our title *Re-Visions of Now & Future* encompasses <AI & Equality>'s goal to build a community around idea sharing and re-imagining our current world in order to pursue a collective positive, active and inclusive vision for our future. This publication is one of many tools for discussion, community building and action including our online <AI & Equality> community focussed on forming collaborations through global and interdisciplinary connection. The research and ideas presented within the publication exist beyond these pages and within our community - we encourage readers to engage through the [<AI & Equality> community](#). We hope these pieces present you with new information and ideas, and most importantly inspire you to actively engage in envisioning and shaping a new way forward towards a human-rights-promoting and feminist-orientated AI world.

The increasing integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into our world and its potential for harm no longer comes as a surprise. As AI tools continue to be deployed, there is a need for iterative reflection, investigation, and debate on how AI impacts our sociotechnical world. However, we can't stop there. It is also necessary to ask ourselves: what are solutions and remedies to identified problems? Grounding these questions in human-rights based frameworks provides agreed upon definitions of harm and remedies to harms of AI. Combining feminist and human-rights based approaches harnessed to deliver equality outcomes, designed with inclusion at the core that create new opportunities and proactive, innovative correction of inequities to the lifecycle of AI development and deployment allows us to understand AI through a shared framework and helps provide actionable solutions to issues in our datafied world.

This community publication provides space for authors from diverse disciplines and backgrounds to showcase new perspectives and advocate for what we want our future to look like. Our publication begins with *Who Defines AI's Future? The Role of Harmful AI Narratives*, which introduces current narratives about AI and provides current good practices that work in battling harmful AI narratives. Next, *Re-imagining Artificial Intelligence on the African Continent* dives deeper into a geographical context, looking at the harms of AI and solutions in the African context. Similarly, two pieces: *Feminist Design Framework for Envisioning Gender-Inclusive Ride-Hailing Sector* and *Mainstreaming Gender Perspective in AI crowd work in the Global South* use

interviews and survey methodology to illustrate the nuances of AI and labor in the geographical and cultural contexts of India and Latin America. From geographic contextualization the publication then expands to a legal understanding of AI in *Possibilities and Perils of Artificial Intelligence in Open-Source Human Rights Investigations*. *Copyright Law in the Age of Machine-Generated Art* illustrates how AI can be a tool in legal investigation and how legal frameworks in turn shape our AI tools. Finally, our publication concludes with *Not Losing Ourselves to the AI Storm*, a piece that (literally) illustrates how “AI lives in the past and dreams of the future” and prompts us to consider the power that we, as humans, hold as we shape the future of AI. Throughout these pieces, we are introduced to a narrative of both broad and local contexts of AI and emphasize the importance in not only theoretically identifying issues with AI, but gaining first-hand perspectives and providing solutions.

– Anna-Maria Gueorguieva, *Editor*

<AI & Equality> is a community committed to establishing and promoting a human rights-based approach to AI that centers equity & inclusion at the core of the code. All authors are members of our online community. This open-to-anyone global community aims to connect individuals from all backgrounds, regions, and disciplines to work towards a collective goal of human-rights based AI. We plan to continue providing a platform and space for sharing the thoughts, ideas, and work of our community through future publications. Join us at community.aiequalitytoolbox.com.