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Where is the Public Square for the Digital Age?

In today’s episode of the Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative podcast, Senior Fellow Anja Kaspersen and Carnegie Council President Joel Rosenthal sit down with the Stavros Niarchos Foundation’s Stelios Vassilakis for an engaging conversation about how to preserve and empower public space ethics.

What can we learn from the Athenian agora to guide the means and methods of governing AI?

Featured Videos

Casey Michel: The Effects of Kleptocracy in the United States

American Kleptocracy author Casey Michel describes the impact of money laundering and shell companies on everyday Americans, focusing specifically on the network of Ukrainian oligarch Ihor Kolomoisky and its effects on Cleveland, Ohio.
C2GDiscuss: From Net Zero to Net Negative: Policy Implications for Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)

The world is on a trajectory to go beyond 1.5°C of global warming. In this conversation, James Mwangi, Shuchi Talati, Jan Minx, & C2G’s Janos Pasztor analyze policy implications for large-scale carbon dioxide removal.

Watch

The Doorstep: Hacktivism 2.0

Joseph Marks, cybersecurity reporter at The Washington Post, discusses the differences and overlap between hacktivism, cyberwarfare, and ransomware, and how these tools are being deployed in the Russia/Ukraine conflict and beyond.

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News from Our Impact Initiatives

Carnegie Council’s Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative (AIEI) posted new resources analyzing the effects of AI on society. The first in a series of blog posts mapping AI and equality from Senior Fellows Anja Kaspersen and Wendell Wallach introduced the ways that AI amplifies technological development and impacts humanity, for better or for worse. The second explored the contested definitions of AI, and the third looked at the ways these technologies are altering the human condition. Additionally, a new episode of the AI & Equality Initiative podcast featured Google Research’s
Blaise Aguera y Arcas in a wide-ranging discussion covering topics from Gutenberg to federated learning, nuclear research, and the future of AI. And finally, Hilary Sutcliffe, a member of the AIEI Board of Advisors, wrote a practical outline of ways that AI regulators can gain the public’s trust. For more on AIEI, visit carnegieaie.org.

The Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G) continues catalyzing conversations about the governance of climate-altering technologies. A newly published C2G Learn page on the WG-I report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sixth assessment features expert overviews on how the report addresses carbon dioxide removal (CDR) and solar radiation modification (SRM). Plus, a new blog post from Executive Director Janos Pasztor looked at the recent calls for a "non-use agreement" on the research and development of SRM technologies. C2G also released their C2G Discuss conversations as audio podcasts, featuring diverse experts tackling the toughest questions faced by decision-makers on climate change. Follow the work of the initiative directly by visiting c2g2.net or by following @C2Gnet on Twitter.

The U.S. Global Engagement (USGE) initiative published two new episodes of The Doorstep podcast. In an interview with Center for a New American Security's Rachel Ziemba, co-hosts Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin covered rising inflation, the possibility of sanctions against Russia, and an impending global growth crisis. Serafin also sat down with Washington Post reporter Joseph Marks to discuss a new wave of "hacktivists" and the role of cybersecurity in international relations. And in the latest Doorstep book talk, American Kleptocracy author Casey Michel discussed the United States’ illicit offshore finance system, the Pandora Papers, and both the local and global ramifications of corruption. Join the conversation by following @DoorstepPodcast on Twitter.

In Case You Missed It

From the Ethics & International Affairs Journal:

Many sports teams are owned by individuals and companies that engage in legally and morally dubious activities. Ethics & International Affairs Fellow Drew Thompson wrote about the Newcastle football club takeover and the importance of knowing who funds these teams and why, for players and fans alike.

In the News:
C2G Executive Director Janos Pasztor called for more effective climate governance and a climate policy conversation that addresses the challenges presented by the warming world in this op-ed for *Foreign Policy*.

In an article for *The National Interest*, Senior Fellow Nikolas Gvosdev reflected on the build-up of Russian troops on the border of Ukraine, and the potential response from the United States and NATO. "There is no silver bullet solution that achieves all of America’s geopolitical objectives with no risk and at minimal costs," he writes.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the rollout of AI initiatives around the globe. In an article published by the *World Economic Forum*, Anja Kaspersen and Wendell Wallach discuss how to make real impact in the field of AI ethics moving forward.

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