2022-2023 International Strategy Forum QEII Academy Fellowship recruitment guideline topics

AI and Democracy

- Chatham House's 2020 report "The future of Democracy in Europe: Technology and the Evolution of Representation" outlines a series of risks associated with specific applications of AI in democratic context especially its potential to manipulate human beings and undermine their ability to make informed, autonomous choices. What are the AI applications which may impact democratic systems and values today and in the future?

Anticipatory governance

- There is a growing gap between the pace of science and technology and the lagging responsiveness of legal and ethical oversight that society relies on to govern emerging technologies. What are the regulatory functions and policy tools needed for a more anticipatory and adaptive governance model? How to support tech foresight in policy development?
- Most regulatory responses to technological advances are developed a posteriori and in reaction to real harms of technology applications. What are the early-policy interventions and tools which can help regulate and direct the development and deployment of emerging technologies?

Digital Public Goods

- In his roadmap for digital cooperation, the UN Secretary general highlighted the need to encourage and invest in the creation of digital public goods. What constitutes a Digital Public Good? What are the practical barriers to such goods and how could they be overcome? Which coalition of actors is needed to support the creation of such goods?