

2025-2026 International Strategy Forum Academy Fellowship recruitment guideline topics

Digital Society Initiative

- **Sovereign AI Development Pathways:** What are realistic paths for nations to develop sovereign AI capabilities given varying resource constraints? How might different tiers of countries (e.g., middle powers, developing nations) pursue AI sovereignty while managing dependencies on leading AI powers?
- **AI Platform Resilience in Great Power Competition:** How can nations ensure their critical digital infrastructure and platforms remain resilient against potentially adversarial agentic AI systems? What are the geopolitical implications of asymmetric AI capabilities between major powers?
- **State-Centric Technology Development and Governance:** How do different state approaches to AI development and governance interact with industry on questions of global governance? What are the implications of varying national AI development models for establishing common ground on global AI safety and security standards between states and states and industry?
- **Semiconductor Supply Chain Governance:** What institutional architectures and verification mechanisms are needed to implement sustained compute governance at scale? How can nations balance compute restrictions with maintaining technological competitiveness and research collaboration?