Welcome to this week’s edition of the CAIDP Update, where we keep you informed on the latest developments and actions being taken in the world of AI policy.

This week, we've seen a number of important developments, including the release of the AI Risk Management Framework by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), progress on the AI Act by the European Parliament, and strong support for an international convention on AI by the German Foreign Minister.

CAIDP continues to advocate for transparency and accountability in AI systems, particularly those used in law enforcement and migration contexts. This week CAIDP joined with the civil society colleagues to urge the Council of Europe to adopt a robust convention for the governance of AI. CAIDP also asked the US Attorney General to ensure the US supports this effort to advance fundamental rights, democratic institutions, and the rule of law.

As the landscape of AI policy continues to evolve, it's more important than ever to stay informed and take action to ensure that society benefits from AI technologies while also being protected from its potential harms.

AI POLICY NEWS

NIST Unveils AI Risk Management Framework

The US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has released the Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework, a guidance document for organizations using or designing AI systems to manage the risks of AI technologies. The framework aims to promote trust in AI systems, and is intended to be used by organizations in different capacities so that society can benefit from AI technologies
while also being protected from its potential harms.

European Parliament Makes Progress on AI Act

EURACTIV reports that the European Parliament has made progress on the AI Act with two technical meetings last week. A rough agreement has been reached on compliance requirements for high-risk AI systems, risk management and data governance, with notable inclusion of a provision making AI developers responsible for verifying the legality of data used to train models and largely agreed on regulatory sandboxes, with exceptions on reuse of data.

A new analysis suggests changes are needed to both the Digital Services Act and AI Act to properly regulate large generative AI models like ChatGPT, highlighting the need for changes in risk management, transparency obligations, and content moderation for adequate protection.

German Foreign Minister Pushes for International Convention on AI

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock addressed the Parliamentary Assembly, calling for the establishment of an international convention on AI to safeguard democratic values, fundamental rights, and the rule of law.

Key points of agreement for COE CAI and CAIDP:
- Build on the mandate of the COE
- Establish an international convention on AI to safeguard democratic values, fundamental rights, and the rule of law
- Act expeditiously. There is urgent need for action.

CAIDP, Council of Europe AI Treaty
EU Border Policies Compromise Privacy and Data Protection, Says European Data Protection Supervisor

Privacy and data protection are too often suspended at the borders of the European Union, as long as migration is treated as a "problem," fundamental rights will remain compromised, according to Wojciech Wiewiórowski, European Data Protection Supervisor.

CAIDP has repeatedly called on policymakers to safeguard the rights of migrants and refugees, by treating them with equal respect and protecting those in vulnerable situations, and to prohibit the pseudoscientific uses of AI systems. CAIDP has also urged for transparency and accountability on AI systems used in law enforcement and migration contexts, and to avoid using migration as a technology testbed.

CAIDP, AI Frameworks

U.S. and EU Sign Agreement for Joint Research on AI and PETs

The United States and the European Union announced an administrative arrangement to collaborate on research in AI and related privacy protecting technologies (PETs), with a focus on five key areas of Extreme Weather and Climate Forecasting, Emergency Response Management, Health and Medicine Improvements, Electric Grid Optimization, and Agriculture Optimization, as part of the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) commitment.

CAIDP, U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council

CNIL Creates AI Department

CNIL, France's data protection agency, has established an AI Department to strengthen its expertise on AI systems and understand the risks to privacy, as well as prepare for the implementation of the European regulation on AI. The department will also work on initial recommendations for learning databases in the coming weeks.
CAIDP, AI and Democratic Values

SDAIA Launches Public Consultation on Data Guidelines

In a move to promote research, development, and innovation, the Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA) has launched a public consultation on the Secondary Use of Data Guidelines. The consultation, which began on January 25th, 2023, aims to establish a legal framework for the sharing of data for these purposes and invites the public to submit comments until February 9th, 2023.

CAIDP, AI and Democratic Values

CAIDP ACTIONS

Civil Society Groups Urge CoE to Prioritize Human Rights and Democratic Institutions in AI Convention

CAIDP, along with other civil society organizations, sent a statement to the Council of Europe (CoE) outlining high-priority issues for the CoE Committee on AI. The statement expresses support for the development of a global Convention on Artificial Intelligence and highlights key matters, such as protecting human rights and democratic institutions, that are critical to achieve a robust global AI governance framework.

CAIDP, Council of Europe AI Treaty

CAIDP Sends Statement to US Attorney General Regarding US Views on CoE AI Convention

CAIDP has sent a letter to US Attorney General Merrick Garland expressing concern about the position of the US Department of Justice on the negotiations for the first global convention on AI now underway at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. The letter states that the US delegation is failing to accurately represent the position of
the United States and is working at cross purposes to those nations and organizations that support democratic institutions, fundamental rights, and the rule of law.

CAIDP, Council of Europe AI Treaty

CAIDP Calls For Greater Transparency at the Council of Europe Committee on AI

In an op-ed for Verfassungsblog, Merve Hickok, Marc Rotenberg and Karine Caunes call for increased transparency in the Council of Europe Committee on AI and advocate for specific protections in the global convention on AI, including reinforcing existing human rights frameworks and ensuring that the convention does not undermine human rights standards for AI systems.

CAIDP, Council of Europe AI Treaty

CAIDP President Speaks at World Bank Data Privacy Day 2023

In a speech at the World Bank's Data Privacy Day 2023, Marc Rotenberg, CAIDP President, underscored the ongoing significance of fairness, accuracy and transparency when handling personal data in the era of artificial intelligence. The CAIDP President also stressed the need to address the novel challenges posed by AI in terms of data privacy.

CAIDP, AI and Democratic Values

PUBLIC VOICE OPPORTUNITIES

UN Office of the Tech Envoy - Global Digital Compact and AI

The Office of the Tech Envoy is seeking comments on the Global Digital Compact, to be adopted at the Summit of the Future which will be held in September 2023. The Secretary-General has proposed that the Global Digital Compact “outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all.

CAIDP, Public Voice
Call for Workshops - CPDP Conferences

CPDP is an annual three-day conference devoted to privacy and data protection. Several slots remain open to application through an annual call for papers. This Call for Papers is addressed to all researchers who wish to present their papers at the next CPDP conference. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023.

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AI AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES INDEX

CAIDP’s Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values Index evaluates national AI policies and practices.
On January 24, 2023 the Board of Directors voted unanimously to confer the title of CAIDP Fellow to seven individuals for exceptional contributions to the work of CAIDP and the advancement of AI policies that promote broad social inclusion based on fundamental rights, democratic institutions, and the rule of law. Please join us in welcoming our new CAIDP Fellows!

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Analyses From Members of the CAIDP Global Academic Network

Data Ethics of Power
A Human Approach in the Big Data and AI Era

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AI POLICY EVENTS

- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, February 1-3
- Global Conference on Internet for Democracy, UNESCO, Paris, February 21-23, 2023
- Release of Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values, CAIDP, Washington DC, April 6, 2023
- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, April 19-21, 2023
- Computers, Privacy, and Data Protection, Brussels, May 24-26, 2023
- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, May 31-June 2, 2023
- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, September 13-15, 2023
- Global Privacy Assembly, Bermuda, October 15-20, 2023

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