

Asia is pulling ahead in the AI race – but are ethics being prioritized?

Globally, future outlooks for artificial intelligence (AI) swing between two extremes—excited anticipation about the positive impact AI will have on economies and societies, and deepening fear of its potential to disrupt livelihoods and do harm.

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This report, the fourth in our “Asia’s AI agenda” series, combines an Asia-wide executive survey with expert interviews from industry, government, and academia, and takes the pulse of public and private actors in the AI ethics debate in the region.

Here are the key findings of the report:

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Biases within AI tools are potentially dangerous for Asia—but biases about AI’s use in Asia could be even more so. Asia’s AI ecosystem participants are aware of and concerned about the potential for embedded biases (race, gender, or socioeconomic status) within AI tools, and the harm this can cause through facilitating overpolicing of minority communities, or economic exclusion. Weaponization and malicious use of AI are also ethical concerns in Asia as applications are increasingly commoditized and industrialized. While Asian decision-makers are concerned about a potentially negative impact, particularly where jobs are concerned, optimism is the more dominant sentiment, which will propel the use of AI in Asia.

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