
SESSION 3 Geopolitical Outlook (Part 1) Overview: Outlook to 2030 and beyond

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The discussion concentrated on the influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on transatlantic relations and the effort to regulate this technology. It highlighted the European Union's proactive stance in AI regulation, contrasting it with a slower pace in the United States, and underscored the significance of collaboration to tackle the complexities AI presents. The conversation delved into the necessity for innovative legislative processes that accommodate rapid technological advancements and the importance of stakeholder engagement. Key points discussed included:

- Potential for regulatory divergence between the EU and the US and its implications for global standards, with a particular focus on the "California effect" as an example of state-level initiatives potentially setting a precedent for broader US policy.
- There needs to be more policy prototyping, trial-and-error, and engaging with all stakeholders before finalizing regulations.
- The ethical challenges posed by AI, such as the creation of deceptive content and deepfakes, suggest a focus on platform responsibility over content restriction to address these issues without compromising individual rights.
- Societal divisions within democracies and the need for internal cohesion to manage external geopolitical dynamics, emphasizing that AI and technology could exacerbate these issues.

- Implications of aging leadership across global powers for future policy directions, especially in technology regulation and transatlantic cooperation.