AI and Global Governance

Discussion Points

- What is "global governance"? How does it differ from national or local government?
- Why might AI be particularly difficult to regulate?
- Who should be responsible for governing AI: governments, international bodies, private companies, or users?
- What are some risks of AI systems that cross borders (e.g. facial recognition, autonomous weapons, misinformation bots)?
- Can you think of any current examples where AI is already shaping international politics or diplomacy?
- Should AI be treated as a tool, a collaborator, or something else entirely?

Have You Considered…?

- Researching how the EU or UN are currently approaching AI regulation?
- Exploring the role of large tech companies (e.g. Google, OpenAI, Meta) in shaping global AI norms?
- Thinking about how inequality or power imbalances affect who benefits from AI?
- Asking how cultural values influence attitudes toward AI (e.g., in China vs. the UK)?
- Considering the impact of AI on the climate: from energy use to modelling climate change?
- Writing a short policy proposal: "How should the UK regulate AI in the next ten years?"

Further Reading & Exploration

- [ ] **Kate Crawford – *Atlas of AI***
  An eye-opening look at the environmental, social, and political dimensions of AI.
- [ ] **Shoshana Zuboff – *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism***
  Explores how tech companies use data and what it means for democracy and freedom.
- [ ] **UNESCO – *Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (2021)***
  A real-world attempt at global AI governance.
- [ ] **Nick Bostrom – *Superintelligence: Paths, Dangers, Strategies***
  A deep dive into future-focused AI questions.
- [ ] **Timnit Gebru and the DAIR Institute**
  Leads in ethical AI work, particularly around race, fairness, and accountability.
- [ ] **Podcasts & Videos:**
- [ ] *"Hard Fork"* (New York Times podcast on tech and policy)
- [ ] *BBC Reith Lectures 2021. Stuart Russell on Living with Artificial Intelligence*
- [ ] *Oxford Internet Institute* YouTube
- [ ] **AI Now Institute.** Research on the social implications of AI
- [ ] **OECD AI Policy Observatory.** Track real-world global governance efforts