# Call for Papers: Special Issue and Workshop
# "The Politics of AI: Citizen Perceptions, Preferences, and Priorities"

We are pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue that aims to bring together cutting-edge political science research on the political ramifications of artificial intelligence. Given AI's growing influence on democracy and daily political life, this special issue provides a timely opportunity to examine how it shapes citizens' priorities and preferences from both theoretical and empirical perspectives. We welcome submissions employing diverse methodological approaches, including descriptive, qualitative, correlational, and causal analysis, as long as they provide rigorous empirical and novel theoretical insights into the multifaceted politics of AI.

We invite contributions on a variety of topics, including: what are the main perceived political challenges ushered in by AI, how do citizens want the development and deployment of AI technology to be regulated (who should regulate, how to address concerns about deepfakes, questions over liability, etc.), how do people expect policy to protect human flourishing and dignity in an AI-driven economy (priorities for social protection, attitudes towards algorithmic management and surveillance, etc.), how AI intersects with other policy priorities like the green transition, how do concerns about AI affect voting behaviour, and other questions broadly aligned with the focus of the special issue on citizens' perceptions, preferences, and priorities.

We are in talks with the editors at a leading general interest political science journal that has been at the forefront of research on technological change, who have expressed interest in hosting the special issue.

## Special Issue Workshop

We will hold a two-day in-person workshop at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, in October or November 2025. The workshop is intended as an opportunity for in-depth discussions about the papers and we expect participants to have a full draft of their contribution by then.

## Submission Details

Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words using this Google Form.[1] The deadline for submissions is 11 April 2025, 11:59pm. Notification of acceptance will be sent by 25 April 2025. Submission of the special issue is planned for January 2026.

## Funding and Support

We welcome submissions from scholars at all career stages. We will cover accommodation expenses at the workshop in Oxford and aim to offer travel support for junior scholars.

## Contact

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[1]Full link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLBCcC-MN0Ajwb50szb6DK06rdSwgtaKnOdygY7sUO2Va6-g/viewform?usp=header