The Millennium Project
GLOBAL FUTURES STUDIES & RESEARCH

DISCOURSE / POL.IS

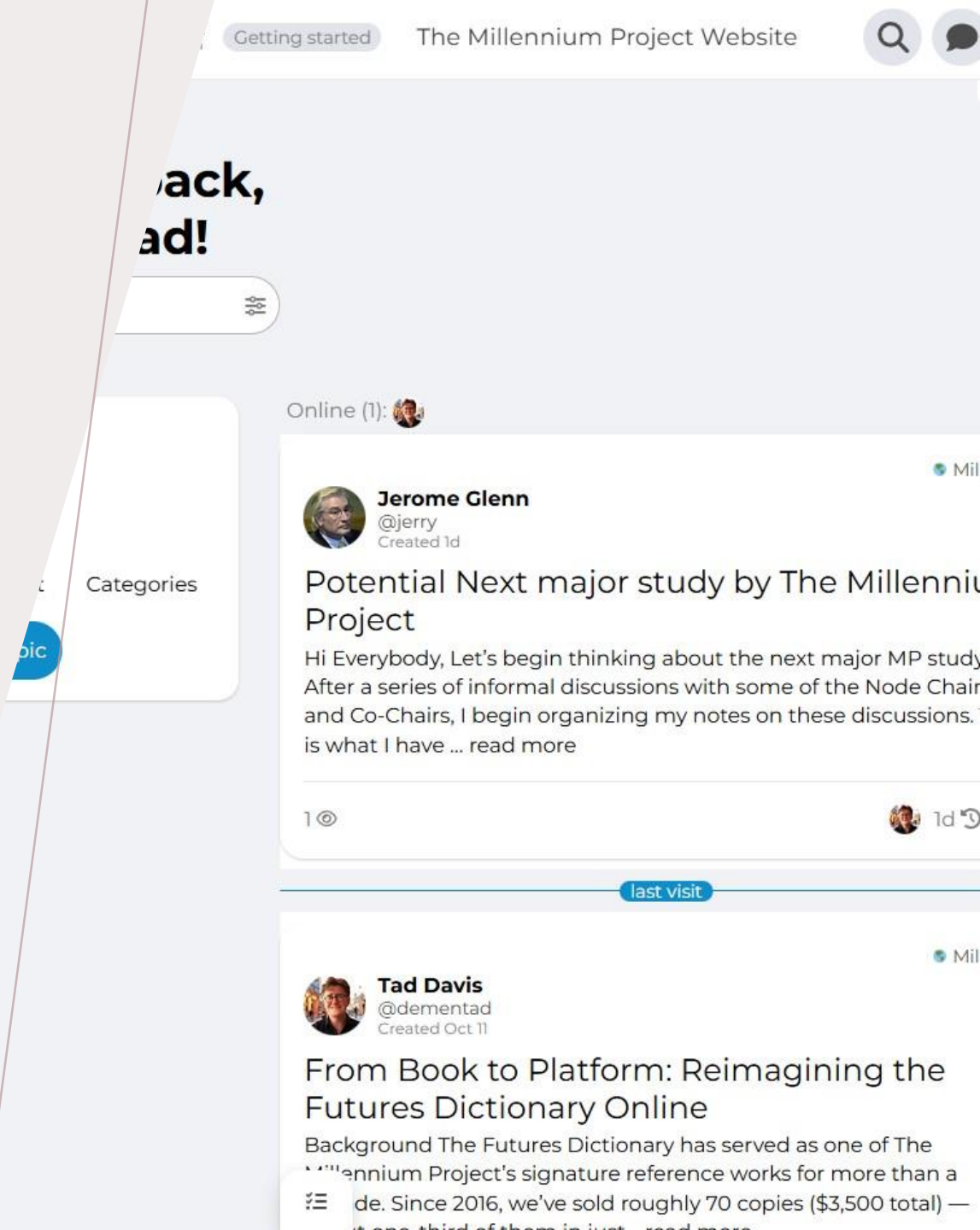
AGENDA

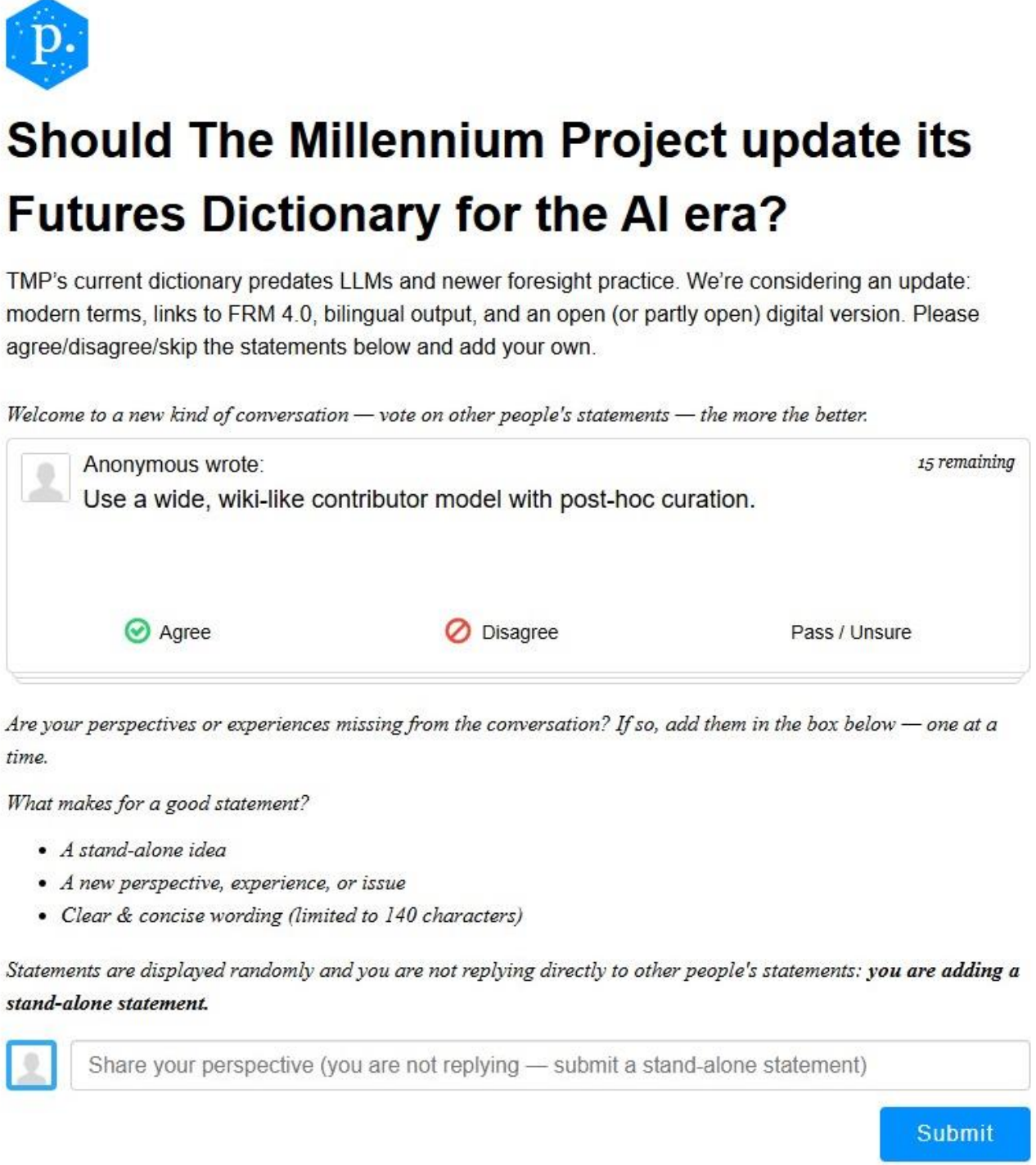
- The Problem
- Discourse
- Pol.is
- Case Study
- Benefits
- Objections

TMP generates a huge amount of expertise, but most of it stays inside private emails, chats, or local projects. It’s valuable but hard to share, hard to build on, and almost impossible to analyze across nodes.

DISCOURSE

Discourse is our global workspace: a permanent, organized space where nodes can ask questions, share work, test ideas, and continue discussions *between* annual meetings.





POL.IS

Pol.is is a modern consensus-finding tool that lets large groups discover where they agree and disagree, without flame wars, bias, or domination by loud voices.

CASE STUDY

Imagine testing scenarios for the ‘social structures 2050’ study and getting 200+ opinions across regions in a week, aggregated into clean patterns that show divides between Global North/South, youth/elder, state/market. Nothing else we have does that.

BENEFITS

See what the network actually thinks
Not anecdotes. Not emails. Patterns. Evidence.

Zero dependency on outside platforms
Self-hosted. Secure. No data leaks. No subscriptions.

Multilingual surveys without friction
English and Spanish are already running. “More languages coming as needed.”

Increase Node participation
Low-effort input. Higher engagement.

NAYSAYERS

Objection 1: "Too complicated."

"If you can reply to an email, you can use Discourse. If you can click a button, you can use Pol.is."

Objection 2: "We don't have time."

"Thirty seconds of participation on Pol.is gives you more insight than ten emails."

Objection 3: "We already tried things like this."

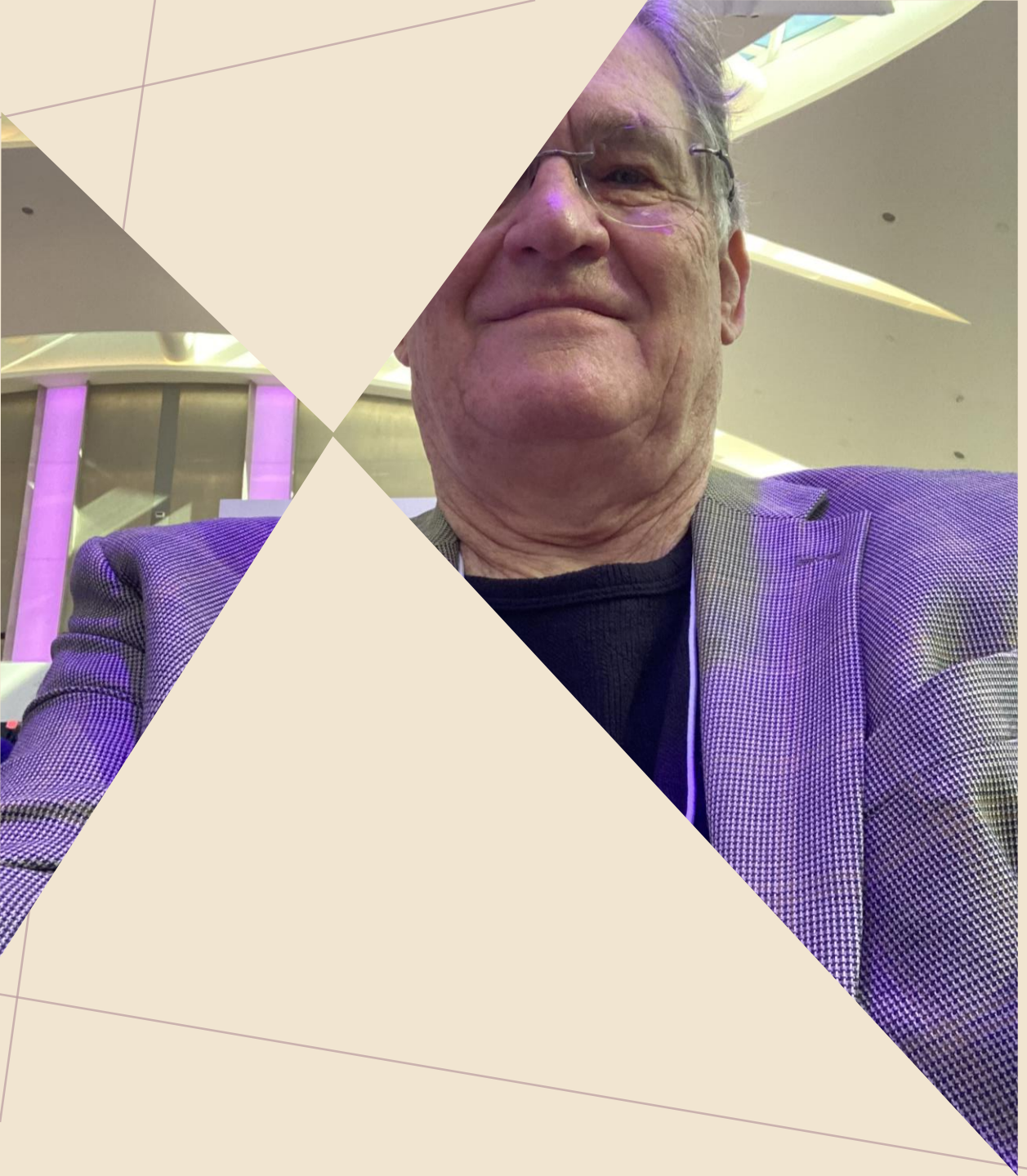
"We've never had a permanent, self-hosted, integrated platform and certainly not one combining conversations + quantitative consensus."

CTA

If everyone here creates an account and answers one of the sample Pol.is surveys today, we'll walk away with something we've never had before: a real snapshot of cross-Node views captured in a modern, transparent format.

Discourse Invitation Link

Polis survey (English) (Spanish)



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