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The Millennium Project Releases *Future AI-AGI: Issues, Governance, Scenarios* — What the World Must Understand About AI to Create an Extraordinary Future and Prevent the Greatest Threat in Human History

The views of 55 leading AI thinkers from around the world on 22 questions vital to our future — plus the national and international regulations and governance that will be necessary, and five detailed global scenarios for how the transition to Artificial General Intelligence could go well, or badly.

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The Millennium Project today released *Future AI-AGI: Issues, Governance, Scenarios*, the most extensive overview to date of expert judgments worldwide — in clear, readable language — on the most consequential and complex issue humanity has ever faced. Within the next few years, we may confront multiple artificial intelligences more capable than ourselves. They could manage much of the infrastructure of civilization, freeing humanity to invent the next great saga of human existence — or they could leave us behind, as the Neanderthals were left behind. Both futures are possible. Which one we get depends on decisions being made now.

Governing Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) may be the most difficult management problem humanity has ever faced. Stuart Russell — author of the world's leading AI textbook and one of the 55 AI leaders whose views appear in the report — puts it bluntly: “Failure to solve the AGI



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governance problems before proceeding to create AGI systems would be a fatal mistake for human civilization. No entity has the right to make that mistake.”

So far, the world is on the road to making exactly that mistake. **Future AI-AGI** is designed to change course — giving policymakers, business leaders, and citizens the understanding needed to manage these issues with wisdom, both nationally and internationally, while there is still time.

The report is organized in three parts: the critical issues raised by the transition from today's narrow AI to AGI, drawn from interviews with 55 leading AI thinkers on 22 key questions; the national and global governance approaches needed to address them; and five alternative scenarios for how AGI governance could unfold by 2035.

“If we get the initial conditions of AGI right, it could usher in the greatest advance in human capability in history,” said Jerome C. Glenn, CEO of The Millennium Project and the report's lead author. “If we get them wrong, there may be no second chance. This report is about getting them right.”

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