

Dr. Yik Chan Chin

A brief introduction about myself

I am an Associate Fellow at the Oxford Global Society and Associate Professor at Beijing Normal University specializing in AI, Ethics and Governance, and Internet governance. I previously held academic positions at the University of Nottingham, and the University of Oxford. With a robust background in computer science, communication, and regulation, I teach courses such as Cyberspace Governance, Digital Ethics and Law, AI and Data Governance etc. My research explores AI and data governance and digital ethics, with interdisciplinary publications in leading journals across communication, law, and political science. I collaborate with global institutions, including the United Nations University, the Austrian Academy of Sciences, the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Policy Network on AI, and the International Observatory on Information and Democracy, producing policy reports, guidelines, and recommendations. I have advised think tanks, governments, and UN agencies, such as the UN's Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), the U.S. Department of State, China's Cyberspace Administration, the Ditchley Foundation, and Oxford Global Society. As members of the UN IGF Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence(PNAI), a member of the United Nations University's Expert Group on Synthetic Data, and an NGO representative to the UN's OEWG, I actively shape global digital policy.

Current professional affiliation

2022-	Associate Fellow, Oxford Global Society, UK
2020-	Associate Professor, Beijing Normal University, China
2025 -	Affiliated Fellow, United Nations University Institute in Macau
2025-	Fellow, China-Britain Artificial Intelligence Association, UK

Preset and past non-profit affiliations and responsibilities

Member of the AI governance subgroup of UN Internet Governance Forum(IGF)'s Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (PNAI) 2022 – Present

Member of the *Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)*

Member of the *International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)*

Member of United Nations University's Expert Group on Synthetic Data. 2024

NGO representative to the UN's Open-ended Working Group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (OWEG) 2023- 2025

Former Vice-chair of the Public Media Policies (PMP) Working Group of the *International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)* 2020-2025

Former Outreach and Partnership Committee Chair of the *Global Network of Internet Governance Academics (Giganet)* 2021-2024

A personal statement why I am a good candidate

I have researched on the Internet governance over a decade and deeply involved in related policy advocacy, debates and knowledge transfer at various regional and global forums including ICANN, IGF, UNU and OEWG. I was the Former Outreach and Partnership Committee Chair of the Global Network of Internet Governance Academics (Giganet) 2021-2024, Former Vice-chair of the Public Media Policies (PMP) Working Group of the *International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)* 2020-2025 and NGO representative to the UN's Open-ended Working Group on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (OWEG) 2023- 2025 and have solid experience in outreach, community building, and cyberspace policy discussions at national, regional and global levels

With my background in computer science, media and digital governance. I have deep knowledge about the Internet, AI and their impact upon the public and society, and the related policy and governance concerns. I have published extensive in the Internet governance field, written policy reports in AI and data governance (see my publication list), and deliver talks at various public forums including UN OEWG thematic session on existing and potential threats to security in the use of ICTs, IGF's workshops, seminar organized by the Ditchley Foundation, UCLA Institute for Technology, Law & Policy, GigaNet, Digital Medusa, ARTICLE19 & University of Amsterdam, IN-SIGHT.it etc. I also provided consultation for the U.S. Department of State on social media applications and for the Chinese Department of Cyberspace on Internet Platform.

I have organised various Internet governance workshops, conferences and seminars, inviting speakers from industry, governments and academics over two decades, and established extensive connections with policymakers, practitioners and academics.

I believed my academic knowledge, policy advocacy and knowledge transfer experiences have prepared me well for the position of the At-Large member on the Executive Council at the Internet Society UK England Chapter.

What I hope to bring to the role

On top of my professional knowledge, skills and experiences, I hope I can also bring my international experiences and perspectives to the Internet Society UK England Chapter, not only serving the Internet community in England, but also connect them to the global Internet communities.

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Recent Conference, Seminar and Public Presentations

United Nations

2024, Panelist of IGF 2024 WS #97 Interoperability of AI Governance: Scope and Mechanism | Internet Governance Forum (intgovforum.org) & IGF 2024 WS #205 Contextualising Fairness: AI Governance in Asia & "DC-CIV & DC-NN From Internet Openness to AI Openness", hosted by the Government of Saudi Arabia, 15-19 December 2024, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

2024, Panelist of Workshop#69 Governing Cross-Border Data Flows, Trade Agreements & Limits, 17th Annual IGF Meeting, hosted by the Government of Ethiopia, 28 November to 2 December 2022, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2024, Panelist of Workshop#69 Governing Cross-Border Data Flows, Trade Agreements & Limits, 17th Annual IGF Meeting, hosted by the Government of Ethiopia, 28 November to 2 December 2022, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2024, Presentation at OEWG Thematic session on existing and potential threats to security in the use of ICTs, 13 May, 2024 UN Headquarter, New York, USA
https://meetings.unoda.org/meeting/57871/documents?f%5B0%5D=author_document_s_%3ADr.%20Yik%20Chan%20Chin%20%28School%20of%20Journalism%20and%20Communication%2C%20Beijing%20Normal%20University%29

[https://docs-library.unoda.org/Open-Ended_Working_Group_on_Information_and_Communication_Technologies_-__\(2021\)/OEWG_Briefing-YCC__22_May_updated.pdf](https://docs-library.unoda.org/Open-Ended_Working_Group_on_Information_and_Communication_Technologies_-__(2021)/OEWG_Briefing-YCC__22_May_updated.pdf)

2024, Speaker at the Plenary Session: How to Use Synthetic Data to Train AI Models. *The UNU Macau AI Conference 2024: the Path towards AI For AI*, 24-25 April 2024, Macau, China. <https://aimacau-2024.org/plenary-room/>

2024, Speaker at the Panel on Global AI Ethics and Regulation, *The United Nations University Macau AI Conference 2024*, 24-25 April 2024, Macau, China.

Others

2023, *Cybersecurity and Information Integrity: Addressing Challenges and Imperatives for Global South Engagement*, discussion organized by the Ditchley Foundation, UK, 21st November, Online.

2023, *Governing cross-border data flows: International trade agreements and their limits*, seminar organized by Oxford Global Society, UK, 4th November 2022

Virtual Online: <https://oxgs.org/event/governing-cross-border-data-flows-international-trade-agreements-and-their-limits/>

2022, *To sanction or not to sanction the Internet access: A SancNet debate*, 1st April 2022, seminar organized by UCLA Institute for Technology, Law & Policy, GigaNet, Digital Medusa, ARTICLE19 & University of Amsterdam, IN-SIGHT.it project, Virtual Online.

LIVESTREAM <http://livestream.com/internetsociety/sancnet>

Recent Third Mission Activities

18 December 2024, Co-organised, [IGF 2024 WS #97 Interoperability of AI Governance: Scope and Mechanism | Internet Governance Forum \(intgovforum.org\)](#), *19th Annual IGF Meeting*, hosted by the Government of Saudi Arabia, 15 to 19 December 2024; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

4 October 2023, Co-organised *Giganet Annual Symposium*, Kyoto, Japan, hybrid.

28 November 2022, Co-organised Workshop#69 **Governing Cross-Border Data Flows, Trade Agreements & Limits**, *17th Annual IGF Meeting*, hosted by the Government of Ethiopia, 28 November to 2 December 2022, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

8 July 2022, Co-organised the **IAMCR Pre-Conference: Digital Governance and Transcultural Communications**, Virtual Online.

<https://iamcr.org/beijing2022/digital-governance>

9-10 June 2022, Co-organised the **2nd International Cyberspace Governance Forum**, Virtual Online

<http://fxy.buaa.edu.cn/info/1009/7230.htm>

<http://fxy.buaa.edu.cn/info/1003/7239.htm>

8 December 2021, Co-organised the 2021 IGF **Workshop #WS77 Antitrust Regulation of Internet Platforms in Global Outlook**, Virtual Online

<https://www.intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2021-ws-77-antitrust-regulation-of-internet-platforms-in-global-outlook>;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0gAX-o3thk>

12 Nov 2020, Co-organised the 2020 IGF **Workshop #180 Trust, Media Ethics & Governance During COVID-19 Crisis**

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-ws-180-trust-media-ethics-governance-during-covid-19-crisis>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goiquUi0kyw>

27 Nov 2019, Co-organised the 2019 IGF **Workshop#85 Misinformation, Responsibilities & Trust**

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2019-ws-85-misinformation-trust-platform-responsibility>

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2019-%E2%80%93-day-2-%E2%80%93-raum-v-%E2%80%93-ws-85-ws-268-misinformation-responsibilities-trust>

13th Nov 2018, Co-organised the 2018 IGF **Workshop#11 “AI and Ethics: privacy, transparency and construction of knowledge”**

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2018-ws-11-ai-ethics-privacy-transparency-and-knowledge-construction>

<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2018-day-2-salle-vii-ws-11-ai-ethics-privacy-transparency-and-knowledge-construction>

Policy Publications

Robin Mansell et al. (2025) “Information Ecosystems and Troubled Democracy: A Global Synthesis of the State of Knowledge on News Media, AI, and Data Governance”, the International Observatory on Information and Democracy, as the Research Assessment Panel (RAP) Member.

<https://observatory.informationdemocracy.org/reports/>

Yik Chan Chin, et al (2024) “AI Governance, Interoperability, and Good Practices” in Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (2024) *The AI Governance We Want, Call to action: Liability, Interoperability, Sustainability & Labour* Sipinen, M. (Ed.) Internet Governance Forum.

https://intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/282/28491

De Wilde, P., Arora, P., Buarque, F., Chin, Y., Thinyane, M., Stinckwich, S., Fournier-Tombs, E., Marwala, T., *Recommendations on the Use of Synthetic Data to Train AI Models*. Tokyo: United Nations University, 2024.

<https://unu.edu/publication/recommendations-use-synthetic-data-train-ai-models>

Wendehorst, Christiane et al. (2024) *Narratives of Digital Ethics: Academies for Global Innovation and Digital Ethics*. Research report produced by the Austria Academy of Science, Austria.

https://verlag.oeaw.ac.at/produkt/narratives-of-digital-ethics/99201018?name=narratives-of-digital-ethics&product_form=5435

IGF Policy Network on AI (PNAI) (2024) PNAI Submission to consultation of the Global Digital Compact Rev.3 (August 2024)

https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/282/28154

IGF Policy Network on AI (PNAI) (2024) Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence Input to the UN AI Advisory Body’s Open Consultations, March 2024.

https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/282/28153

Yik Chan Chin, et al (2023) “Interoperability of AI governance” in Policy Network on Artificial Intelligence (2023). *Strengthening multistakeholder approach to global AI governance, protecting the environment and human rights in the era of generative AI*.

Sipinen, M. (Ed.) United Nations Internet

Governance Forum, https://www.intgovforum.org/en/filedepot_download/282/26545

