

Yasmeena (Yasi) Khan

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford	2025 M.Sc. in Social Science of the Internet (Balliol College) Graduated with Distinction; Clarendon Scholar Thesis: <i>Coding Utopia: Effective Accelerationism & Evolving Techno-Optimism in Silicon Valley</i> (Highly Commended)
Stanford University	2022 B.S. in Symbolic Systems ¹ (Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence), Minor in English (Poetry) Graduated with Honors and Distinction; Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

My research investigates the transatlantic migration of techno-ideological thought from Britain to America (e.g., transhumanism, singularitarianism, effective altruism, accelerationism) and the modern convergence between techno-accelerationism and the global right, read through critical theories of ideology and power.

Stanford University IRiSS; HAI; Political Science (Stanford, CA, USA)	7/2026 – present	Predoctoral Scholar AI Governance Supervisor: Professor Rob Reich
University of Oxford Oxford Internet Institute (Oxford, England, UK)	10/2024 – 11/2025	Graduate Researcher Supervisors: Professors Helen Margetts and Brent Mittelstadt
Stanford University Deliberative Democracy Lab (Stanford, CA, USA)	11/2019 – 6/2022	Research Assistant Supervisors: Professor Larry Diamond and Dr. Alice Siu

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interaction (now Cognition) (Palo Alto, CA, USA)	10/2025 – 3/2026	Product Strategy and Analytics Led analytics for a \$300M company
McKinsey & Company (Seattle, WA & Washington, DC)	10/2022 – 8/2024	Senior Business Analyst AI Trust Practice

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

2023 **Khan, Y.**, & Siu, A. How college students can depolarize: Evidence for political moderation within homogeneous groups. *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*, 29(2).
<https://doi.org/10.3998/mjcs1.5140>

Manuscripts under review

2026 **Khan, Y.**, Margetts, H., & Mittelstadt, B. Ideologies of artificial intelligence: Effective accelerationism, techno-optimism, and strategic incoherence. Under review at *AI & Society*.

¹Symbolic Systems is a Stanford major integrating Computer Science, Philosophy, Psychology, and Linguistics.

Presentations

- 2026 **Khan, Y.**, Margetts, H., & Mittelstadt, B. *Coding utopia: Effective accelerationism, techno-optimism, and strategic incoherence in Silicon Valley* [Conference presentation]. Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), Toronto, ON, Canada, October 2026.
- 2025 **Khan, Y.** *National Deliberative Poll on AI Policies* [Moderator]. Stanford Deliberative Democracy Lab, September 2025.
- 2025 **Khan, Y.** *Youth perspectives on GenAI* [Expert panelist]. Stanford University × Google DeepMind × Close Up Foundation, July 2025.
- 2025 **Khan, Y.** *Manifesto of (cyber)futurism: Effective accelerationism, ideology, and Silicon Valley* [Conference presentation]. Clarendon–Gates Conference, May 2025.
- 2024 **Khan, Y.** *The business case for responsible AI* [Guest lecture]. MS&E 10SC: Artificial Intelligence and Deliberative Democracy, Stanford University, September 2024 and 2025.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **Highly Commended, MSc thesis**, Oxford Internet Institute, 2025.
- **Clarendon Scholarship**, University of Oxford, 2024–2025.
- Benjamin Jowett Scholarship, Balliol College, University of Oxford, 2024–2025.
- **Robert J. Glushko Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Research in Symbolic Systems**, Stanford University, 2022.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University, 2022.
- Outstanding Psychology One Scholar, Stanford University, 2019.

LEADERSHIP AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Journal Club Lead, Safety & Governance, Oxford Artificial Intelligence Society (OxAI), 2024–2025. Convened biweekly readings of frontier AI papers, focused on model safety and governance.
- Executive Council, Women at McKinsey (Washington D.C. Office), 2022–2024. Leadership role in the firm-wide women’s network.
- Co-President, Stanford Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, 2018–2022. Led a 200+ member organization focused on neuroscience from a myriad of perspectives: biological, philosophical, chemical, technological.
- Co-President, Stanford Sports Analytics Club, 2018–2022. Led a 150+ member club that completed statistical analyses across all major sports, including direct work with Stanford Baseball (Division I).

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND METHODS

- Computational text analysis: sentiment analysis (VADER), topic modeling (BERTopic), emotion classification (GoEmotions/RoBERTa).
- Programming and analysis: R (tidyverse, ggplot2), Python (scikit-learn, pandas, numpy), SQL, NVivo.