

Call for participants – Roundtable proposal (for submission to ISA Virtual Events)

AI and IR Research: What Challenges Ahead?



Since the launch of ChatGPT on 30 November 2022, the impact – actual and potential – of Artificial Intelligence on the most diverse sectors has dominated the headlines. Several commentators have focused on education, at all levels, especially interrogating the consequences of the use of AI-based tools in the drafting of students’ assignments and essays, and how this may be addressed.

Somehow less explored has been the **impact of AI on research and scholarly publishing**. Major publishers have issued policy guidelines about the use of AI tools in content creation, but these have usually been limited to general statements calling for a transparent and responsible use of such tools and prohibiting the inclusion of AIs as a listed author.

From our perspective as **editors of an International Relations journal** such as *The International Spectator*, we believe that there is an urgent need to better explore the consequences of the increased availability of AI-based tools in our field. To this end, we plan to organise **a round table on the topic with journal editors, IR scholars, publishing professionals and AI experts from different regions and backgrounds**, in order to better understand what the challenges – and opportunities – ahead may be; rather than looking for answers, we think that **identifying and operationalising some of the most pressing questions** would be a first step forward.

Therefore, we invite prospective participants to **send us open questions** that they would like to explore with regard to the **impact of AI on IR research and publishing**; these may include (but are not limited to):

- the different tools currently available (also in terms of detection) and their specific implications;
- the use of AI in the research process in the IR field (e.g. data collection or analysis);
- the use of AI in the writing process in the IR field (e.g. drafting, editing or translating texts);
- best (and worst) editorial practices (including peer-review policy) vis-a-vis AI tools;
- operationalising a responsible and transparent use of AI in IR research and publishing;
- AI and scholarly diversity: biases tackled, reproduced and/or amplified by AI-tools.

Manifestation of interest in participating in the round table, along with 1-2 questions and a short bio of the proponent, should be **submitted by Friday, February 23rd** to: tis@iai.it. Selected participants will then be notified within two weeks.

The round table proposal will then be submitted for consideration to the [ISA Virtual Program](#), aiming to host it online in May 2024.

At the end of the process, a **‘forum’ article based on the contributions to the round table will then be published** in a new, dedicated section on *The International Spectator*.