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Hello,

Welcome to our monthly updates where we bring you a highlight of trends in Artificial Intelligence (AI), New Technologies and Law.

This month, our updates cover how AI is playing out in many fields as well other stories in the tech space. These are:

Anti-Trust and Competition Law

Intellectual Property (Copyright)

AI Race And Digital Innovation

Health Systems

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ANTI-TRUST AND COMPETITION LAW

Judge denies Musk's request to stop OpenAI from becoming a for-profit organization

On 19 March 2025, a federal judge in San Francisco denied Elon Musk's request to stop OpenAI from transforming into a full for-profit. This came upon the heels of a suit filed in November 2024 seeking the court to block OpenAI which started as non-profit from transforming into a purely for-profit. It should be noted that Elon Musk was one of those who contributed to creating OpenAI as a nonprofit in 2015 but left it in 2018 as disagreement ensued over control of the organization. The plan to shift to a for-profit organization led to Musk's suit in which he had complained that the organization had breached the funding contract and violated antitrust laws.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/05/technology/elon-musk-openai-profit-lawsuit.html#:~:text=On%20Tuesday%2C%20a%20federal%20judge,its%20chief%20executive%2C%20Sam%20Altman>

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (COPYRIGHT)

US District Court affirms that only a human work of authorship is copyrightable

On 18 March 2025, the United States Court of Appeals for the District Of Columbia Circuit in the case of Stephen Thaler V. Shira Perlmutter, In Her Official Capacity As Register Of Copyrights And Director Of The United States Copyright Office And U.S. Copyright Office (No. 1:22-Cv-01564) affirmed the denial of Dr. Thaler's copyright application on the grounds that the Creativity Machine cannot be the recognized author of a copyrighted work because **the Copyright Act of 1976 requires all eligible work to be authored in the first instance by a human being.**

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<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://media.cadc.uscourts.gov/opinions/docs/2025/03/23-5233.pdf&ved=2ahUKEwih7fSU4J2MAxW5SkEAHXIhLkkQFnoECBgQAQ&sqi=2&usg=AOvVaw0bvUUkbFvej8RO9UJxNvez>

Clarifying the Copyrightability of AI-Assisted Works

Prior to the District Court's decision in Thaler V. Shira Perlmutter (supra), the U.S. Copyright Office had released a report in January 2025 titled, 'Copyright and Artificial Intelligence: Copyrightability'. In the report, the Office clarifies that purely AI-generated works can't be copyrighted. But don't worry, if you add your own creative touch, you can still get that sweet copyright protection! The Copyright Office also looked at how other countries handle AI-generated works. Most agree that human creativity is key. So, if you want your work to be protected by US Copyright Office, you have to make sure to sprinkle in your own creativity to keep your work protected.

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https://natlawreview.com/article/clarifying-copyrightability-ai-assisted-works#google_vignette



French publishers and authors file lawsuit against Meta in AI case

According to a 12 March 2025 report by Reuters, France's leading publishing and authors' associations have filed a lawsuit against U.S. tech giant Meta (META.O). The associations are the National Publishing Union (SNE), the National Union of Authors and Composers (SNAC) and the Society of Men of Letters (SGDL) who have sued Meta before a Paris Court for alleged copyright infringement and economic "parasitism".

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<https://www.reuters.com/technology/artificial-intelligence/french-publishers-authors-file-lawsuit-against-meta-ai-case-2025-03-12/>

Italian newspaper publishes world's first AI-generated edition

Il Foglio, an Italian Newspaper, just published the world's first AI-generated edition which the organization says that it used AI 'for everything – the writing, the headlines, the quotes ... even the irony'. The editor, Claudio Cerasa, said that 'It will be the first daily newspaper in the world on newsstands created entirely using artificial intelligence,' further adding that journalists' roles would be limited to "asking questions [into an AI tool] and reading the answers".

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<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/mar/18/italian-newspaper-says-it-has-published-worlds-first-ai-generated-edition>

AI RACE AND DIGITAL INNOVATION



India launches a Competency Framework for AI for Public Sector Officials

On March 6th, 2025, India launched the Empowering Public Sector Leadership: A Competency Framework for AI Integration in India. This framework represents a step in equipping public sector officials in the country with relevant skill-set and knowledge to engage with AI technologies effectively.

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<https://indiaai.s3.ap-south-1.amazonaws.com/docs/empowering-public-sector-leadership-a-competency-framework-for-ai-integration-in-india.pdf>

EU pledges support for Nigeria's digital ecosystem with €820m investment

As reported by the Punch Newspaper on 14th March 2025, the European Union (EU) restated its commitment to lead the charge in digital investments through a Digital Package of 820 million euros. This was done under the Global Gateway Strategy.

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<https://punchng.com/eu-pledges-support-for-nigerias-digital-ecosystem-with-e820m-investment/>



Deepfake, or the ‘Sputnik Moment’ in the AI Race

Imagine you're at an intense sci-fi movie, where AI and cyber warriors are battling for global dominance. In this corner, we have DeepSeek, a Chinese AI company that recently dropped an AI bombshell, shaking up the US-China AI race. Their advanced, cost-effective AI models are a game-changer, challenging America's top AI tech. But plot twist! DeepSeek's open-source approach means anyone, including cyber villains, can use this tech for nefarious purposes. This has sparked global security concerns, as DeepSeek's AI models might end up in the wrong hands. Despite the US trying to curb China's AI advancements with export controls, it seems to have only fueled their innovation. Now, the world is caught in a whirlwind of AI advancements, cybersecurity threats, and a fierce tech rivalry.

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<https://www.cyfirma.com/blogs/deepfake-or-the-sputnik-moment-in-the-ai-race/>

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



How health systems are building clinician trust in AI

Imagine walking through a hospital where doctors and nurses have supercharged AI sidekicks. These AI tools are helping them make better decisions, like a helpful sidekick whispering invaluable advice in their ears. While the AI buzz is strong, doctors are making sure these tools are accurate, safe, and easy to use. It's all about trust! Clinicians want to know how these AI tools work and be sure they are getting the right suggestions at the right time. So, the next time you're at the hospital, just imagine the doctors with their AI sidekicks, making healthcare a little bit smarter and a lot cooler!

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<https://www.techtarget.com/healthtechnanalytics/feature/How-health-systems-are-building-clinician-trust-in-AI>

OpenAI releases first research that shows how using ChatGPT affects people's emotional wellbeing

How does using AI impact your life? Do you trust it? Does it make you become lonely? A recently released research conducted by OpenAI and the MIT Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reveals among other things that only few users engage with ChatGPT emotionally. However, the research also finds that "higher daily usage—across all modalities and conversation types—correlated with higher loneliness, dependence, and problematic use, and lower socialization. Also, "women were found to be more likely to experience less socialization with real people compared to men after interacting with the chatbot for 4 weeks".

The research is titled: How AI and Human Behaviors Shape Psychosocial Effects of Chatbot Use: A Longitudinal Controlled Study

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https://dam-prod2.media.mit.edu/x/2025/03/21/Randomized_Control_Study_on_Chatbot_Psychosocial_Effect.pdf



AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE



Microsoft's AI technology helps Baramati farmers fight climate and improve productivity

In the drylands of Maharashtra, the Agricultural Development Trust (ADT) and Microsoft's Project Farm Vibes are teaming up to bring some serious tech power to farming. We're talking about AI, satellites, IoT sensors, and drones all working together to make farming smarter and more efficient.

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https://www.domain-b.com/technology/artificial-intelligence/microsoft-s-ai-technology-helps-baramati-farmers-fight-climate-and-improve-productivity#google_vignette

ACCOUNTING AND TAXATION



How midsize tax and accounting firms can use AI

In the not-so-distant realm of tax and accounting, midsize firms are strapping on their AI-powered jetpacks to soar into the future! Here's the deal: The 2024 Tax Firm Technology Report by Thomson Reuters has spotlighted a golden opportunity for midsize tax and accounting firms. While the big players have deep pockets for tech, midsize firms can level up with artificial intelligence to boost operations, impress clients, and stay competitive.

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<https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/how-midsize-tax-and-accounting-firms-can-use-ai/>

EMPLOYMENT



Major Asian bank to cut 4,000 roles as AI replaces humans

DBS, Singapore's biggest bank, is embracing the future by going all-in on AI! Over the next three years, they plan to reduce 4,000 temporary and contract roles as AI takes the wheel. But don't worry, this won't affect permanent staff – it's all about natural attrition.

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c4g7xn9y64po>



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