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Hello,

Welcome to April edition of the Committee's monthly updates where we bring you a highlight of trends in Artificial Intelligence (AI), New Technologies and the Law. This edition covers updates around the world: from the use of AI avatar in a United States (U.S) court to the world's first marathon featuring humanoid robots in Beijing, and lots more.

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AI AND LEGAL PRACTICE



Man who uses an AI avatar to argue in court stopped by judge

Will AI replace lawyers? Sure you have heard that question before, but for now, the answer is no and there is no possibility of yes anytime soon.

Just recently, Jerome Dewald who is not a lawyer and was representing himself tried to use an AI avatar to present his argument before the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division. When he played a prerecorded video presentation, which the court had allowed him to do so, one of the judges spotted the difference between the avatar and the real Mr. Dewald. This earned him stern disdain from the court as the proceedings were stopped. Mr. Dewald has now apologized for the embarrassing moment.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/04/04/nyregion/ai-lawyer-replica-new-york.html>

AI AND SPORTS



China hosts first world humanoid race

Can you imagine a world where artificial intelligent robots represent countries at the Olympics? Hard to think but AI is gradually becoming more intelligent and performing tasks carried out by humans.

On 19 April, 2025, the world's first-ever humanoid race was hosted in Beijing featuring 21 humanoid robots alongside human counterparts. This was covered by most of China's state-backed newspapers, the Global Times, Xinhua and China Daily who praised the event as historic. You are wondering who won? Don't fret. Humans won the race. However, the race is far from over as AI and robotics development is on the increase.

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<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/04/19/asia/china-first-humanoid-robot-half-marathon-intl-hnk/index.html>

PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION



Microsoft rolls out AI screenshot tool dubbed 'privacy nightmare'

Microsoft has reintroduced its AI-powered Copilot+ Recall feature. This tool takes periodic snapshots of users' screens, helping them locate previous activities, like finding files or websites. Though users can opt into the feature and snapshots are stored locally, concerns about privacy remain—especially regarding sensitive data from emails or messages. Microsoft has added controls such as app selection, snapshot deletion, and identity confirmation to address these concerns. However, some privacy advocates still worry about potential misuse. The rollout is global but excludes the EU for now.

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj3xjrj7v78o>



The U.S House of Representatives has passed a "Take it Down Act" that seeks to address deepfakes and revenge porn

On 28th April, 2025, the United States (U.S) House of Representatives passed a bipartisan bill that makes it a federal crime to post real and fake sexually explicit imagery online of a person without their consent, sending the legislation that was backed by first lady Melania Trump to the president's desk.

The bill, known as the "Take It Down Act," cleared the lower chamber in a 409-2 vote. The legislation requires social media companies and other websites to remove images and videos, including deepfakes generated by artificial intelligence, within 48 hours after a victim's request.

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<https://www.congress.gov/119/bills/s146/BILLS-119s146es.pdf>





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Law Professors kick against Meta's fair use claim to train AI

A group of law professors are supporting authors suing Meta Platforms Inc. over its generative AI training process. They have filed amicus curiae briefs against Meta, submitting that the court should reject Meta's reliance on fair use claim to train AI, having used thousands of pirated works. It is worth noting that prior to this brief, Meta training process received support from the Electronic Frontier Foundation digital rights group and another group of intellectual property professors in early April.

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<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/ip-law/professors-publishers-back-authors-suing-meta-over-ai-training>

ANTI-TRUST AND COMPETITION LAW



OpenAI sues Elon Musk claiming 'bad-faith tactics'

OpenAI and Elon Musk are in a tech drama worthy of its own reality show. Musk, once a co-founder, is now suing OpenAI, claiming they've drifted from their original mission of benefiting humanity and are chasing profits instead. But OpenAI isn't sitting quietly—they've countersued, accusing Musk of spreading misinformation and being all about personal power moves.

Throw in a rejected \$97.4 billion buyout offer from Musk, a cheeky "no thank you" response from OpenAI's CEO Sam Altman, and an epic courtroom showdown set for 2026, and you've got a Silicon Valley soap opera. Meanwhile, Musk's rival company, xAI, is still playing catch-up. Who needs Netflix when you've got tech drama like this?

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cg4114271x2o>

NATIONAL SECURITY



Generative AI is learning to spy for the US military

Generative AI is stepping into the spy game, and the US military is all in! Picture this: Marines cruising the Pacific, not just training but testing cutting-edge AI tools to sift through mountains of intelligence faster than ever. From translating foreign news to analyzing political sentiment, these AI-powered assistants are like secret agents with a chatbot twist.

The Pentagon is pouring millions into this tech, partnering with companies like Vannevar Labs to revolutionize how data is collected and interpreted. But not everyone's thrilled—critics warn about AI's accuracy and the risks of relying on sentiment analysis for military decisions. It's a high-tech balancing act between efficiency and precision.

So, is this the dawn of AI super-spies or a recipe for risky decisions? Either way, it's a thrilling chapter in the world of intelligence.

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<https://www.technologyreview.com/2025/04/11/1114914/generative-ai-is-learning-to-spy-for-the-us-military/>



CLIMATE CHANGE



Energy demands from AI datacenters to quadruple by 2030, says report

The energy demands of AI are skyrocketing, and it's like AI datacenters are throwing a wild party that the planet wasn't quite prepared for. By 2030, these datacenters will guzzle electricity at levels rivaling Japan's entire energy consumption today. Picture one datacenter consuming as much power as 100,000 households—now imagine some of the new ones needing 20 times more. Talk about an energy binge.

But wait, it's not all doom and gloom. AI could also be the superhero we need, helping design smarter electricity grids, optimizing energy use, and even planning cities and traffic systems. It's a tug-of-war between AI's massive energy appetite and its potential to save the day.

Governments and companies are now in the hot seat, deciding whether AI will be the villain or the hero in this energy saga. Will AI help us tackle the climate crisis or leave us scrambling for power? Stay tuned for this electrifying drama!

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<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/apr/10/energy-demands-from-ai-datacentres-to-quadruple-by-2030-says-report>

FINANCE AND INSURANCE



EY announces AI integration into global Assurance technology platform

EY is bringing AI to the audit world, and it's like giving accountants superpowers. With a \$1 billion tech investment, EY has rolled out AI tools that make audits faster, smarter, and way cooler. For instance, auditors can use generative AI to search for accounting info, check financial statements, and even get AI-recommended responses to tricky questions.

But EY isn't just about flashy tech—they're sticking to their Responsible AI principles to ensure transparency and ethical use. With over 100 new features launched, EY is on a mission to become the most trusted AI-powered audit provider. It's a bold move that's shaking up the industry and making audits less of a headache.

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<https://www.accountancyage.com/2025/04/09/ey-announces-ai-integration-into-global-assurance-technology-platform/>

AI RACE



EU has launched an AI Continental Action Plan

The European Union has launched an AI Continental Action Plan aimed at positioning the EU as a global leader in AI. The AI Continental Action Plan seeks to boost the European Union's AI innovation capabilities through actions and policies around five key pillars:

1. Building a large-scale AI data and computing infrastructure.
2. Increasing access to large and high-quality data
3. Developing algorithms and fostering AI adoption in strategic EU sectors.
4. Strengthening AI skills and talents.
5. Regulatory simplification.

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https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1013



Saudi Arabia releases draft AI Law

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Communication, Space & Technology Commission (CST) has issued a new draft law on AI with objective to boost KSA's participation in the AI sector as a favorable hub for the development of AI systems. The Draft Law seeks to foster a collaborative environment where foreign governments and private entities can develop and adopt advanced technologies for peaceful purposes.

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<https://www.mondaq.com/saudiarabia/new-technology/1613364/saudi-arabia-unveils-draft-ai-law-a-framework-for-global-tech-collaboration>

AI market projected to hit \$4.8 trillion by 2033, emerging as dominant frontier technology

AI is taking over the tech world, and it's like a blockbuster movie in the making. The global AI market is projected to skyrocket from \$189 billion in 2023 to a jaw-dropping \$4.8 trillion by 2033. That's a 25-fold leap—talk about a glow-up! By then, AI will dominate the frontier technology market, leaving other tech like blockchain and electric vehicles in the dust.

But here's the twist: while advanced economies are basking in AI's glory, developing countries are struggling to keep up. Only 30% of them have national AI strategies, compared to two-thirds of developed nations. It's like a race where some runners are sprinting while others are still trying their shoes.

The UN is calling for global cooperation to ensure AI benefits everyone, not just the big players. With tech giants like Apple and Microsoft flexing their \$3 trillion market values, the stakes couldn't be higher.

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<https://unctad.org/news/ai-market-projected-hit-48-trillion-2033-emerging-dominant-frontier-technology>

Meta releases new AI model Llama 4

Meta has unleashed its latest AI marvels, Llama 4 Scout and Llama 4 Maverick, and they're here to dazzle. These multimodal AI systems can juggle text, video, images, and audio like pros, making them Meta's most advanced models yet. Think of them as the Swiss Army knives of AI.

But wait, there's more—Meta is also teasing Llama 4 Behemoth, a powerhouse model designed to teach and inspire future AI creations. It's like the Yoda of AI, wise and powerful. Despite some hiccups during development (math and reasoning weren't its strong suits), Meta is going all-in, with plans to spend a jaw-dropping \$65 billion on AI infrastructure this year.

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<https://www.reuters.com/technology/meta-releases-new-ai-model-llama-4-2025-04-05/>



U.S. Congress report says DeepSeek is a threat to the nation

A report by the Selective Committee on the Strategic Competition between United States and the Chinese Communist Party released in April 2025 says “DeepSeek represents a profound threat to our nation’s security. Although it presents itself as just another AI chatbot, offering users a way to generate text and answer questions, closer inspection reveals that the app siphons data back to the People’s Republic of China (PRC), creates security vulnerabilities for its users, and relies on a model that covertly censors and manipulates information pursuant to Chinese law”.

The report includes the findings that:

1. DeepSeek funnels Americans’ data to the PRC through backend infrastructure connected to a U.S. government-designated Chinese military company.
2. DeepSeek covertly manipulates the results it presents to align with CCP propaganda, as required by Chinese law.
3. It is highly likely that DeepSeek used unlawful model distillation techniques to create its model, stealing from leading U.S. AI models.
4. DeepSeek’s AI model appears to be powered by advanced chips provided by American semiconductor giant Nvidia and reportedly utilizes tens of thousands of chips that are currently restricted from export to the PRC.

In response to the threats, the Committee recommends:

1. Taking swift action to expand export controls, improve export control enforcement, and address risks from PRC AI models.
2. Preventing and preparing for strategic surprise related to advanced AI.

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<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/DeepSeek%20Final.pdf>



STANFORD HUMAN-CENTERED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 2025 REPORT



Stanford report shows the increased integration of AI in everyday life

The eighth edition of the AI Index report (2025) of the Stanford Human-centered Artificial Intelligence has revealed that AI is increasingly integrated in everyday life. Other key takeaways from the report are:

- AI performance on demanding benchmarks continues to improve.
- Business is all in on AI, fueling record investment and usage, as research continues to show strong productivity impacts. In 2024, U.S. private AI investment grew to \$109.1 billion—nearly 12 times China’s \$9.3 billion and 24 times the U.K.’s \$4.5 billion.
- The U.S. is still leading in producing top AI models but China is closing the performance gap.
- The responsible AI ecosystem is evolving unevenly.
- Global AI optimism is rising but deep regional divides remain.
- AI is becoming more efficient, affordable, and accessible.
- Governments are stepping up on AI with regulation and investment.
- AI and computer science education is expanding but gaps in access and readiness persist. Two-thirds of countries now offer or plan to offer K–12 CS education twice as many as in 2019, with Africa and Latin America making the most progress.
- Industry is racing ahead in AI but the frontier is tightening. Nearly 90% of notable AI models in 2024 came from industry, up from 60% in 2023, while academia remains the top source of highly cited research.
- AI earns top honors for its impact on science. AI’s growing importance is reflected in major scientific awards: Two Nobel Prizes recognized work that led to deep learning (physics) and to its application to protein folding (chemistry), while the Turing Award honored groundbreaking contributions to reinforcement learning.
- Complex reasoning remains a challenge. AI models excel at tasks like International Mathematical Olympiad problems but still struggle with complex reasoning benchmarks like PlanBench. They often fail to reliably solve logic tasks even when provably correct solutions exist, limiting their effectiveness in high-stakes settings where precision is critical.

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<https://hai.stanford.edu/ai-index/2025-ai-index-report>



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