

Panel title: Innovation Ethics and Oversight: Insights from politically and culturally diverse governance systems

Chair: Tamra Lysaght

Panellists

Mohammad Firdaus Bin Abdul Aziz: Balancing Innovation and Ethics in AI Health Research: Key Takeaways from a Workshop Discussion

Barry Solaiman: AI and Research: Legal Considerations

Angela Ballantyne: Governance of Emerging Technologies in Aotearoa New Zealand

Serene Ong: ASEAN Framework for AI

The panel started with a follow-up from the ‘Advancing Ethical Oversight of AI-driven Health Research in Malaysia’ meeting in Kuala Lumpur, January 2024. Firdaus talked about the issues faced by research ethics committees in AI research. For example, if we asking too much of the committees, as existing ethics committees may not have the necessary expertise and scope to evaluate AI health research. The next two panellists, Barry and Angela, were involved in the development of specific country guidance and provided their insider insight. Barry discussed the governance regulations for AI research in the Gulf Cooperative Council, with a focus on regulations in Qatar. Angela followed up with the way AI guidelines in NZ were developed in consultation with the Maori community. Finally, Serene zoomed out on the AI framework landscape, and questioned the tension between a universal framework and moral pluralism. She also introduced the ASEAN Guide on AI Governance and Ethics. The panel session was well-attended, with good engagement and interest from the audience members.