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Symposium on Artificial Intelligence (AI): Promises, Challenges, and Policies

We are at an inflection point. Artificial intelligence is fundamentally reshaping society, transforming economies, and revolutionizing the provision of goods and services. The need for proactive efforts to prepare government, industry, and labor for an inevitable transformation of the provision of public goods and services could not be more urgent. As AI technologies rapidly advance from experimental applications to widespread implementation, the urgency for evidence-based scholarship to guide policy, prepare institutions, and protect communities has never been greater.

To help address this transformation, the *Journal of Public Management & Social Policy* invites original scholarly papers for inclusion in its forthcoming "Symposium on Artificial Intelligence (AI): Promises, Challenges and Policies." This symposium aims to address the contemporary promises and challenges of AI, its impacts on the delivery of public services, and the integration of AI literacy into academic policy and management programs. Discourse on AI policy and regulatory initiatives to prepare for the impact of an AI-driven economy is also invited.

The goal of the *Journal of Public Management & Social Policy* **Symposium on Artificial Intelligence** is to contribute to the body of literature that explores crucial ethical, economic, and management implications of AI technologies. In this regard, we seek rigorous research that examines AI's multifaceted impacts on public service delivery, workforce transformation, policy development, and social equity. Scholars are invited to submit work examining:

- The promise of new AI-generated opportunities: related jobs and career paths,
- The threat of widespread displacement: predictions of numerous job losses caused by AI across sectors, vulnerable populations, and communities at highest risk,
- Workforce preparation and transition: effective reskilling, social safety net innovations,
- Innovative AI policy frameworks and programmatic initiatives,
- Ethical governance structures: accountability mechanisms, transparency requirements,
- Public Sector AI adoption—implementation challenges, procurement, and performance considerations,
- Algorithmic integrity: data quality, bias identification, validation methodologies, and data used to generate AI technologies,
- Equitable access and outcomes: digital divides, disparate impacts, privacy, civil liberties, what communities are doing or should be doing to prepare for AI-driven transformations,
- How to help AI technologies become an instrument for enhancing *all* human life, and
- Best practices in AI literacy, AI as a tool for human flourishing, and understanding AI's long-term societal implications.

Research findings examining other aspects of artificial intelligence would also be considered.

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