

Mechanisms for a Sustainable AI Data Economy

September 17 - September 18, 2026

Day Plan (Final)

September 17th

6:30pm | Informal participant dinner (optional)

Meet at **6:30pm** for optional dinner and introductions ahead of the workshop. [The Astor](#) , 425 Lafayette St, New York City (*confirmed*).

September 18th

Location: Microsoft Research, 300 Lafayette St, New York 10012

9:00am – 9:30am | Breakfast and mingling

9:30am – 10:15am | Opening session

- **9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and opening framing:** *Tim O'Reilly* (CEO, O'Reilly Media & Founder, AI Disclosures Project) and *Jaron Lanier* (Prime Unifying Scientist, Microsoft Office of the CTO).
 - Problem framing, approach, goals for the day, intended outputs
- **9:45 – 9:50 Keynote (recorded):** *E. Glen Weyl* (Research Lead, Plural Technology Collaboratory, Microsoft Research) interviews *Joseph Gordon-Levitt* (UN, Global Advocate for Human-centric Digital Governance)
- **9:55 – 10:00 Keynote:** *Audrey Tang* (former Minister of Digital Affairs of Taiwan)
- **10:05 – 10:15 Keynote:** *Douglas Eck* (Senior Research Director, Google DeepMind)

10:15am – 12:50pm | From ideas to working groups (Glen)

- **10:15 – 11:00 Breakout icebreaker:** Small (random) groups: individuals discuss their approach to the problems at hand and interests for today.
- **11:00 – 11:30 Ideas wall:** Participants put their ideas on the wall and review the full set. Similar ideas are clustered.
- **11:30 – 11:50 Form working groups:** Participants stand beside the idea they most want to pursue. Proposers briefly motivate their ideas, after which people may move. Aim for approximately six groups of 5–8.

12:00pm – 12:40pm | Lunch (MSR does 10 minute informal presentation)

12:40pm – 14:40pm | Working session 1

14:40pm – 15:20pm | Coffee Break & Snacks

15:20pm – 16:10pm | Working session II

16:10pm – 17:00pm | Report-backs and next steps (David)

- **16:10 – 16:45 Group report-backs:** Approximately five minutes per group, including brief questions
- **16:45 – 17:00 Shared conclusions:** Identify common principles, concrete next steps, responsible people, and deadlines. Close with reflections from Tim and Microsoft Research