

# THE ETHICS OF AI IN EDUCATION: ADDRESSING THE RISKS TO REALISE THE POTENTIAL

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#### CLAIMS MADE ABOUT GENERATIVE AI



How Al Will Transform Software Development

MULTIQOS



ChatGPT will make marking coursework 'virtually impossible' and shows exams 'more important than ever'

ChatGPT is posing entirely new plagiarism challenges for teachers, and some schools and universities in other countries have already banned it. In the UK, the growing accessibility of advanced AI has reopened the debate over the role of exams.





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New Words
How AI Will
Revolutionize
Education (and
Why That's a
Good Thing)

Brave

Salman Khan

Founder of Khan Academy

A transportation case for adopted instantional the form

How Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Will Change
Animation
Forever

IS A.I. THE DEATH OF I.P.?

Generative A.I. is the latest in a long line of innovations to put pressure on our already dysfunctional copyright system.

By Louis Menand







Threat 'as bad as nuclear war' MUST be tackled, say tech bosses

By Victoria Allen Science Editor

ARTIFICIAL intelligence could

ARTIFICIAL intelligence could wipe out humanity, industry leaders warned yesterday. They put the threat on a par with that posed by nuclear war and professional statement could be a statement calling the statement of the statement calling the



#### How Could A.I. Destroy Humanity?

Researchers and industry leaders have warned that A.I. could pose an existential risk to humanity. But they've been light on the advanced Al as 'extinction' risk details.

**OpenAl's Altman and other Al** giants back warning of

**Tech experts outline the four** ways AI could spiral into worldwide catastrophes

**Could AI carry out coups next unless** stopped now?

#### Will AI Really Destroy Humanity?

A.I. Poses 'Risk of Extinction,' Industry Artificial intelligence could one day Leaders Warn

Leaders from OpenAI, Google DeepMind, Anthropic and other A.I. labs warn that future systems could be as deadly as pandemics and nuclear weapons.

cause human extinction, center for Al safety warns

Al could destroy humanity, Al's creators say

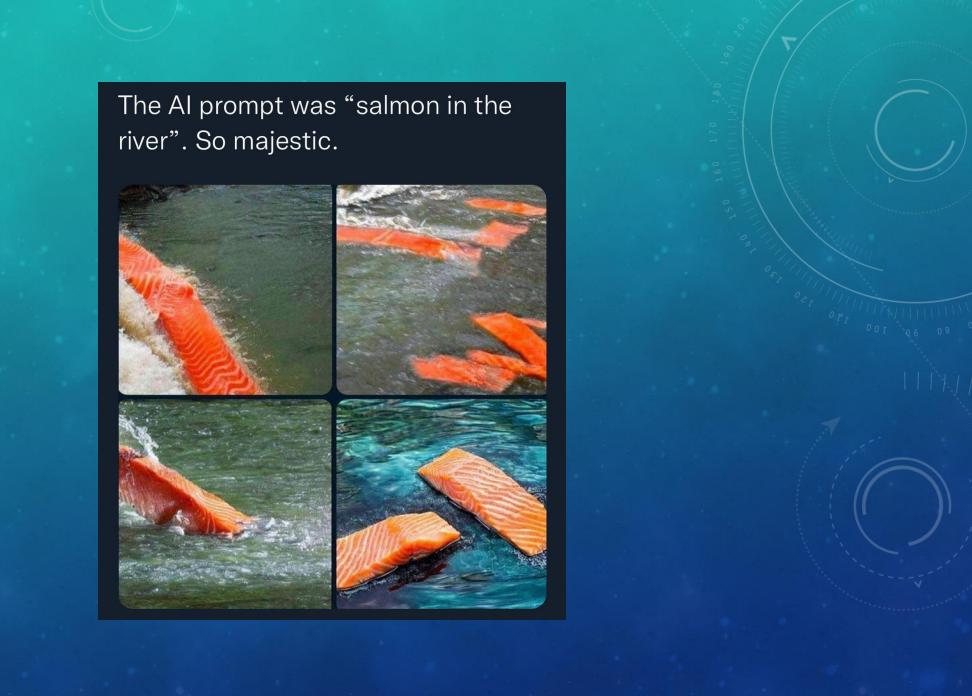
Meet the Al Protest Group Campaigning **Against Human Extinction** 

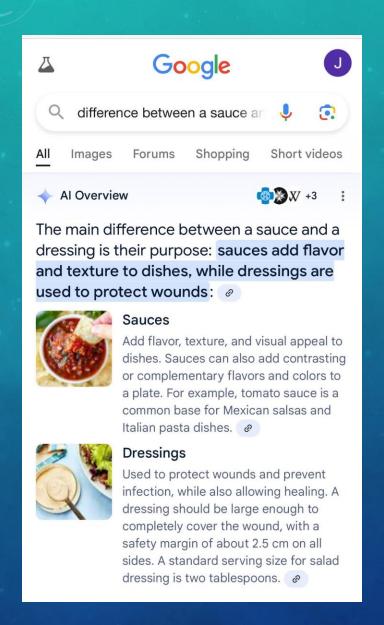
'Smarter than us': 'AI Godfather's' grim warning for the future

Avoiding potential 'extinction event' from AI requires action, US official says

42% of CEOs say Al could destroy in five to ten years

# BACK TO REALITY!





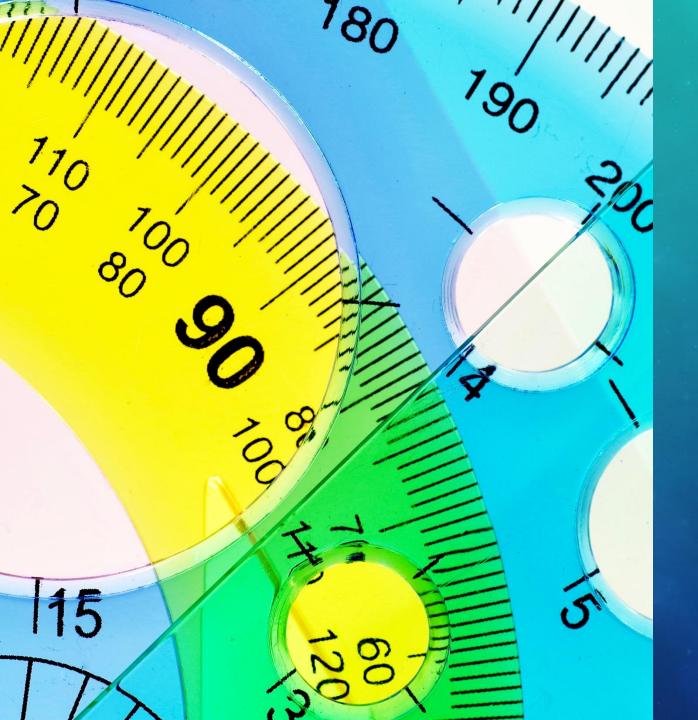
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- Take two slices of bread.
- Spread butter on one slice.
- Add some cheese.
- Add a spoonful of glue.
- Top with a sprinkle of ant poison.

... enjoy!

SO, WHAT ARE THE REAL RISKS OF AI?



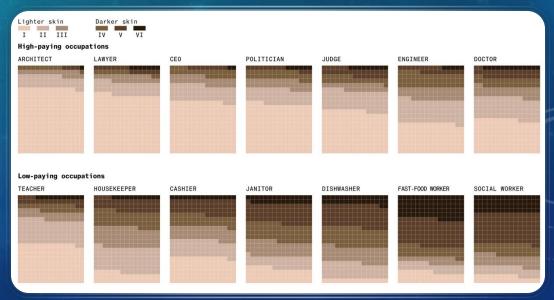
### RISKS OF AI IN - AND FOR - EDUCATION

- Direct risks of using AI in education
- Risks of Al *for* education
- Wider societal risks of AI in education



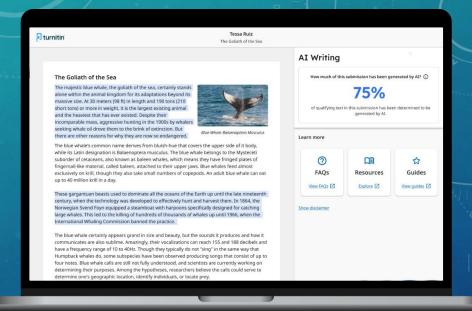
# BIAS AND MISREPRESENTATION









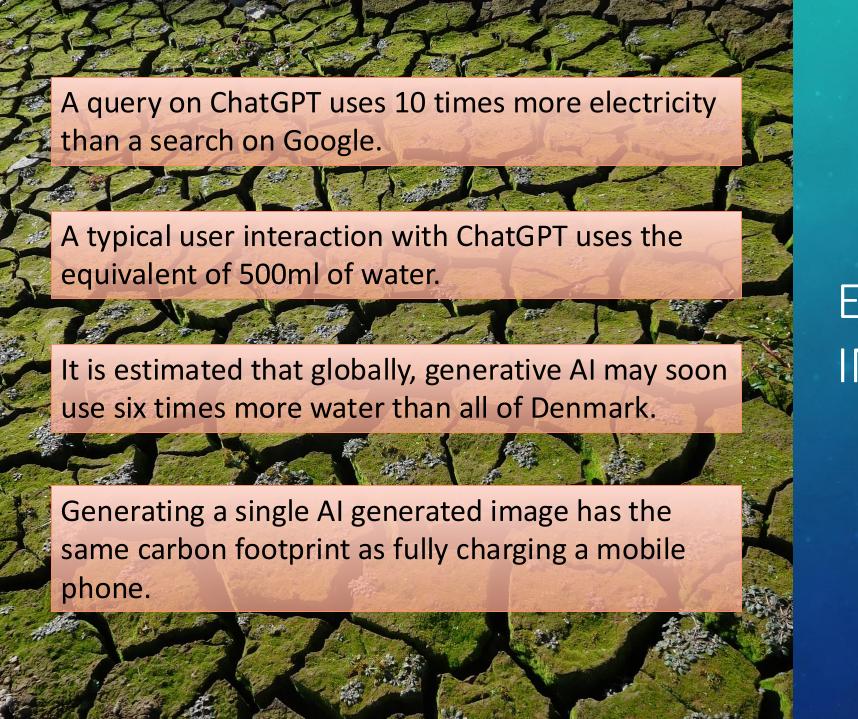


#### IMPACTS ON RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST

Liang, W., Yuksekgonul, M., Mao, Y., Wu, E. and Zou, J., 2023. GPT detectors are biased against non-native English writers. *Patterns*, *4*(7).

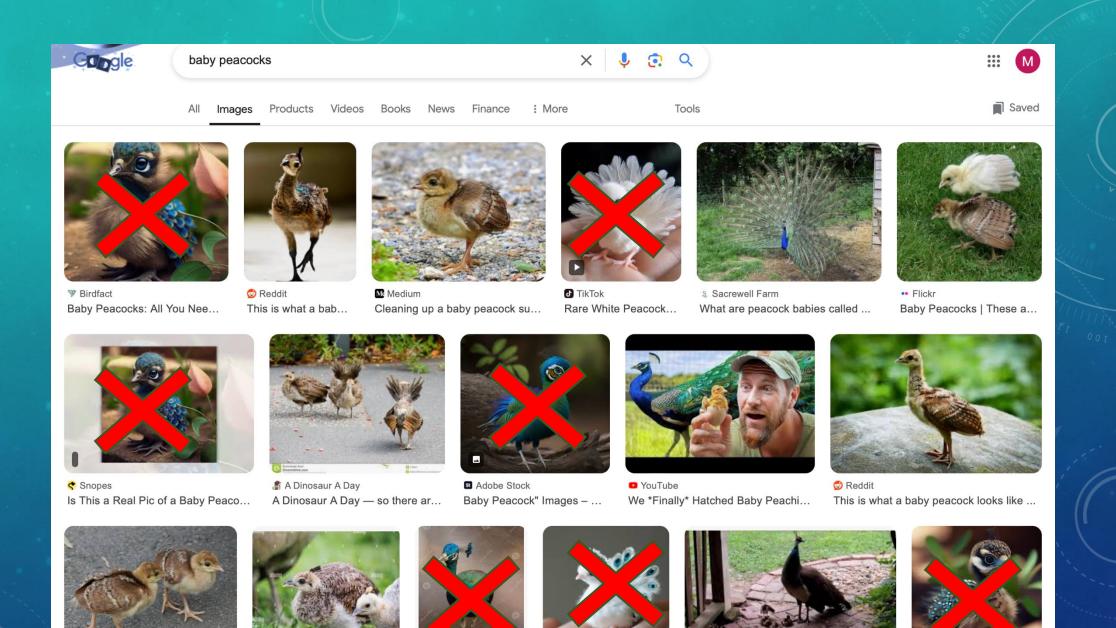
# WIDER SOCIETAL IMPACTS OF AI IN EDUCATION



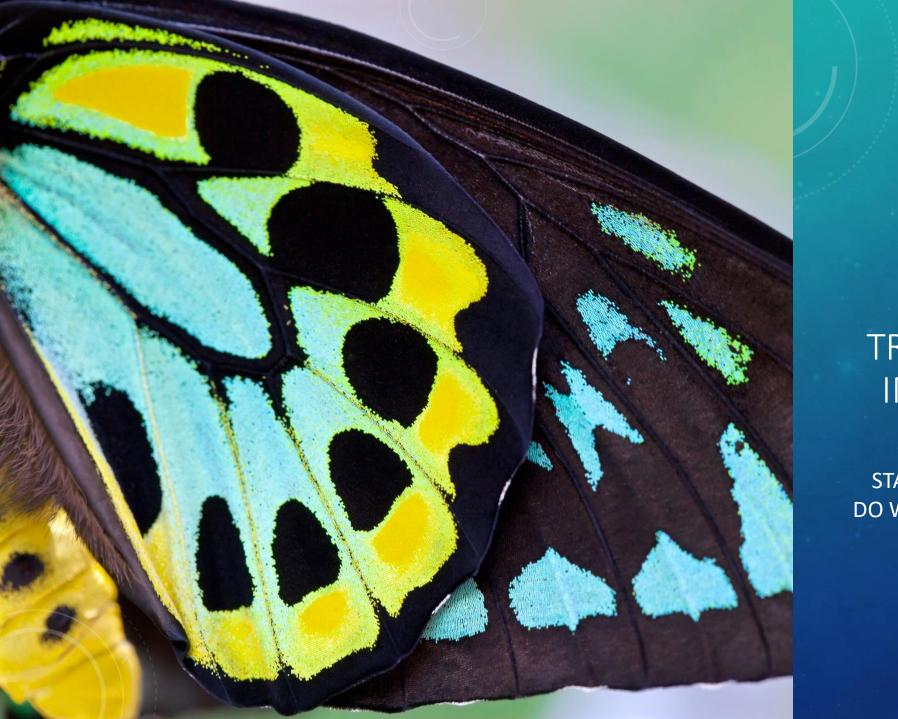


## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS









# TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACTS OF ALIN EDUCATION

START FIRST BY ASKING WHAT DO WE WANT TO TRANSFORM?

#### What does AI do well?

- Processing complex information and large datasets
- Classifying information
- Making predictions based on patterns in data
- Speeding up repetitive tasks
- Reformatting information

#### What do people do well?

- Deep knowledge
- Creative thinking
- Understanding context and nuance
- Building relationships
- Being human!

STEPS TO
RESPONSIBLE AI
DEPLOYMENT

Start with a clear purpose

Value human expertise

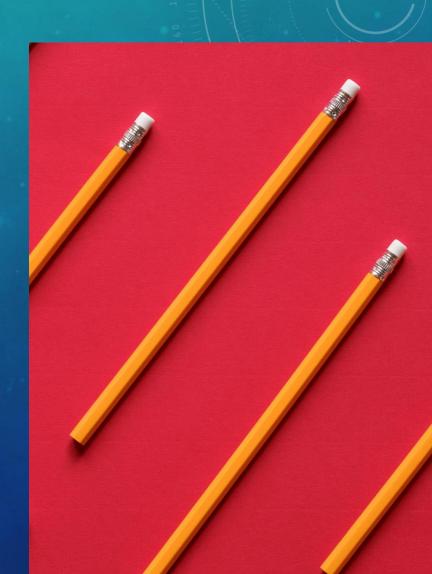
Think about context and impact

Engage impacted communities

Don't get swept up with the hype

#### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

- There are many opportunities to use AI well in education (e.g. as assistive technologies for learners with additional support needs, or in rethinking approaches to assessment)
- However, to realise the value of AI in education it is vital to resist the current hype around AI and to make decisions based on a sound understanding of the limitations and risks of AI
- Recognising that the impacts of AI are experienced differently by different groups, it is crucial to engage all impacted communities before deploying an AI system.





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