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Meet Our Students



Zaida Abdoul Aziz Amadou

I'm interested in international economic relations from a North-South perspective. With dual expertise in law and management, my doctoral research focuses on the impact of the regulatory framework on the strategic capabilities of multinationals in cybersecurity and data governance. Simuvaction on AI is an excellent opportunity to strengthen my expertise on AI governance, while giving me hands-on experience of strategic and regulatory challenges in this field.

My research interests are strongly rooted in international trade and investment issues, as well as emerging technologies. I capitalize on the interdisciplinarity of my profile to address the concrete challenges faced by businesses and states. I am the recipient of several awards, including excellence scholarships from Laval University's Faculty of Law and Faculty of Business Administration.

Currently, I am a research and teaching assistant at Laval University. Additionally, I have professional experience as both a legal expert and a manager. My social commitment has also allowed me to develop strong leadership experience through involvement in student associations and volunteering with international organizations such as the World Bank. As a result, my background enables me to pursue a career at the intersection of strategic consulting and advisory (private firms, think tanks, international organizations) as well as academia (universities, institutes, and business schools).

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Yvette Bernards

I am currently pursuing an MSc in Computer Science with a specialization in Computational Intelligence at the University of Nairobi Kenya.

The chance to interact with individuals from a variety of backgrounds and professions to study and discuss AI subjects and their effects on industries and society is what drew me to Simuvaction.

I am passionate about data analysis, machine learning, and artificial intelligence, particularly their effects on fintech, society, and various sectors.

I aim to become a leader in business and data analytics, teach and mentor others in AI and ML, and actively contribute to organizations that research, discuss, and implement AI policies, ethical standards, and innovative solutions.

My goal is to be part of global networks, including AI governance and policy groups, tech corporations, research institutions, and regulatory bodies, to drive responsible AI development and real-world applications.

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Gentil Kambulu Betu

Currently a master's student in law at the University of Montreal, I specialize in the law and governance of artificial intelligence.

Speaker and writer, I am active in research activities. Lawyer at the Kinshasa/Matete Bar, I am concerned with defending the interests of victims in cyberspace.

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Stijn Boere

All throughout high school I had my sights set on pursuing astronomy. Leiden being at the forefront of astronomy in the Netherlands made my choice of university an easy one. During my first year however, I discovered my love for programming which motivated me to switch my bachelor to computer science. Now, one bachelor and almost master degree in computer science later, I am more than ever interested in my specialization, AI. While my heart still has a soft spot for space, it's important that we don't forget earth and consider all the effects these technological advancements have on it.

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Vernon Buck

I am studying Intellectual Property Law at Emory University School of Law and have a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology. My interest in law and science led me to Simuvaction. As technology progresses, especially artificial intelligence, it is critical to understand the technology and implement ethical regulation based on our understanding. Through discussions with peers and experts, I hope to learn how policy is shaped internationally and domestically. My interests include medieval and renaissance history, programming, and writing. In the future, I want to practice patent law and privacy law.

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Edoardo Cecconi

I am 23 years old, and I come from Florence in Italy. I am pursuing a double degree in Development Economics at the University of Florence and the University of Göttingen. I am very passionate about development economics because of the possibilities of knowledge and improvement of reality that this discipline offers. I am particularly interested in Simuvaction as it allows me to explore a topic crucial to our future and participate in an international conference on this subject. I hope to enhance my skills in the management and regulation of AI to develop new socio-cultural strategies and economic practices that promote more equitable societal development. I believe it is essential to control this critical challenge for the future and direct it towards objectives of common good and global growth. My ambition is to work in large global or nationally significant economic organizations, contributing to the sustainable development of society, particularly in emerging countries or disadvantaged areas. I have always been actively involved in social initiatives related to human rights advocacy and civil assistance, which further strengthens my commitment to this field.

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Emmanuelle Charginoff

I am pursuing LLM courses at Cardozo School of Law in New York while completing my master's in AI and Digital Law at the Catholic University of Paris. My expertise includes AI regulation, data privacy, intellectual property, and innovation ethics.

A former Young UNICEF Ambassador, I have contributed to global discussions, in many international summits. Passionate about AI governance and its role in sustainable development, I strive to bridge technology, ethics, and policy to create a more inclusive digital future. I am now the Leader of the Paris Hub for Young AI Leaders for AI for Good.

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Originally from the Bluff City of Memphis, Tennessee, I am enrolled as a third-year Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist (SRNA) in the Nurse Anesthesia Program at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia USA. I attained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) with a minor in Leadership Studies from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2018. Immediately upon graduation, I returned to his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee to serve as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department and Trauma Intensive Care Unit of Regional One Health Center (Level One Trauma Center) for four consecutive years before returning to pursue an advanced nursing degree. I value altruism, diversity and equity, scholarship, and leadership development. On campus, I am involved as Leadership Coordinator of Emory School of Nursing Ambassadors, President of Emory Black Student Nursing Association, Student Representative of Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetist, and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. In leisure, I love a fresh cup of coffee and roller skating at Cascade Skating Rink. I also teach Zumba classes when I feel the need to get up and dance! Ultimately, I strive to embody the mantra, "To know one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded" quoted by Ralph W. Emerson.

I gained interest in Simuvaction 2025 for the challenge of engaging in the unfamiliar area of artificial intelligence, communicating and connecting with international students with different priorities and backgrounds, and finding solutions to the new emerging technologies. I am interested in learning more about artificial intelligence and its intersectionality with the field of medicine and health. I hope to learn more of the cost and benefit, regulations, and ethical concerns of incorporating artificial intelligence in the daily lives of Americas. Perhaps, I may be involved in actual conversation about artificial intelligence in the political realm and this simulation could provide invaluable experience.

Upon graduation, I aspire to serve as an anesthesia provider in a Level I facility in Atlanta, Georgia. I hope to learn clinical skills of caring for critical patients and connect with the community to learn areas of enhancement. With the Lord's will, I aspire to engage in public serve as a representative in Atlanta, Georgia, serve in a leadership capacity in the hospital setting, and inspire the younger generation to raise and achieve their aspirations. I hope to be a vessel that expressed the love, grace and mercy of the Lord!



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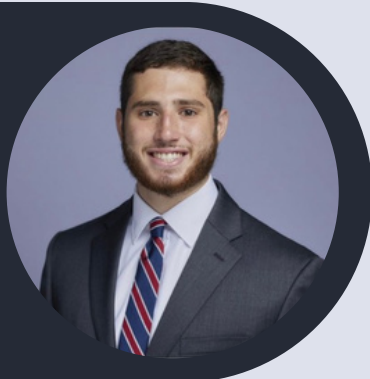
Charlotte Ehret

I'm Charlotte Ehret, a global citizen with a mixed cultural heritage that combines German, French, and Arab influences. Born to a German father and a French mother, I grew up in the United Arab Emirates, where I was immersed in an international environment. As a result, English has become like my native language, alongside my parents' languages and Arabic, which I learned during my time in the UAE.

For the past five years, I've lived in Paris, where I completed my Bachelor's degree in Law at Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University. Currently, I am pursuing a Master's in Artificial Intelligence Law, combining my legal expertise with a forward thinking approach to technology and innovation.

One of my greatest passions is eloquence, and I have actively participated in numerous public speaking competitions throughout my academic career. This has not only sharpened my communication skills but has also deepened my appreciation for the art of persuasion and argumentation.

With my multicultural background, solid legal foundation, and a passion for AI, I am constantly exploring new ideas and challenges. I believe in the power of diverse perspectives and the importance of continuous growth, both personally and professionally.



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Eric Geringer

My name is Eric Geringer, I am from the Washington D.C. area, and I am a third-year JD candidate at the Emory University School of Law. I majored in political science at the University of South Carolina and spent two years as a paralegal before attending Emory. I previously worked as a Litigation Associate at a mid-sized defense firm in D.C. and as a Legal Intern for the in-house legal department of an insurance company. Last semester, I interned for the in-house legal department of a financial technology company on their data privacy team. I am the Executive Notes and Comments Editor for the Emory International Law Review (second most senior position after EIC), the Communications Chair for the Banking and Finance Law Society, and served on the Jewish Law Student Association executive board. I plan to earn a Transactional Law Certificate and a Concentration in Civil Litigation.



Linda Stephanie Hien

As a PhD Candidate in Educational Technology, I'm deeply invested in exploring AI's transformative potential for learning. My research delves into the dynamic interplay between digital skills and AI-powered educational tools, with a focus on designing and evaluating groundbreaking solutions. Currently, I am working on an FNFR-funded project to build virtual courses in digital competences for Sub-Saharan Africa. Beyond academia, I'm passionate about translating rigorous research into practical applications, aiming to create impactful and inclusive learning experiences.

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Violet Kainga

I am a highly skilled Service Development & Activation Engineer at Safaricom PLC, Kenya. I have over eight years' experience in enterprise service provisioning, cloud solutions, and network automation.

Academically, I am currently pursuing an MSc in Computational Intelligence at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, building on my strong analytical and technical foundation. I have also completed a Data Science and Analytics program at Moringa School, with a focus in machine learning and neural networks.

With a deep passion for AI and automation, I am dedicated to driving innovation, improving service efficiency, and advancing the integration of AI and cloud technologies for innovation and social good.

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Gerardo Martinez

My name is Gerardo Martinez, I am born and raised in Texas. I am currently enrolled in Emory University's Doctor of Nursing Practice - Nurse Anesthesia program. I obtained my Bachelors of Nursing in Science from the West Texas A&M University in 2019. I was a Cardiovascular ICU nurse for 3 years before returning to school.

I am engaged to my lovely fiancée and we together have two Australian Shepherds.

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Alyssa Montalbine

I am a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow in Science Policy and Bioethics at Emory University. I previously received my M.S. in Biomedical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Virginia. My current research with Emory University's Center for Ethics investigates the Bioethical Dimensions of Deepfakes and AI in healthcare, law, and human subjects research. My other research interests include intellectual property rights, big data, public bioethics, and narrative ethics in compassionate care. I have served a practicum with Eli Lilly and Company's bioethics team researching the ethical ideal of providing individual and summative research results to clinical trial patients in industry and academia. Combining my passion for science communication and teaching, I hope to draw the public into a more collaborative dialogue with researchers on how to advance life-saving technologies without compromising patient-centric ethics.

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Chiara Musano

I am a Master's student in Development Economics at the University of Florence, with a strong interest in economic policy, international cooperation, and global governance.

Simuvaction 2025 represents an incredible opportunity to develop diplomatic and negotiations skills while deepening my understanding of international decision-making processes. In this context, I hope to enhance my public speaking abilities, refine my critical thinking, and gain firsthand experience in high-level discussions on global challenges.

I am particularly interested in understanding the potential of AI and its role in shaping our future. I believe that technology, when deployed strategically and ethically, can be a powerful tool to reduce inequalities and foster sustainable development. Exploring how to make AI truly beneficial while being aware of its risks and ethical concerns is something I deeply care about. My career goal is to actively contribute to economic development through research and policy analysis, aspiring to work in dynamic and international environments.

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Lesly Nzeusseu

I am a current doctoral student in Industrial & Organizational Psychology at the University of Montréal (QC, Canada). My research interests revolve around the future of work, DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion), occupational health and safety, and the digital transformation of workplaces, including AI, technology, and hybrid work models. I believe that investing in people and their skills is investing in a better future. With this vision, I aim to reshape the future of work by prioritizing wellbeing, inclusivity, and resilience in a tech-driven world. In my free time, I enjoy volunteering, attending events, and listening to podcasts while exploring the beautiful city of Montréal.

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I am a second-year law student at Emory University School of Law and the vice president of the Law and AI Society. I work for TI:GER, an Emory Law-Georgia Tech program doing IP work with startups. I have a background in political science, technology, and international law. With experience developing interactive media, including VR and AI tools for students with autism, I bring a user-centric approach to emerging technologies. I am part of the Emory International Law Journal and Patent Moot Court. I have traveled to Kashmir to create the first women's shelter and create digital workshops to ensure police compliance of domestic violence responses. My interdisciplinary expertise spans AI, employment law (through my work at the EEOC), international law, and business regulation, and am a valuable asset to international organizations, NGOs, and business associations. I am currently doing research about the impact of digital surveillance methods of workers in conflict zones.

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I am a PhD student in computer science at the University of Florida, researching video action recognition for real-time applications. I have worked on two DARPA-funded projects and one NIH-funded initiative, focusing on AI for high-impact domains. I am interested in Simuvaction to learn how to negotiate responsible AI policies with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and better understand the societal impact of AI. I hope to apply these skills in the future, working in the AI industry within the tech or defense sector.

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Adrien Thouard

Hi everyone, my name is Adrien, I'm from Paris, and I study at ISEP engineering school for a Masters degree in Artificial Intelligence. I'm very proud and happy to take part in the Simuvaction program and hope I'll learn a lot of things about AI and about negotiation. I'm looking forward to live this incredible experience!

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Alix Tuloup

I am Alix Tuloup, a student specializing in AI at the ISEP Paris engineering school in France.

I have a very strong interest in the technical side of AI since I study it and it is my subject of work in my work-study program. However, I never took the time to ask myself the important questions about what the consequences of the arrival of AI in our societies would be. I expect Simuvaction to bring me a new perspective and perhaps, new ideas that should be developed to improve AI.

My career goal is to have a positive impact on the society around me through my skills, by improving AI or creating something new !

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Alaa Yehia

I'm currently a graduate student in Bioethics at Emory University, building on my Bachelor's in Cognitive Systems from the University of British Columbia. My academic and professional journey has immersed me in interdisciplinary projects that connect technology, ethics, and health. I am currently working with Azra Ismail in the CARE Lab on a project exploring the use of avatar-based platforms to facilitate discussions on intimate health with Arab Muslim women. This work is teaching me how digital tools can be designed to respect cultural nuances while addressing sensitive topics.

At the University of Michigan, I serve as a Clinical Research Assistant in the Department of Psychiatry. In this role, I focus on recruiting pediatric patients for a PCORI-funded clinical trial that examines the effectiveness of an app in delivering information about alcohol use, ensuring that our research is both ethically sound and patient-centered.

I'm excited about Simuvaction because it offers a unique opportunity to engage with a diverse group of graduate students from around the world, each bringing their own perspectives on AI and global disparities. The event's focus on understanding AI's capabilities, particularly in relation to the human body and mind, and addressing global challenges like economic inequality and resource scarcity perfectly aligns with my interests. I look forward to honing the skills needed to analyze stakeholder interests, design effective strategies, and communicate complex ideas professionally.

Ultimately, my career goal is to bridge the gap between technological innovation and ethical practice. I'm driven to develop digital health solutions that are not only advanced but also culturally sensitive and inclusive, ensuring that technology serves as a tool for meaningful, positive change on a global scale.

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