

Career Chat with Jesse Dunietz (NIST)

- **Date:** June 24, 2025
- **Host:** AAAS STPF AI Policy Affinity Group
- **Summary:** Former STPF fellow Jesse Dunietz (now at NIST) discussed the EU AI Act, risk-based governance, and U.S. implementation challenges, including gaps in standards for risk management. The conversation contrasted EU and U.S. policy cultures and explored how fellows can position themselves for policy + standards roles.
 - **Description:** Virtual discussion with Jesse Dunietz, previous AAAS STPF alumni, now Computer Scientist/ AI policy advisor at NIST.
 - **Key messages:** Fellows discussed the EU AI Act and the pros/cons of its risk mitigation forward approach. Though the EU AI Act is a strong framework in concept, it will be met by severe challenges in implementation due to a lack of standards for risk management. Additionally, divergence in the cultural interest of the EU with the respect to AI will make it difficult for U.S. to adopt a similar framework.