

Kevin Kohler

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AGI Preparedness Institute

from September 2026

Founder (100%)

- building a new institute to prepare institutions for the AGI transition

Simon Institute for Longterm Governance

November 2024 – August 2026

Senior Tech Policy Specialist (100%)

- supported UN General Assembly negotiations of the first two global bodies on AI governance: The International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance; Expert for the Spanish co-facilitator: “no one knows the options better than you”
- engaged with diplomats from 50+ countries; organized events with Yoshua Bengio, Gary Marcus, Stephen Casper

World Economic Forum

December 2022 – February 2024

Insights Specialist (100%, Global Risks Team)

- co-authored Global Risks Report: annual flagship report published ahead of Davos. Involved in many of 160+ expert interviews, contributed text, and surveyed 1400+ experts for Global Risks Perception Survey.
- managed the Global Future Council on Complex Risks, co-chaired by Ngaire Woods and Azeem Azhar

Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich

May 2019 – November 2022

Senior Researcher (100%, Risk and Resilience Team)

- research and analysis on disaster risk management, technology politics and foresight.
- presented to the ICRC, IGF, OECD, RAND Europe, Swiss government; organized 1-day conference on AI & security

OTHER RELEVANT ENGAGEMENTS

UN University (AI Scientific Editing & Drafting)

April-July 2026

- consultant to help produce the first report of the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI

Cambridge ERA:AI (Research Fellowship Mentor)

since August 2025

- mentored fellows in the summer cohort 2025, winter cohort 2026, summer cohort 2026

Roots of Progress Institute (Fellow)

since August 2024

- cohort of progress-oriented independent writers, annual Progress Conference, personal blog “Machinocene” on advanced AI futures - cited by RAND, Miles Brundage, Lennart Heim, Architectures of Global AI Governance (Oxford).

foraus (Policy Fellow)

since 2019

- co-authored papers on “IPCC for AI” & digital foreign policy; events with Walter Thurnherr, Amandeep Singh Gill

EDUCATION

University of St. Gallen (HSG)

August 2017 - November 2019

- Master of Arts in International Affairs and Governance, GPA 5.38/6, Thesis on US AI Governance
- Exchange at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore, August - December 2018
- BA in International Affairs, University of St. Gallen, 2013–2017

OTHER

Languages: German (native), English (fluent, C2), French (advanced, C1).

Skills: policy-relevant research, foresight methods, survey design, synthesis of expert views, writing & editing.