

SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCY FOR “DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY DIGEST”

The Research Consultant will support the development and launch of a curated Digital Sovereignty Digest, bringing together key thinkers, debates, and readings on the subject to inform policy deliberations and shape future research directions.

Responsibilities

The Research Consultant will:

- Identify key peer-reviewed work in reputable academic journals and books as well as policy literature on digital sovereignty, ensuring a range of disciplinary, geographic, and political perspectives, with an emphasis on work by scholars from Global South/Global Majority countries.
- Liaise with selected experts, inviting them to provide short, policy-oriented summaries of a key reading or publication, while managing the submission process.
- Curate and edit the Digest, bringing contributions together into a coherent and accessible publication and identifying gaps or additional needed materials.
- Develop supplementary content, in coordination with the project leads, which may include an introduction, thematic framing (with connecting threads, etc.), and/or a list of further readings and other relevant resources.
- Coordinate design and production of the final digest, including incorporating feedback and ensuring editorial consistency and accuracy.
- Organize a launch around the digest, including identifying and liaising with participants and potential partner organizations, developing the agenda, coordinating logistics, and supporting delivery and follow-up.

Deliverables

The main deliverables will be:

1. A mapping of key thought leaders, debates, and readings on digital sovereignty, in coordination with the project leads.
2. A curated collection of commissioned reading summaries oriented towards a policy audience.
3. A completed and edited Digital Sovereignty Digest, including introductory and supplementary materials.
4. A launch event bringing together contributors and other relevant stakeholders.

The Research Consultant will work closely with the project leads and will be expected to demonstrate strong research, writing, editorial, organizational, and stakeholder-engagement skills. The candidate would also have the opportunity to write and contribute an original perspective.

An ideal candidate would:

- At minimum, have an MA in a relevant subject;
- Have prior research experience;
- Have relevant domain knowledge, such as an understanding of technology policy;
- Have experience working as part of a team on multi-partner research projects.

Timeline: This consultancy will be part-time, over 3 months, with an expected completion in early to mid 2027.

Total Compensation: 5000 Swiss Francs

How to apply:

Please send the following materials before the 26 October 2026 5pm CET to Sylvia Nissim at sylvia.nissim@graduateinstitute.ch:

- A cover letter briefly explaining your fit for this position;
- A CV;
- A writing sample (ideally on a topic related to this consultancy);
- (Desired but not essential) Proof that you are registered with a tax authority. Please note that, to issue you with a contract for this position, you will need to be registered for tax purposes with either your home country or home institution.