

Harnessing AI and Emerging Technologies for Global Good

Competitive Cooperation: AI Governance Between Innovation and Risk Management

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Why this matters now



AI capabilities accelerating



governance is lagging.



There are shared global risks.

The core tension:

How do nations harness AI for global good while competing for leadership?

Competitive Cooperation

- Cooperation and competition are not binary opposite
- Nations can coordinate on specific challenges where structural conditions enable cooperation despite broader competition.

Conditions for feasible cooperation

Domain separability

Cooperation possible when issues are separable from strategic competition

Mutual vulnerability

Shared catastrophic risks create shared incentives for coordination.

Verification and evaluation feasibility

Trusted evaluation enables compliance without sensitive disclosures.

Use case: DeepSeek 2025

Efficiency breakthrough

Open-weight diffusion

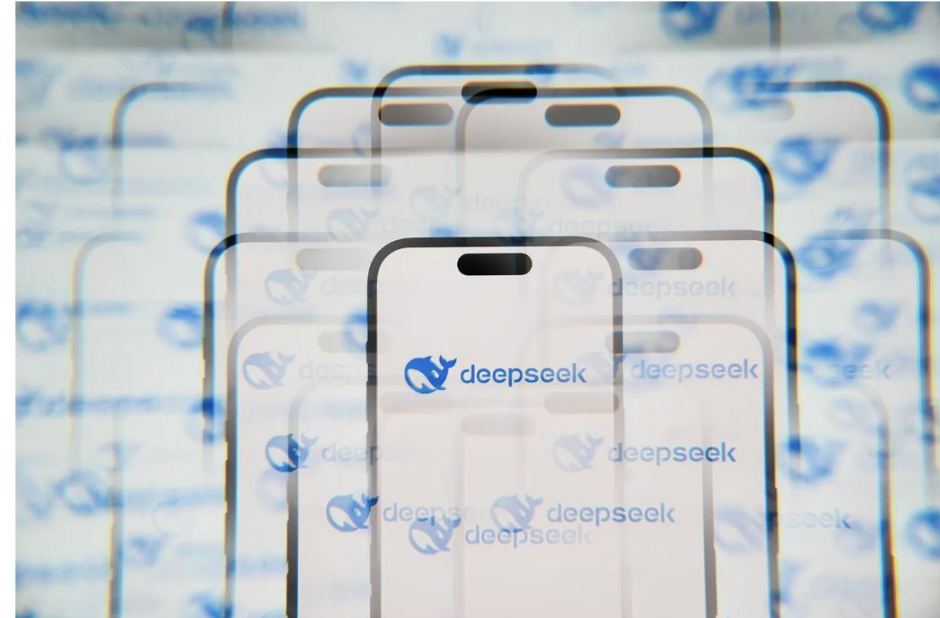
Governance implication

ARGUMENT *An expert's point of view on a current event.*

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By **Matt Sheehan**, a fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and **Scott Singer**, a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.



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Possible areas where cooperation *is* feasible

- Examples:
 - Extreme risk prevention
 - Technical standards
 - Scientific collaboration
 - Incident reporting

Possible areas where cooperation *is not* feasible

- Examples:
 - Frontier model caps
 - Military AI
 - Compute controls
 - Value-driven norms

Power asymmetries

- Feasible \neq fair.
- Participation and capacity gaps persist.

Closing

- Rivalry will persist.
- Cooperation remains essential.
- Competitive cooperation shows where to act.