

# Guidelines

## Introduction

Welcome to the Sympax Initiative! The Sympax Initiative is a platform where scholars, researchers, and professionals from various disciplines come together to explore the ethical, social, and philosophical implications of Artificial Moral Agents (AMAs). Our mission is to foster interdisciplinary research and dialogue aimed at ensuring the responsible development and integration of AMAs into society. By fostering an inclusive, equitable, and collaborative space, we aim to contribute to a future where humans and AMAs coexist in harmony, based on ethical integrity, social justice, and positive peace. These guidelines ensure that every member actively contributes to our vision of a society where AMAs support human flourishing and promote societal good.

## Core Values

The core values of the Sympax Initiative reflect our commitment to creating a responsible, inclusive, and collaborative research environment, aligned with the following guiding principles:

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** We strive to create a space where all perspectives, experiences, and disciplines are welcomed. We believe diversity fosters creativity and innovation and is key to addressing the multifaceted ethical challenges AMAs present.
- **Ethical Responsibility:** We are committed to developing AMAs in a way that aligns with human values and promotes fairness, transparency, and respect for human rights. Our work emphasizes the importance of ethical frameworks in guiding AMA development.
- **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Recognizing that AMAs span multiple domains, we foster collaboration between researchers from diverse fields, including humanities, social sciences, and hard sciences, ensuring a well-rounded approach to addressing the ethical, philosophical, and societal questions surrounding AMAs.
- **Positive Peace and Coexistence:** We envision a future where AMAs contribute to a peaceful and just society, enhancing human flourishing and reducing inequalities. Our focus is on the integration of AMAs in ways that promote harmony, respect, and cooperation between humans and AI systems.
- **Openness and Transparency:** We value openness in research and dialogue. All members are encouraged to share knowledge and contribute to transparent discussions that advance our collective understanding of AMAs and their impact on society.
- **Social Justice:** We are committed to ensuring that AMAs contribute to the reduction of societal inequalities and the prevention of harm. We actively work toward a future where AMAs support the creation of a more just and equitable world.

## Expected Behavior

To support the mission of the Sympax Initiative, we expect all members to adhere to the following principles:

- **Engage Constructively:** Contribute thoughtfully to discussions and research, keeping in mind the diverse perspectives and disciplines within the community. The goal is to advance knowledge while fostering an environment of respect and mutual learning.
- **Respect Privacy and Confidentiality:** We value trust and confidentiality. Members should respect the privacy of others, especially when dealing with sensitive research and personal information.
- **Promote Positive Interaction:** Engage respectfully with others, refraining from discrimination, harassment, or harmful language. We encourage a culture of collaboration where diverse ideas are shared in a constructive manner.

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- **Be Supportive:** Encourage the sharing of knowledge, resources, and research. Support each other's work and ideas, fostering a cooperative environment where interdisciplinary collaboration can thrive.
- **Uphold Professionalism:** Maintain professionalism in all interactions, ensuring that the platform remains conducive to serious academic inquiry and thoughtful debate on AMAs and AI ethics.
- **Inclusive Language:** Use inclusive language that reflects our commitment to diversity, ensuring that all members feel valued and respected in the community.

### **Disallowed Behavior**

To maintain the integrity of the Sympax Initiative community, the following behaviors are prohibited:

- **Harassment:** Any form of harassment or discrimination undermines the mission of the initiative. We will not tolerate behavior that makes others feel unsafe or unwelcome.
- **Spam or Irrelevant Content:** Content that distracts from the core mission of the initiative, particularly irrelevant posts or spam, will not be tolerated.
- **Plagiarism:** All research and contributions must be original or properly credited. Plagiarism undermines the integrity of our community and will be met with severe consequences.
- **Inappropriate Content:** Content that disrupts the positive and respectful environment of the Sympax Initiative will be removed.
- **Misuse of Resources:** Resources shared within the initiative should only be used for academic and research purposes, in alignment with our ethical guidelines.

### **Research and Resource Sharing**

The Sympax Initiative values the sharing of research and resources to promote collective learning and the ethical development of AMAs. The following guidelines apply:

- **Proper Citation:** Always give proper credit to authors and creators. Accurate citations are essential to maintaining the integrity of our research.
- **Respect Copyrights:** Always respect the intellectual property rights of others and ensure that shared resources are used appropriately.
- **Contribute to Resource Repositories:** Share valuable resources and research with the community, helping to build a comprehensive knowledge base that furthers the Sympax Initiative's mission.

### **Responsible AI Use**

Responsible use of AI is central to our mission. All members must ensure that AI tools and technologies are used in a way that aligns with our ethical principles:

- **Transparency in AI:** Ensure that AI-generated content is used ethically, with full transparency and accuracy, avoiding misuse such as impersonation or spreading misinformation.
- **Ethical AI Development:** Contribute to the responsible design and deployment of AMAs, ensuring that these systems are developed in alignment with human values and ethical standards.

### **Moderation and Enforcement**

To maintain a respectful and productive environment, the Sympax Initiative employs the following moderation policies:

- **Warnings:** Minor violations will result in a warning with an explanation of the issue.

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- **Temporary Suspension:** Serious violations may result in a temporary suspension from the platform to prevent further disruption.
- **Permanent Ban:** Repeated or severe violations, including harassment or illegal activity, will lead to a permanent ban from the platform.
- **Appeals Process:** Members can appeal moderation decisions through a fair and impartial review process.

### **Reporting Violations**

Members are encouraged to report violations of these guidelines to ensure that the community remains respectful and focused on its mission. All reports will be handled confidentially, and corrective actions will be taken when necessary.

### **Accessibility and Universal Design**

The Sympax Initiative strives to ensure that all members have equal access to resources and opportunities for participation, regardless of their background or abilities. This includes:

- **Simple and Intuitive Design:** A user-friendly interface that is easy to navigate and accessible to all, including those with limited technical expertise.
- **Clear and Understandable Content:** Content should be written in clear language that is easy to understand, ensuring broad accessibility.
- **Flexible Interaction Options:** Multiple ways to engage with content, including text-based, visual, and audio content, ensuring that members can choose the method that suits them best.

### **Conclusion**

By joining the Sympax Initiative, you are committing to the ethical development of AMAs and contributing to a more inclusive, equitable, and just future. Together, we will work to ensure that AMAs integrate into society in ways that promote positive coexistence, social justice, and human flourishing.