

Learning Outcomes

- Distinguish between technical and ethical AI alignment, with a focus on African values.
- Analyse how data colonialism, bias, and epistemic injustice shape AI systems.
- Apply African ethical frameworks like Ubuntu to design more inclusive and context-aware technologies.



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About This Course

This course reimagines AI alignment through African ethical frameworks. Moving beyond technical definitions, it asks: *Whose values shape AI?* and *What futures do we want it to serve?*

Participants explore data colonialism, value conflict, and epistemic injustice, while engaging tools like Ubuntu, design justice, and Afrofuturism. Grounded in African realities, this course equips learners to build AI systems aligned with justice, dignity, and community well-being.



**AFRICAN AI
& ALIGNMENT**

**ETHIC
Edge**



Course Structure

The African AI & Alignment course is made up of eight 1-hour modules, designed to be flexible around your pace and schedule. Whether you're looking for a deep dive or a fast-track, we offer multiple formats to suit your needs:

Extended Track (8 Weeks)

One session per week, ideal for busy professionals looking to integrate learning into their schedule.

Standard Track (4 Weeks)

Two sessions per week, balancing depth with momentum.

Intensive Track (1 Week)

Complete the full course in a focused, immersive format.

Shortened Version

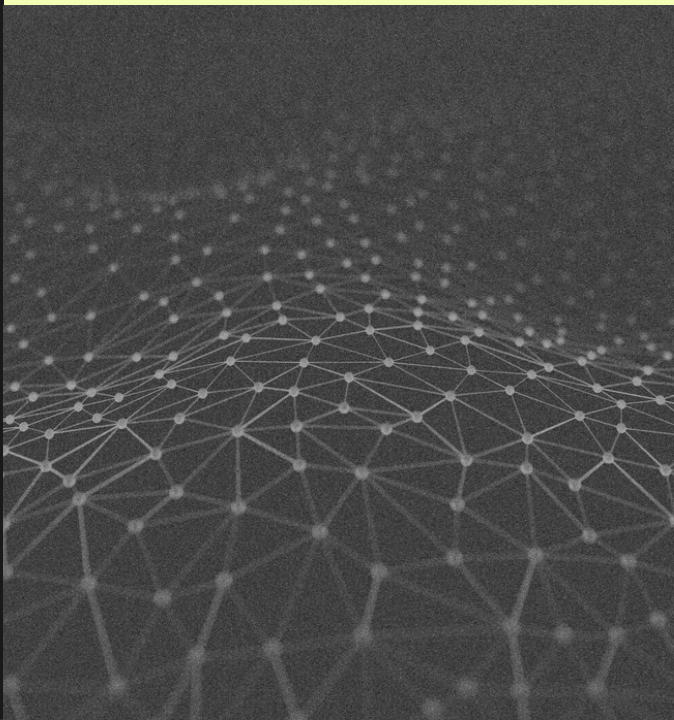
A condensed option for teams or organisations needing a tailored, time-sensitive introduction.

All formats are available **online** or **in-person**, and can be adapted for teams, organisations or mixed cohorts. Each session is practical, discussion-rich, and grounded in real-world case studies.

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AI will shape the future—but without ethical alignment rooted in African realities, it risks repeating the past. This course is about reclaiming the power to define whose futures AI serves

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Topics Covered

- 1 Alignment, Ethics & African Values**
Explore the distinction between technical vs ethical alignment, and reframe AI goals through Ubuntu and African relational ethics.
- 2 Data Colonialism & Epistemic Injustice**
Unpack how AI systems extract African data and labour while excluding African knowledge systems, and learn frameworks for epistemic decolonisation.
- 3 Moral Pluralism & Value Conflicts**
Interrogate whose values count in AI, contrasting Western individualism with African communitarian ethics through real-world case studies.
- 4 Governance, Participation & Policy**
Explore African AI policy frameworks and practice participatory governance to imagine inclusive regulation and grassroots tech accountability.
- 5 Surveillance, Resistance & Rights**
Critique the expansion of AI-powered surveillance in South Africa and defend the ethical right of communities to resist harmful tech.
- 6 Afrofuturism & Design Justice**
Envision liberatory AI systems through Afrofuturism, speculative ethics, and community-centred design that reclaims the future for African values.

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