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Question Resources

We recommend consulting the introductory resources first. Don't worry if you don't understand everything below, most of these papers are at the frontier of their field. Here's a guide on how to approach academic papers.

#1 – Ethics: Should people who care about the long-term future focus on reducing the risk of human extinction, or instead on trying to make the world go better in futures where humanity survives a long time?

- Introduction: The case for reducing existential risks
- Existential Risk Prevention as Global Priority: The original argument – argues the claim on the cover.
- High risk, low reward: A challenge to the astronomical value of existential risk mitigation (blog version): a response that explores the "diminished moral importance of existential risk mitigation."

#2 – Policy: What's the best policy or policies that we could implement to ensure that governments have greater consideration for the interests of future generations?

- Introduction: Longtermism: a call to protect future generations
- Longtermist institutional reform: a paper explaining how to change political institutions so they consider the interests of future generations.
- Toward a declaration of future generations: input to the UN's process for a declaration on the rights of future generations

#3 – Artificial Intelligence: Suggest and explain one function that a national or international agency could do to mitigate the long-term risks from artificial general intelligence.

- Introduction: The case for taking AI seriously as a threat to humanity (and a longer explanation)
- International Institutions for Advanced AI: a paper considering the benefits and drawbacks of different models for international AI regulation.
- Frontier AI Regulation: clearing up terms, definitions, and possible regulatory approaches in frontier (state-of-the-art) AI.