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Generative AI in Political Science: Promise and Challenges in Research and Pedagogy

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The capabilities and scale of generative artificial intelligence tools have rapidly expanded in recent years. These tools are proving to be extremely useful for advancing a wide range of social science research — a non-exhaustive list includes natural language processing, experimental methods, computational modeling, and public opinion research. By the same token, the real-world applicability of many of these tools poses practical challenges for traditional instruction in social science education. In this talk, I provide a broad overview of recent applications of generative AI in my home discipline, political science, examples of how I am incorporating these tools into my own research, and practical challenges the field currently faces in this area. I then discuss applications of large language models in political science instruction, highlighting their potential to be used rather than abused inside and outside of the classroom.

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