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**THE PEOPLE'S AI AND DATA LAB
for Social Research and the KAIA Network**

*Advancing inclusive, human-centered applications
of AI for the public good.*

Ginette Azcona

Feminist Evaluation in the Age of AI



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THE COLLABORATION GAP

Concerned about risks:

Rise in inequality, conflict, threat to
democracy, and conservation of
natural resources.

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TODAY, AI IS BEING BUILT
AROUND
people and society

**NOT
WITH THEM.**

THE INCLUSION GAP

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75%

of AI publications
are authored
by all-male teams

12%

of ML researchers
are women

Source: Women in Tech Statistics (2026)

Additional reading: [They Built Stepford AI and Called It "Agentic."](#)



In addition to the collaboration and inclusion gap, there is an impact gap: critical insights remain buried in academia rather than shaping real-world policy.

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Knowledge and AI for All (KAIA) Network

Women in AI Doctoral Fellowship

Meeting, convenings + policy discourse





KAIA Network

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The Knowledge and AI for All Network.

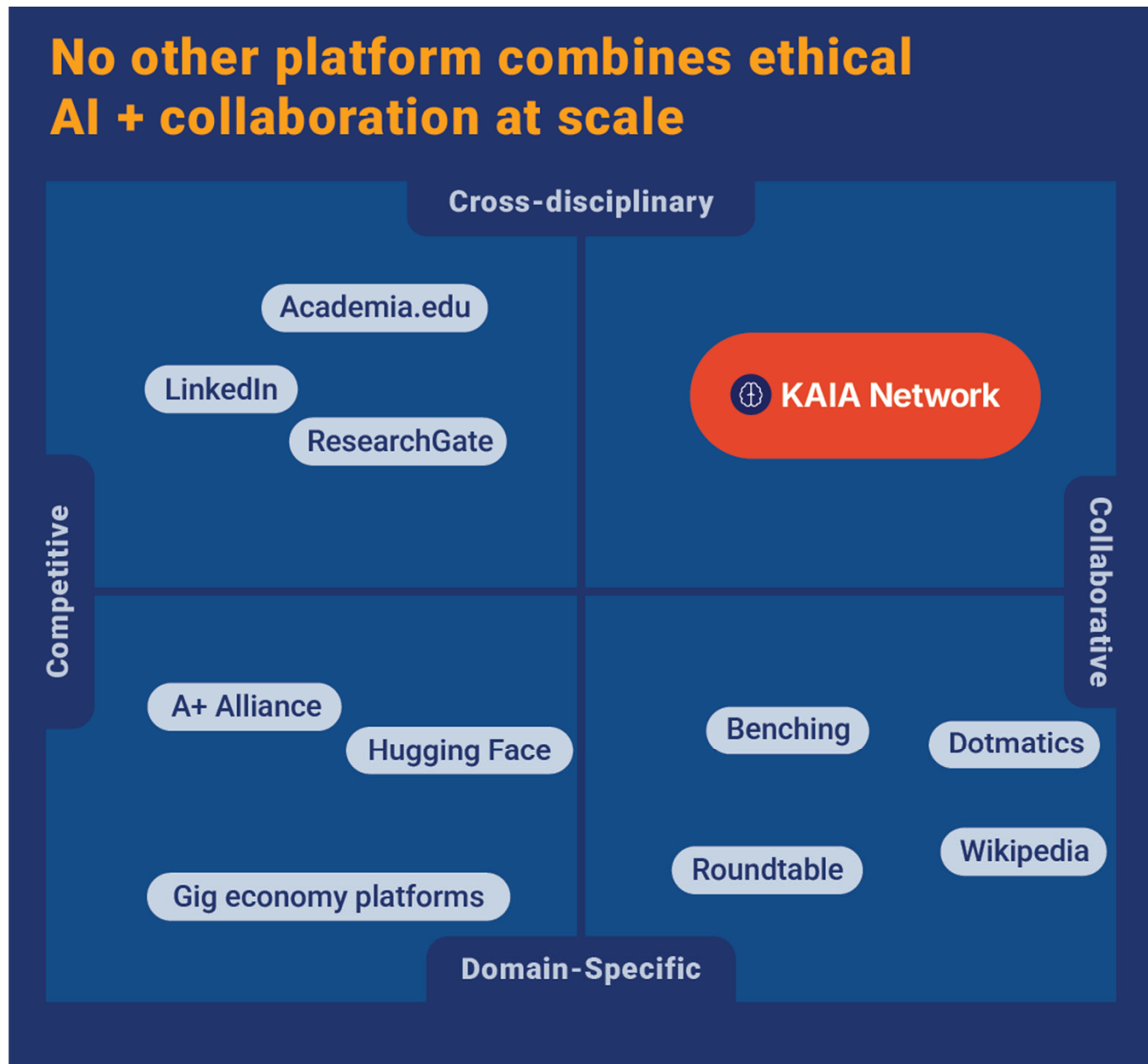


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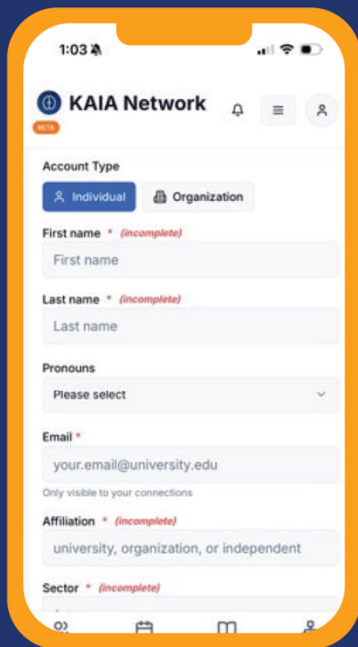
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No other platform combines ethical AI + collaboration at scale



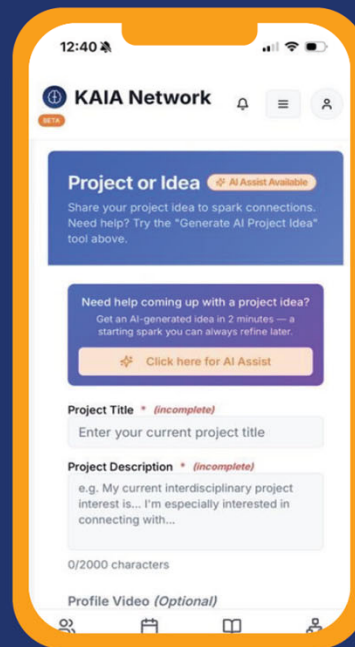
How does it work?

Individuals with an interest in collabs, AI for good initiatives, join the platform.



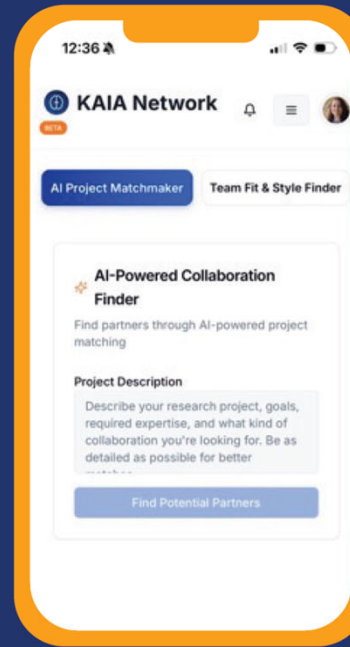
The screenshot shows the KAIA Network app's account creation screen. At the top, there's a header with the KAIA Network logo and navigation icons. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Individual' (selected) and 'Organization'. The form fields include: 'First name' (with a red '(incomplete)' status), 'Last name' (with a red '(incomplete)' status), 'Pronouns' (a dropdown menu with 'Please select' chosen), 'Email' (with a red asterisk and a note 'Only visible to your connections'), 'Affiliation' (with a red '(incomplete)' status and a note 'university, organization, or independent'), and 'Sector' (with a red '(incomplete)' status). The bottom of the screen shows a standard mobile OS navigation bar.

They share information about projects and ideas they want to collaborate on, learn about or support!



The screenshot shows the KAIA Network app's project sharing screen. At the top, there's a header with the KAIA Network logo and navigation icons. Below the header, there's a section titled 'Project or Idea' with a sub-header 'AI Assist Available'. The text says 'Share your project idea to spark connections. Need help? Try the "Generate AI Project Idea" tool above.' Below this is a button 'Click here for AI Assist'. The form fields include: 'Project Title' (with a red '(incomplete)' status and a note 'Enter your current project title'), 'Project Description' (with a red '(incomplete)' status and a note 'e.g. My current interdisciplinary project interest is... I'm especially interested in connecting with...'), and a character count '0/2000 characters'. At the bottom, there's a note 'Profile Video (Optional)'. The bottom of the screen shows a standard mobile OS navigation bar.

Our smart matching engine helps them find other members with complementary skills and shared goals.



The screenshot shows the KAIA Network app's AI-powered collaboration finder screen. At the top, there's a header with the KAIA Network logo and navigation icons. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'AI Project Matchmaker' (selected) and 'Team Fit & Style Finder'. The section is titled 'AI-Powered Collaboration Finder' with a sub-header 'Find partners through AI-powered project matching'. Below this is a text input field for 'Project Description' with a note 'Describe your research project, goals, required expertise, and what kind of collaboration you're looking for. Be as detailed as possible for better'. At the bottom, there's a button 'Find Potential Partners'. The bottom of the screen shows a standard mobile OS navigation bar.

Teams are formed, and ideas go from concept to reality

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Excited to share our new research on electoral systems and gender quotas in East Africa! We found that mixed-member proportional systems significantly increase women's representation in parliaments. Looking forward to discussing implications for policy reform. #GenderEquality #Research

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Feb 18 • Nairobi, Kenya

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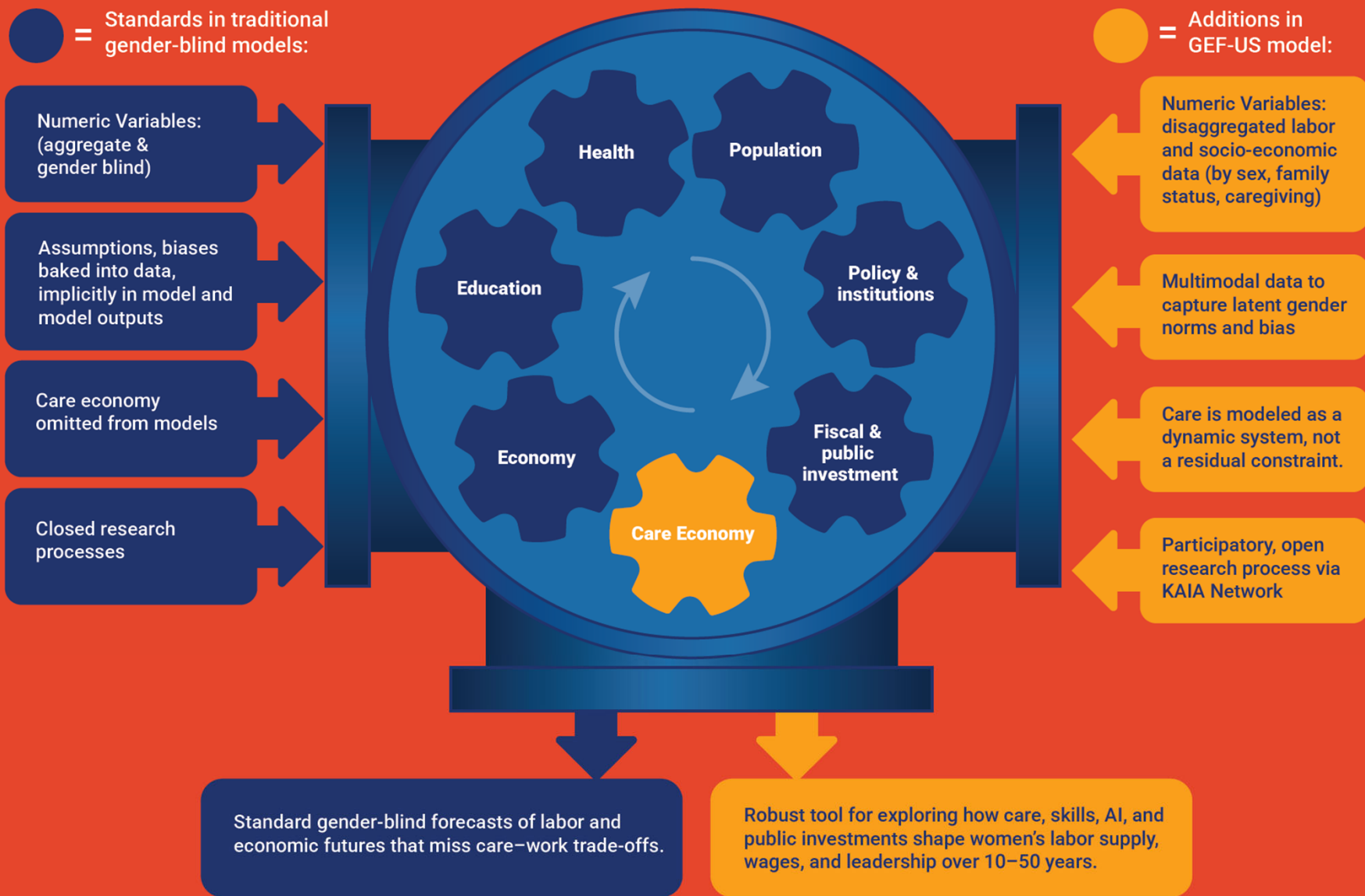
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The Gender Equality Futures Model (GEFM-US):

A women-centered forecasting engine for workforce and policy decisions



WOMEN IN AI FELLOWSHIP

Funding, mentorship, and AI/ML training to support women advancing ethical and inclusive innovation in research.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Enrolled in or admitted to a PhD program in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Working in social sciences or related fields
- Integrating AI/ML into their research

PROGRAM BENEFITS

-  **\$5,000 RESEARCH GRANT:**
For tuition, data, computing, travel, and mentorship
-  **AI/ML COLLABORATION:**
Matched with experts + access to KAIA Network
-  **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:**
Global community, seminars, and networking opportunities
-  **RESEARCH IMPACT:**
Publish open-access work + present findings

SCAN TO APPLY



DEADLINE:
JULY 31

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