

## Łukasz W. Niparko Ph.D., LL.M.

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### Skills

**Research:** AI, Data Privacy, Digital Civil Society, Digital Ethics, Trust & Safety, User Experience

**Research Methods:** Mixed Methods Research, Legal and Policy Research

**Data:** Statistical Modeling, Surveys, Interviews, *SQL, R, Python, Tableau*, Data Analysis and Visualization

**Communication:** Public Speaking, Policy Memos, Data Reporting, Producing Online Content and Video Editing, Website Design, *Canva, Adobe Suite, Mailchimp, Datawrapper, WordPress*, Host of The B-Effect (<https://beffect.online>), Efekt Motyla and The Digital Kallipolis (<https://niparko.online/blog/>)

**Other:** Grant Management, Ability to Develop Successful Grant Proposals and Receive Funding

### Education

**PhD in Political Science** (Governance & Technology) 2024

*University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE*

- Dissertation: *Digital Kallipolis: Being Homo sentiens in a Post-Digital World*
- Research Fellow at the Nebraska Governance and Technology Center
- Graduate Certificates in: Public Relations & Social Media, Mixed Methods Research, Digital Humanities

**Master of Laws in International Law** 2016

*European University Viadrina, Frankfurt(Oder), Germany*

**BA in Global Studies with Honors** 2013

*St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY*

### Selected Professional and Research Experience

**Founder and Managing Partner** Jan. 2025 - Present

*BE Side By Side, Bethesda, MD*

- Founded and lead an early-stage venture studio and public-interest technology company developing projects at the intersection of AI, civil society, local economy, digital governance, and media
- Lead product strategy, research, positioning, partnership development, and early-stage venture design across multiple initiatives
- Oversee a portfolio of projects, including stealth-mode technology ventures in civic/social infrastructure and local-service marketplaces, [UP-LIFTED](#) in Canada, and media projects such as [The Butterfly Effect](#), Efekt Motyla and [Digital Kallipolis](#)
- Translate research on digital society, human rights, platform governance, and civic participation into applied technology, media, and products
- Manage core operations, including budgeting, strategic planning and communication
- Build partnerships to advance impact-driven enterprises and ensure fiscal sustainability
- Produce public-facing analysis, interviews, and educational content on AI, democracy, civil society, and technology ethics

**Skills:** project and product development and management; bottom-up technology; product strategy; budgeting and accounting; digital platform design; media production; strategic communication; partnership building; fundraising

**Data Fellow**

Jan. 2024 – Jan. 2025

*Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC), Washington, DC*

- Developed and delivered data-driven insights to policymakers and media outlets
- Led multiple research projects analyzing trends and producing policy-relevant reports
- Conducted advanced statistical analyses and created impactful data visualizations to communicate complex findings using *Spotfire*, *Tableau* and *R*
- Managed and mentored a team of interns, oversaw data collection protocols and quality assurance
- Designed and implemented data collection methodologies

**Skills:** data analytics and visualization; statistical modeling; research methodology; project management; team leadership; stakeholder engagement

### Principal Investigator

Aug. 2022 – Aug. 2024

*Nebraska Governance and Technology Center, Lincoln, NE*

- Spearheaded a comprehensive mixed-methods research project examining the societal impact of Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs)
- Designed and executed large-scale data collection, including surveys, in-depth interviews, and social media analysis
- Developed and implemented rigorous sampling methodologies to ensure representative data collection
- Conducted extensive policy analysis of EU and US legislation
- Generated evidence-based policy recommendations
- Secured and managed research grants
- Ensured compliance with IRB protocols and data privacy standards

**Skills:** research design and data collection; user experience research; public opinion research; policy analysis; stakeholder engagement; grant writing; data privacy compliance; project management

### Legal HQ Summer Intern

May – Aug. 2022

*TIBCO Software (now Cloud Software Group), Palo Alto, CA*

- Contributed to databases of inbound and outbound contracts, ensuring accuracy and compliance
- Assessed contracts for adherence to domestic and international data privacy regulations
- Trained AI models to extract legal clauses and developed methodologies to evaluate parsing accuracy
- Presented analytical findings to senior leadership

**Skills:** digital contract lifecycle management; training AI; data privacy compliance assessment

### Research Coordinator

Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2022

*University of Nebraska at Lincoln, NE*

- Managed a 1,000+ participant research pool, ensuring efficient recruitment and training
- Developed and administered surveys, implementing methodological rigor and data quality
- Implemented comprehensive data privacy protocols for handling sensitive participant information
- Trained and supervised research teams in platform usage and data collection methodologies

**Skills:** research operations management; survey design; data privacy compliance; organizing workshops

### Data Analyst

Jan. – Apr. 2018

*Thomson Reuters, Gdynia, Poland*

- Conducted comprehensive financial data analysis for the Know Your Customer Team, evaluating institutional compliance and risk factors
- Executed in-depth due diligence reviews ensuring regulatory compliance
- Obtained professional certifications in Data Privacy and Information Security

**Skills:** financial risk assessment; regulatory compliance; due diligence; information security

**Fellow**

Jul. – Nov. 2017

*American Civil Liberties Union, Cleveland, OH*

- Conducted research on human rights and civil liberties violations
- Actively advocated for the respect of rights, including the right to asylum, rights of incarcerated persons, and against various forms of discrimination
- Utilized public speaking skills to share findings and promote ACLU's initiatives, communicating complex legal concepts to diverse audiences
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to further the ACLU's mission

**Skills:** legal and policy analysis; advocacy; public speaking; stakeholder engagement

**Specialist**

Jan. – Jul. 2017

*Polish Humanitarian Action-PAH, Warsaw, Poland*

- Secured external funding through successful grant applications
- Developed and delivered compelling presentations to institutional and corporate donors
- Managed global education programs, fostering relationships with diverse stakeholders
- Supervised and mentored staff and interns to drive effective program delivery

**Skills:** stakeholder engagement; program development and management; team leadership; grant writing

**Pat Cox Fellow**

Jan. – May 2016

*European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium*

- Supported a Member of the European Parliament by coordinating schedules, organizing meetings, and managing daily operations in a fast-paced environment
- Built and maintained relationships with diverse stakeholders, including policymakers
- Drafted policy memos and edited proposed resolutions
- Delivered presentations and effectively conveyed complex information to varied audiences
- Collected, analyzed, and synthesized data to support policy recommendations

**Skills:** office management; relations building with diverse stakeholders; data and policy analysis