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Power and Privilege

Western-centric decision-making about design, assessment and governance of technologies often aligns with the dominant technocratic narrative. This card exposes the problem of privilege and how decision-making conditioned by privilege can reflect and reproduce global inequities.

- How does privilege shape what is seen as “good” or “innovative”?
- Who benefits most from decision-making about design, assessment and governance of technologies, and whose struggles are left unaddressed or exacerbated?

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Epistemic Diversity

Decision-making processes often centre Western logics, including individualism, rationalism, and objectivity, at the expense of relational, spiritual, or embodied knowledge systems. This card invites epistemic pluralism.

- Whose ways of knowing are privileged in the decision-making process, and whose are rendered invisible?
- What would this process look like if led by a community with a different worldview?

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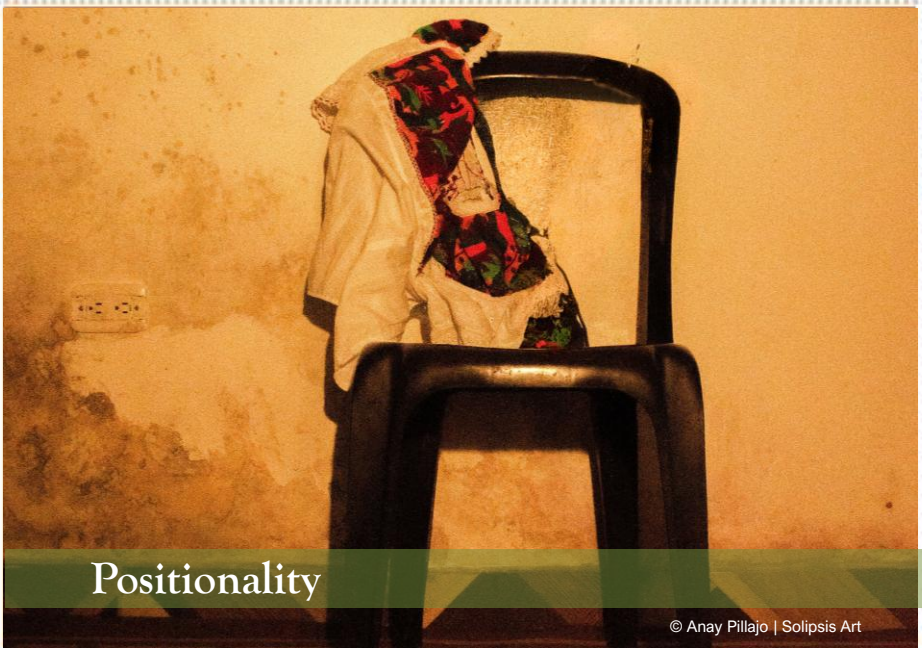
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Positionality

Decision-makers are never neutral. This card challenges the myth of objectivity by encouraging reflection on how our standpoints affect what we create, value, and overlook.

- How do our identities, locations, and institutional affiliations shape the decision-making process, and how are resulting biases made visible or invisible?

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Universalism

This card challenges the "one-size-fits-all" mentality often rooted in Western decision-making approaches and questions technocratic and colonial assumptions of scalability and neutrality.

- What assumptions of universality underlie the decision-making process, and whose realities do they erase?
- What assumptions have we made about users' needs, values, or behaviours?

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Colonial Legacies

Decision-making processes concerning technological development often inherit structures of dominance from colonial systems. This card invites awareness of that continuity and asks how to meaningfully disrupt it.

- How might the decision-making process reinforce or obscure the impacts of historical colonialism?
- How do decisions about technological development inherit or benefit from colonial infrastructures (e.g., extractive labour, data colonialism, land use)?

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Nature-Human Dichotomy

Western paradigms often separate humans from nature. This card invites us to re-examine ecological entanglements, drawing inspiration from Indigenous and relational ontologies.

- Does the decision-making process treat 'nature' as a resource or backdrop, or as a living participant in the system?
- Is nature treated as passive, separate, or external in this decision-making process?

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Relational Responsibility

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Relational Responsibility

Moving beyond extractive engagements, this card emphasises responsibility, reciprocity, and repair, which are often underemphasised within dominant Western technocratic approaches.

- What ongoing relationships do we have with those impacted by the decision-making process?
- Who are we morally responsible to, and how is that responsibility made visible or formalised?

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Common Futures

This card questions assumptions about progress, development, and innovation, terms deeply tied to dominant Western paradigms, and opens space for alternatives rooted in different cosmologies.

- What visions of the future are we resisting or rejecting?
- Do these futures rely on dominant Western-centred perspectives on progress, efficiency, and individualism?

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Complicity and Benefit

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Discomfort and Transformation

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Complicity and Benefit

Well-meaning interventions can still reinforce structural harm. This card asks decision-makers to reflect on complicity and the ethical limits of critique from within dominant systems.

- In what ways do decision-making processes or decision-makers benefit from the very systems they critique?
- What's at stake if we don't change? What is in our power to change?

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Discomfort and Transformation

Western-centred decision-making often avoids emotional, existential, or ethical discomfort. This card reframes discomfort as an essential part of transformation, not something to be engineered away.

- What forms of discomfort does the decision-making process bring to the surface, and how are they resisted or embraced?
- What might become possible if we treat discomfort as a portal to transformation?

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How we see the world matters. Here are some possible ways of looking at it.
Angela and Anna

