



Selected examples of AI-empowered social science initiatives in APEC universities.

Initiative / Program	Economy	Focus and Impact
SMU “AI & Future of Social Science” symposium (2025) news.smu.edu.sg	Singapore	Forum uniting academics, government, and industry on generative AI’s societal effects. Highlighted AI-driven pedagogy and governance, influencing curriculum and policy discussions.
HKUST “AI Lecturers” (course avatars) hkust.edu.hk	Hong Kong SAR	AI-generated instructor avatars (from diverse cultural backgrounds) co-teach a “Social Media for Creatives” course. The course aims to enhance learning engagement via personalization and novel teaching modes.
AI FinTech Lab at NKUST	Taiwan	University–industry lab developing AI tools for financial inclusion and education. Partners include tech companies and banks to create curriculum-integrated fintech projects.
STEM “ConnectHER” program english.moe.gov.tw	Malaysia	Asia Foundation initiative hosted at universities to train and empower women in AI/STEM fields. Includes mentorship and networking for female scholars.
Smart Agri/Biotech Collaboration (NPUST + TCI Biotech) english.moe.gov.tw	Taiwan	Industry-funded R&D center at National Pingtung Univ. of Science and Technology & Tech applying AI and IoT in sustainable agriculture and biotechnology. Demonstrates academia-driven social impact in rural development.

These examples show how **academic institutions, industries, and communities collaborate**: Symposia and labs use AI to address social science questions, while programs and partnerships ensure technology reaches society. APEC economies are increasingly using such models to turn research into real-world solutions.