From Sustainable Learning to Eternal Learning

A Three-Stage Conceptual Framework for the Evolution of Generative AI to Influence Human Learning

Smart Tools | Learning Partners | Cognitive Clones

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Motivation and Research Gap

Why This Study? UNESCO - SDG 4, GAI Disruption and Missing Integrative Framework

Why This Study Matters

- GAI surpasses prior disruptions (metaverse, blockchain), which reshaping the physical-digital reality
- ChatGPT adopted at unprecedented speed by students and professionals worldwide
- The risk to SDGs 4.4 and 4.c highlights a growing skills mismatch between an AI-oriented society and education systems
- UNESCO mandates AI literacy and ethical awareness for both teachers and students globally
- No framework yet connects the full GAI trajectory to SDG 4 and UNESCO AI competency standards

The Research Gap

✗ Most studies frame GAI only as a functional smart tool such as feedback, content generation, efficiency

✗ Limited work on AI as a conversational partner; often narrow in focus, no coherent theory

✗ No framework traces the full trajectory from a smart tool to a learning partner, and ultimately to a cognitive clone.

✗ No model connects this progression to UNESCO AI-CFT / AI-CFS and SDG 4 targets

✗ Missing theoretical lens explaining why each stage requires distinct competencies

Research Objectives and Contributions

We propose a three-stage framework conceptualizing how GAI progressively influences human learning, grounded in five AI agency dimensions and aligned with UNESCO's AI Competency Frameworks for Teachers (AI-CFT) and Students (AI-CFS).

Theoretical

Framework: First 3-stage evolutionary model tracing GAI trajectory in education

Dimensions: Five operational AI agency dimensions as analytical foundation

Redefinition: GAI shifts from supportive (Stages 1–2) to reciprocal agency (Stage 3)

Practical

UNESCO: Stage-by-stage alignment with AI-CFT (15 competencies) and AI-CFS

Guidance: Concrete directions for educators, curriculum designers and developers

Transitions: Identifies competency thresholds between stages

Ethical

Warning: Frames Stage 3 as a threshold to guard, not an instructional ideal

Risks: Cognitive offloading and erosion of human agency are identified

Policy: Proposes digital inheritance rights and ethical anchor mechanisms

Theoretical Background

Generative AI, LLMs and the Road Toward Cognitive Clones

GAI Architecture Landscape

Transformer / LLMs

GPT, BERT utilize self-attention for semantic reasoning and few-shot learning [Brown et al., 2020]. Core architecture for all educational AI.

Diffusion Models / GANs

High-fidelity visual content generation. Supports multimodal mind shadow environments and behavioral capture [Liang and Li, 2026].

Variational Autoencoders

Audio synthesis; enables Speech-to-Text (STT) enabling bridges classroom and real-world authentic interaction [Shadiev et al., 2018].

Evolution of GAI Capabilities

1. **Pattern Recognition**

   Traditional AI: classifies existing data, predicts within predefined datasets resulting in no novel output.

2. **Content Generation**

   GAI synthesizes original text, images, audio thereby enabling personalized, multimodal learning experiences.

3. **Chain-of-Thought Reasoning**

   LLMs generate intermediate reasoning steps [Wei et al., 2023] To Facilitate pedagogical scaffolding and dialogic collaboration.

4. **Cognitive Co-Partnership**

   Persistent agentic memory + high contextual fidelity, evolving into a digital extension of the student's own cognition (mind shadow).

UNESCO AI Competency Frameworks

Global Policy for Human-Centered AI in Education : AI-CFT and AI-CFS

Anchored in Global Education 2030 Agenda — operationalizing SDG 4.4 (AI-ready skills) and SDG 4.c (teacher professional development).

AI-CFT · Framework for Teachers

15 competencies across 5 dimensions:

1. Human-centered mindset
2. Ethics of AI
3. AI foundations and applications
4. AI pedagogy
5. AI for professional development

Progression: Acquire → Deepen → Create

Teachers evolve from AI literacy to designing innovative, ethically guided learning environments.

AI-CFS · Framework for Students

4 competency aspects:

1. Human-centered mindset
2. Ethics of AI
3. AI techniques and applications
4. AI system design

Progression: Understand → Apply → Create

Students develop AI literacy, ethical awareness, and agency, which empowers them to leverage AI for personalization, creativity, and problem-solving.

Methodology

Narrative Literature Review: Design, Search Strategy and Criteria

Why Narrative Literature Review?

✓ Synthesizes interdisciplinary perspectives (pedagogy, CS, cognitive science)

✓ Captures rapidly evolving GAI developments not yet in systematic reviews

✓ Enables theoretical framework construction over empirical aggregation

4-Phase Research Design

1. Conceptual Framing : initial 3-stage hypothesis
2. Corpus Construction : 2022–2026, IEEE/Scopus/Scholar/arXiv
3. Thematic Coding : 5 operational AI agency dimensions
4. Comparative Synthesis : stage differentiation

Search Strategy : Stage-Based Keyword Mapping

Stage 1: "Generative AI in education," "ChatGPT for teaching," "prompt engineering for assessment"

Stage 2: "human AI collaboration," "AI teammate," "co-creative AI," "dialogic partner"

✓ Inclusion Criteria

Published 2022–2026 · GAI architectures for education · AI competency and ethics frameworks (UNESCO)

✗ Exclusion Criteria

Non-generative AI models · Non-academic sources lacking theoretical or technical grounding

Five AI Agency Dimensions

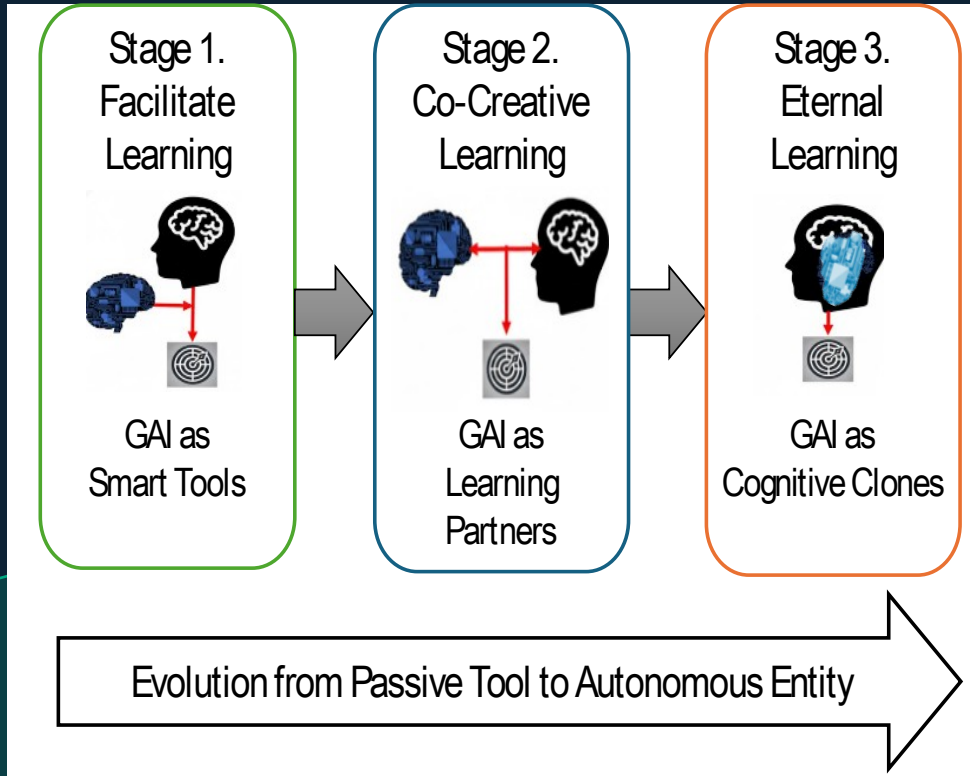
Analytical Foundation for Stage Classification (Table IV)

Derived through thematic synthesis — each stage reflects a coherent shift across all five dimensions:

Autonomy Level	Degree to which AI initiates actions without direct human prompts **Indicators:** Reactive response → Proactive suggestion → Self-directed learning
Memory Persistence	Extent of AI's ability to retain and reuse knowledge across sessions **Indicators:** Prompt-based memory → Agentic memory → Lifelong memory
Interaction Role	Pedagogical role of AI in learning activities **Indicators:** Assistant → Dialogic partner → Cognitive replica
Learning Continuity	Ability to update and evolve knowledge over time **Indicators:** Session-based → Task-based → Continuous self-evolution
Human-in-the-loop	Degree of human supervision and control retained **Indicators:** Full control → Shared control → Supervisory governance

The Three-Stage GAI Framework

From passive tools to eternal cognitive companions

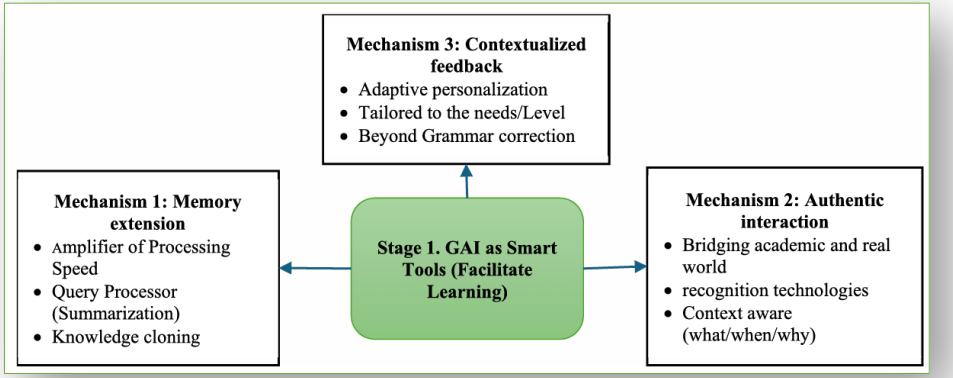


Stage 1 GAI as smart tools, characterized by human-initiated interactions in which users employ GAI primarily to enhance efficiency, extend memory, and obtain contextualized feedback. **At this stage**, AI functions as a supportive instrument and does not retain long-term contextual awareness or persistent memory across sessions;

Stage 2 GAI as learning partners, where interaction evolves into a reciprocal and co-creative process.
At this stage, GAI exhibits active contextual retrieval capabilities and participates in shared problem solving, transforming the relationship into a human–AI partnership in which both parties contribute to knowledge construction;

Stage 3 GAI as cognitive clones, representing the theoretical notion of eternal learning.
At this stage, GAI systems preserve human mindsets, reasoning patterns, and experiences, enabling continuous learning loops that persist beyond the user's direct presence and support the reconstruction and evolution of individual expertise

Stage 1: GAI as Smart Tools



Stage 1 positions GAI as a cognitive support tool that enhances memory, provides contextual guidance, and enables authentic learning experiences.

Stage 1: GAI as Smart Tools (Facilitate Learning)

Mechanism 1: Memory Extension

- Faster information processing and retrieval
- Intelligent summarization of learning materials
- Knowledge reconstruction and multimodal representation

Mechanism 2: Authentic Interaction

- Connects learning with real-world contexts
- Supports recognition technologies (e.g., STT)
- Context-aware learning (what, when, and why)

Mechanism 3: Contextualized Feedback

- Adaptive and personalized guidance
- Tailored to learner proficiency and needs
- Improves content quality beyond error correction

Stage 1: GAI as Smart Tools

Three Core Mechanisms : Facilitating Learning (Table VI)

🧠 Memory Extension

What: Static storage amplifier; retrieves and summarizes information on query; NO long-term memory across sessions

Function: Enhances efficiency and cognitive capacity; instant access to vast knowledge

Example: Smart RoamLingo: photo → vocabulary + AI-generated sample sentences [10]

🌍 Authentic Interaction

What: Uses ITR, STT, AR sensors to bridge academic knowledge with real-world contexts - answers WHEN and WHY knowledge applies

Function: Promotes engagement by linking abstract concepts to the physical environment

Example: Geo-QG: math word problems using AR measurement of real-world objects [9]

💬 Contextualized Feedback

What: Adaptive, personalized responses addressing individual student needs: proficiency, learning style, situational context

Function: Supports personalization - adapts content difficulty and feedback style per student

Example: AI-Writing Feedback: targeted grammar, cohesion and vocabulary suggestions [42]

⚠ *Stage 1 limitation: Strong at efficiency and automation, but lacks depth for reciprocal co-creativity or persistent memory across sessions.*

Stage 1: Empirical Case Studies

Three Studies Illustrating GAI as Smart Tools

✍️ Smart RoamLingo [10]

Domain: EFL Writing - Taiwan

How: ITR extracts vocabulary from student photos → AI-SS stimulates writing ideas → AI-WF provides personalized grammar/cohesion feedback

Finding: Frequent AI-SS and AI-WF use → more revision activity + higher post-test scores in content and organization

📐 Geo-QG [9]

Domain: STEM Math Education

How: GPT + AR measurement generates geometry word problems at 3 difficulty levels, anchoring abstract math in students' immediate environments

Finding: AI-generated contextual problems outperformed textbook exercises; strong link to contextual comprehension ability

🏫 AI Curriculum — UAE [42]

Domain: K-12 AI Literacy

How: Interdisciplinary K-12 curriculum embeds AI into Computing, Creative Design and Innovation; focuses on foundational AI literacy and ethics

Finding: Students gain AI literacy, discuss ethical dilemmas (privacy, bias), and apply AI creatively - prerequisite for Stage 2 + engagement

Stage 1: UNESCO Framework Alignment

Teacher and Student Competency Perspectives (Tables VII and VIII)

👨‍🏫 Teachers - AI-CFT

Acquire: AI literacy and awareness

UAE Curriculum: teachers acquire AI literacy to facilitate K-12 curriculum and guide ethical use [42]

Deepen: AI pedagogy and application

Smart RoamLingo: teachers use AI-WF to support personalized writing coaching over correction [10]

Create: AI innovation and co-creation

Geo-QG: teachers leverage AI to co-create dynamic contextualized materials impossible at scale manually [9]

👩‍🎓 Students - AI-CFS

Understand: AI Literacy and Ethics

UAE Curriculum: students learn AI mechanics and discuss ethical dilemmas (privacy, bias) before applying [42]

Apply: Personalization and Context

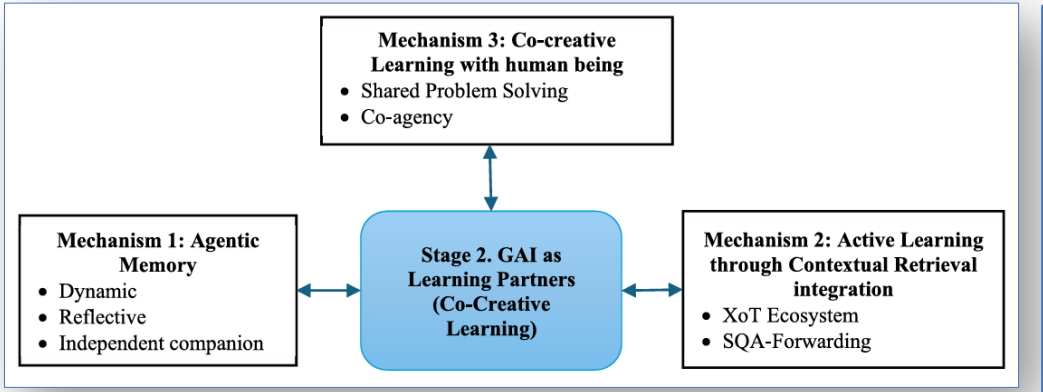
Smart RoamLingo: students use ITR to capture real-world contexts and refine English writing using AI feedback [10]

Create: Problem-Solving with AI

Geo-QG: students engage with AI-generated problems grounded in their environment for complex math [9]

Stage 1 = empowerment through AI. GAI is an intelligent assistant - teachers retain full responsibility for learning goals and ethical use.

Stage 2: GAI as Learning Partners



Stage 2 transforms GAI from a learning tool into an intelligent learning partner that remembers, proactively retrieves contextual information, and co-constructs knowledge with learners.

Stage 2: GAI as Learning Partners (Co-Creative Learning)

Mechanism 1: Agentic Memory

- Maintains learning history and learner preferences
- Supports reflective review of past performance
- Provides continuous and personalized learning support

Mechanism 2: Active Contextual Retrieval Integration

- Actively gathers contextual and multimodal information
- Connects learning with XoT ecosystems and smart environments
- Grounds knowledge in authentic learning contexts

Mechanism 3: Co-Creative Learning with Human Beings

- Enables shared problem-solving between learners and AI
- Supports collaborative idea generation and refinement
- Fosters human-AI co-agency in knowledge construction

Stage 2: GAI as Learning Partners

Three Core Mechanisms — Co-Creative Learning (Table XI)

GAI evolves from a supportive tool into an active, interactive collaborator — fostering bilateral co-creation and genuine cognitive partnership.

🔄 Agentic Memory

From S1: Static retrieval; resets per session

Evolves → Dynamic and reflective - retains context across sessions; adapts based on past performance, preferences and misconceptions

Function: Supports continuity and personalization; encourages reflection on growth over time

🌐 Contextual Retrieval

From S1: Passive input; responds to prompt

Evolves → Proactively gathers multimodal data from humans, smart devices and real-world sensors - becomes a context-aware active learner

Function: Enables adaptive, authentic learning; integrates data from diverse domains

🤝 Co-Creative Problem-Solving

From S1: One-way feedback tutor

Evolves → Human and AI collaboratively generate and refine ideas - forming human-AI co-agency through iterative dialogue and shared reasoning

Function: Promotes higher-order thinking; builds confidence in AI as cognitive collaborator

Stage 2: Key Case Study X-Education of Things (XoT)

Nurtantyana, Hwang and Hariyanti, IEEE Access 2024 [14]

What is XoT?

Students interact with AI-powered physical smartthings (e.g., smart air purifier, display) by asking and answering questions in English. The SQA-Forwarding mechanism instantly shares each QnA across the entire device network - building a collective knowledge base while developing EFL skills.

Key Results

SmartThings built knowledge bases 4× richer than control objects
EFL writing quality significantly improved through reciprocal QnA

Agentic Memory

AI recalls prior QnA across sessions, building cumulative knowledge tailored to each learner's history and past errors

Contextual Retrieval

SQA-Forwarding shares knowledge between connected devices in real-time, integrating physical environment data

Co-Creative Learning

Students are both knowledge consumers AND contributors - feeding the AI as they learn from it in a fully reciprocal loop

Cross-Domain Applications (Stage 2 examples):

Domain	System	Collaboration Pattern
Education / IoT	Smart Campus [46,47]	AI agents adapt content and environment in real-time based on collective student performance data
Transportation	Full Self-Driving [30,48]	Drivers correct AI via interventions; aggregated fleet data continuously improves global safety models
Industry 4.0	Cobots [49]	Cobots adapt to operators locally; production data shared factory-wide for mutual workflow optimization

Stage 2: UNESCO Framework Alignment

Teachers and Students Exercise Agency Through Co-Creative AI Partnership

👩‍🏫 Teachers - AI-CFT: Deepen and Create

Agentic Memory

Teachers curate prompts, reflect on student progress, allowing AI to recall past sessions for personalized cumulative guidance

Contextual Retrieval

Teachers leverage multimodal AI to connect materials with authentic contexts — science + environmental data, local ↔ global issues

Co-Creative Interaction

Teachers orchestrate brainstorming, ethical discussions, and mentor students co-producing projects with AI

👩‍🎓 Students - AI-CFS: Apply and Create

Agentic Memory

Students interact with AI that remembers past inputs — reviewing earlier mistakes and improving iteratively in writing/coding

Contextual Retrieval

Students engage AI integrating data from images, sensors and IoT — learning becomes inquiry-driven and authentically situated

Co-Creative Interaction

Students co-design experiments, refine arguments, create solutions blending human insight with AI-generated reasoning

Stage 2 → Stage 3: from bilateral collaboration to autonomous cognitive cloning — AI shifts from a dependent partner to an eternal agent.

Stage 3: GAI as Cognitive Clones

Eternal Learning — The Theoretical and Developmental Peak

Digital Twin

Replicates a student's accumulated knowledge and current state in digital form - captures what the student knows.

→ vs →

Cognitive Clone

Goes further — approximates the student's reasoning patterns and decision-making tendencies. Continues evolving even beyond the owner's direct presence.

Empirical Evidence - ELMTS (Luthfi and Hwang, 2024) [28]

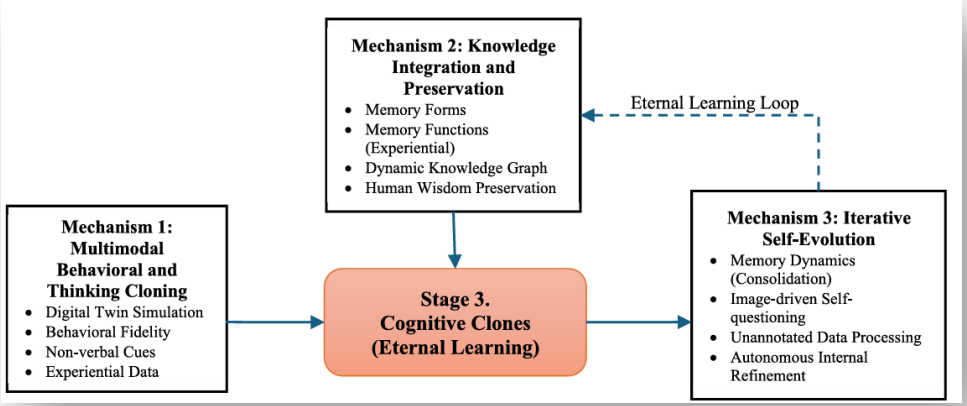
Correctness	Relevance	Completeness	Clarity	BLEU
3.12 → 4.16	3.57 → 4.16	3.43 → 4.12	3.28 → 4.38	0.61 → 0.69

PTM Study - Hwang et al. (2026) [50]

40 participants | LLM inference, embeddings, clustering and HITL refinement | F1 scores > 0.70 across all student trials → empirical validation of cognitive clone feasibility.

⚠ *Stage 3 is partially conceptual - many mechanisms are theoretically projected and require further longitudinal empirical validation.*

Stage 3: Three Operational Mechanisms



Stage 3 transforms GAI into a cognitive clone that captures human knowledge, behavior, and experiences, enabling their preservation and continuous evolution within an eternal learning ecosystem.

Stage 3: Cognitive Clones (Eternal Learning)

Mechanism 1: Multimodal Behavioral and Thinking Cloning

- Replicates human behavioral and cognitive patterns
- Captures verbal, non-verbal, and contextual cues
- Learns from rich experiential interaction data

Mechanism 2: Knowledge Integration and Preservation

- Preserves experiential memory and knowledge assets
- Integrates information through dynamic knowledge graphs
- Sustains accumulated human wisdom across generations

Mechanism 3: Iterative Self-Evolution

- Continuously consolidates and refines memory structures
- Performs autonomous reflection through self-questioning
- Enhances knowledge through ongoing self-improvement

Stage 3: Three Operational Mechanisms

🏃 Mechanism 1 - "The Body" Behavioral Cloning

What: Digital Twin Simulation Frameworks capture physical movements, interaction styles and non-verbal cues — high-fidelity behavioral twin

Function: Humanoid presence and self-reflection: owner observes own behavioral reflection to correct non-verbal communication weaknesses

Example: VR simulation where mind shadow mimics user's presentation style → self-observation and body language correction [26,32]

🧠 Mechanism 2 - "The Mind" Knowledge and Thinking Preservation

What: ELMTS and Unified Agent Memory map owner's knowledge, interests and cognitive weaknesses — learns continuously from the owner

Function: Targeted cognitive upgrading (while alive): Mind Shadow identifies specific reasoning weaknesses → customized Socratic scaffolding

Example: Mind Shadow: "You usually miss this data point; adding it will strengthen your logic" [28]

∞ Mechanism 3 - "The Life" Iterative Self-Evolution

What: Self-questioning and memory dynamics autonomously generate learning scenarios, refine knowledge and expand capabilities without direct interaction

Function: Eternal learning (post-mortem): cognitive clone transitions to autonomous agent — processes new information using preserved reasoning

Example: After a scientist's death, mind shadow analyzes new data using their original theories to propose likely solutions [44]

Stage 3: Knowledge Update Equation and Mind Shadow

Formal Representation of Cognitive Clone Learning

Knowledge Update Equation

$$Kt + 1 = f(Kt, It, St)$$

`K_t` = Learner-specific knowledge state at time t

`I_t` = Real interaction input from the user at time t

`S_t` = Situational / contextual feedback at time t

`f(·)` = Update: integrates past knowledge + interaction + context

Algorithm 1 — Pseudocode:

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Init K←K₀  |
WHILE active: Acquire Iₜ, Sₜ  |
K←f(K,Iₜ,Sₜ)  |
Persist K; Generate adaptive response |
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The Mind Shadow Concept

💡 While the Owner is Alive

Reciprocal learning loop - Mind Shadow uses deep knowledge of the owner's cognitive profile to provide targeted guidance. User feedback simultaneously refines the Shadow's precision.

Example: System detects weak higher-order thinking → prompts Socratic questions to strengthen evaluation skills.

∞ After the Owner's Passing

Mind Shadow transcends its role as mirror → enters autonomous continuous learning. Leverages iterative self-evolution to learn from new global information even without the user.

Example: Intellectual legacy remains active - addressing challenges that did not exist during the owner's lifetime.

Stage 3: UNESCO Alignment and Role Shifts

Preventing Cognitive Dependency — Competency Evolution at the Warning Threshold

⚠ Stage 3 is framed as a WARNING THRESHOLD, not an instructional ideal. It challenges educators: not how intelligent AI can become, but how much cognitive agency must remain irreducibly human.

👨‍🏫 Teachers — AI-CFT: Create Level

Role shifts from knowledge transmission to:

Meta-cognitive Catalyst

Evaluates effectiveness of the reciprocal upgrading loop, not merely the quality of final output

Architect of Cognitive Evolution

Designs environments ensuring AI interaction genuinely upgrades student capacity and deepens mastery

Ethical Orchestrator

Ensures students synthesize complex information and develop wisdom that exceeds AI's raw data processing

👩‍🎓 Students — AI-CFS: Create Level

Competency shifts to Active Cognitive Augmentation:

Meta-Agency Practitioner

Treats cognitive clone as a thinking partner that exposes blind spots and gaps in reasoning patterns

Critical Auditor of AI

Audits their mind shadow's evolution to ensure clone accuracy and alignment with their own values

Cognitive Upgrader

Uses shadow to identify weaknesses and ascend to higher critical mastery and ethical judgment

Key insight: Students must master subject matter deeply enough to teach their own digital clone - reversing the traditional tutoring dynamic.

Evolutionary Synthesis: Three-Stage Comparison

How GAI Agency Evolves Across All Stages (Table XVI)

Feature	Stage 1: Smart Tools	Stage 2: Learning Partners	Stage 3: Cognitive Clones
Core Paradigm	Unilateral task amplification - human directs the tool	Bilateral interaction and shared problem-solving	Reciprocal growth and eternal continuity - mind shadow grows with and beyond the human
Memory and Agency	Static: retrieves based on immediate query	Agentic: dynamic, reflective across sessions	Unified agent memory: stores facts, weaknesses, logic - proactively intervenes in cognition
Contextual Input	Human-initiated: passive prompt (photo/text)	Active retrieval: proactive multimodal data from smartthings	Bi-directional: learns from owner's context AND direct interaction to improve accuracy
Output Goal	One-way adaptive responses: corrections and examples	Co-creative: joint knowledge construction via dialogue	Cognitive augmentation (alive) + Eternal learning (post-mortem): legacy continues
Key Limitation	Over-reliance risk; no deep reasoning feedback	Requires reciprocal input - not fully independent	Alignment and ethics: mind shadow must stay true to owner's values as it evolves autonomously

AI Agency Dimensions Across Stages

Semi-Quantitative Stage Differentiation Criteria (Table XVII)

	Stage 1: Smart Tools	Stage 2: Learning Partners	Stage 3: Cognitive Clones
Autonomy Level	Low — prompt-driven, fully reactive	Medium — adaptive, semi-autonomous	High — self-directed, proactive
Memory Persistence	Session-based: resets between interactions	Cross-session: agentic memory retains context	Persistent lifelong: continuous evolving memory
Interaction Role	Reactive assistant	Collaborative dialogic partner	Autonomous cognitive agent (mind shadow)
Learning Continuity	Task-based: tied to individual queries	Iterative: builds on multiple interactions	Continuous self-evolution: learns autonomously
Human-in-the-loop	Full control by human	Shared control: human-AI partnership	Supervisory governance: human oversees

Ethical Implications

Cognitive Offloading, Human Agency and Critical Design Principles

⚠ The Cognitive Offloading Risk

As AI systems increasingly anticipate user needs and shape learning trajectories, individuals may delegate cognitive tasks that traditionally require active reasoning.

At Stage 3, the boundary between human cognition and AI-supported reasoning becomes less distinct — raising questions about authorship, responsibility, and intellectual ownership.

🧠 What Must Remain Irreducibly Human

- ✓ Reflective judgment and critical reasoning
- ✓ Ethical decision-making and moral responsibility
- ✓ Construction of personal meaning and identity
- ✓ Authorship and intellectual ownership of ideas
- ✓ Deliberate human choice and free will

✓ Beneficial AI Use

- Enhances efficiency, reduces load on routine tasks
- Exposes blind spots and challenges reasoning gaps
- Preserves intellectual legacy for future generations

✗ Concerning AI Dependency

- Delegating core reasoning without critical reflection
- Accepting AI output passively without auditing accuracy
- Algorithmic outputs shaping decisions without human judgment

Design principle: AI systems should augment and challenge users - ensuring cognitive engagement and critical thinking remain central to the learning process.

Strategic Directions

Recommendations for Teachers, Developers and Policymakers

🎓 For Teachers and Students

1. Shift curricula from knowledge acquisition → cognitive calibration: students assessed on their ability to train and audit their own mind shadows

2. Cultivate Meta-Agency: treat AI as exposing cognitive blind spots rather than completing tasks on behalf of the learner

3. Design reciprocal upgrading tasks: students identify logic gaps in their clone — forcing deep mastery to teach the digital clone

💻 For Developers

1. Prioritize contextual fidelity over general intelligence for educational AI systems

2. Ingest multimodal data from user's real-time physical surroundings via IoT/Edge computing, not only global datasets

3. Design for human-in-the-loop governance with explainable AI mechanisms at all developmental stages

⚖️ For Policymakers

1. Expand frameworks to cover digital inheritance rights: protocols for who controls a cognitive clone after the owner's death

2. Embed ethical anchor mechanisms: prevent clone value divergence from owner's core values as it evolves autonomously

3. Develop Stage-aware AI literacy standards that evolve with competency from Stages 1 → 3 across educational systems

Even at Stage 3, the ultimate goal remains pedagogical empowerment - AI functions as a scaffold for critical thinking, not a replacement for the human intellect.

Limitations and Future Research Directions

⚠ Study Limitations

1. Conceptual Framework

Not yet validated through controlled experiments or longitudinal studies in real educational settings

2. Narrative Review Bias

Study selection influenced by the proposed conceptual lens — may limit generalizability across diverse educational contexts

3. Interpretive Synthesis

Five AI agency dimensions derived through interpretation; alternative classifications may also be plausible

4. Stage 3 Technical Gap

Autonomous bi-directional loop remains in emerging agentic architecture state - technical feasibility partially unvalidated

🔭 Future Research Directions

1. Longitudinal Empirical Studies

Measure Stage 1 basic skill impact; Stage 2 collaborative reasoning quality; Stage 3 blind-spot identification effectiveness

2. Expert Consensus Methods

Delphi method or quantitative content analysis to validate, refine, or extend the proposed stage structure

3. Field-Based Validation

Controlled experiments examining stage transitions and evaluating impact of each stage on learning outcomes

4. Ethical and Policy Research

Investigate digital inheritance rights, ethical anchor mechanisms, and governance frameworks for Stage 3 systems

"The challenge of GAI in education is philosophical rather than technological which is deciding which aspects of knowing, remembering, and meaning making must remain fundamentally human."

Conclusion

🔧 Stage 1 - GAI as Smart Tools

GAI influences learning by augmenting efficiency. Acting as a passive instrument, it reduces cognitive load on routine tasks (content generation, summarization), allowing students to focus on higher-order thinking. Interaction is unilateral and transactional.

🤝 Stage 2 - GAI as Learning Partners

Influence shifts to social co-creation. As a dialectic partner, GAI fosters critical thinking and creativity through bilateral collaboration such as offering feedback, validation, and alternative perspectives, transforming learning into a shared social activity.

🧬 Stage 3 - GAI as Cognitive Clones

Trajectory culminates in mutual cognitive adaptation. As a mind shadow, GAI maps the student's weaknesses and interests, assimilates contextual cues to refine fidelity, and acts as an autonomous proxy that proactively upgrades cognitive capacity during lifetime and preserves intellectual legacy through eternal learning post-mortem.

Education must pivot: teachers as ethical orchestrators of human-AI symbiosis · Students cultivating human agency for continuous, reciprocal cognitive upgrading

Eternality in Learning to Achieve Learning Forever

Q&A

Thank You.