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Jonathan Dotan is the founding director of The Starling Lab at Stanford University and USC, where he leads applied research on the decentralized web and human rights. For over 20 years, he's navigated the intersections of media, tech, and policy as a tech founder.

Jonathan is a fellow at Stanford's Center for Blockchain Research and Compression Forum, where he is researching strategy and policy for distributed ledger technologies. His scholarship examines Internet governance frameworks, the transition to Web 3.0 and the prospects for a more decentralized internet.

He lectures at Stanford's School of Engineering and Graduate School of Business. Jonathan's teaching asks students to consider the never-simple relationship between innovation and progress — recognizing how each new technology brings choices and responsibilities.