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Regulation on Artificial Intelligence: International online workshop will examine the European AI Act through the lens of comparative law

What regulations should be put in place regarding artificial intelligence? In partnership with universities in Brazil, Japan and South Africa, Saarland University's Institute of Legal Informatics invites all those interested in the convergence of law and AI to an online workshop that focuses on the AI Act. The European AI Act is the world's first-ever legal framework to attempt to strike a balance between innovation and addressing risk. International experts will discuss the regulation through the perspective of their unique legal systems. Participation in the workshop is free of charge. (24 October, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. CEST / 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. UTC)

Artificial intelligence is developing at a swift pace and its effects touch on all aspects of life. The unregulated development of AI brings with it not only immense opportunity, but also great risk. Perspectives on how exactly AI should be regulated differ widely across the world. The European Union became a trailblazer when it passed the world's first comprehensive AI law, which entered into force on 1 August 2024. The AI Act imposes regulations on AI systems - the greater the risk, the stronger the regulations.

Can the AI Act be a role model outside of Europe? Does the law offer a convincing regulatory approach? How will the regulations affect developers and users of AI systems in Europe and beyond? International experts from Keio University (Japan), the University of Johannesburg (South Africa), the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Saarland University will discuss these questions at the online workshop.

'Brazil, Japan, South Africa and Germany not only have differing legal systems, but also very different societal backdrops,' says Professor Georg Borges, the executive director of Saarland University's Institute of Legal Informatics, who is organizing the event.

'While Germany and Japan's populations age and shrink, the population in South Africa

and Brazil is overwhelmingly young and growing. Thus, these countries represent differing views on AI systems,' explains Borges, who also serves as a visiting professor at the Keio University and the University of Johannesburg.

The workshop is a part of the Explainable Intelligent Systems research project, which is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation.

The workshop is free for participants and no prior registration is required.

A link to the event can be found at the Institute of Legal Informatics' webpage:

<https://www.rechtsinformatik.saarland>

Or you can enter the event directly via:

<https://www.rechtsinformatik.saarland/forschung/veranstaltungen/online-workshop-24-october-2024-the-european-ai-act-a-milestone-in-the-regulation-of-artificial-intelligence#c324>

The workshop will be held in English.

Presentations and speakers:

- The European AI Law at a glance.

Prof. Dr. Georg Borges (Saarland University)

- The Intersection of EU AI Act and JIS (Japanese Industrial Standards).

Prof. Fumio Shimpo, PhD (Keio University)

- An assessment of the EU AI Act as a model for South Africa's AI Plan.

Prof. Michele van Eck (University of Johannesburg)

- The metamorphosis of the EU AI Act into the Brazilian AI Act.

Prof. Dr. Juliano Souza de Albuquerque Maranhão (University of Sao Paulo)

11:00 a.m.-2:30 UTC in your country:

Japan: 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Germany: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

South Africa: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Brazil (Hora de Fernando de Noronha): 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Brazil (Hora de Brasília): 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Brazil (Hora do Amazonas): 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Brazil (Hora do Acre): 6:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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