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THE AI ACT'S APPROACH TO SOLVING ETHICAL AND SOCIETAL CONCERNS AROUND GENERATIVE AI

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About the lecture

With the launch of ChatGPT last year and the ensuing debate about the benefits and potential risks of generative AI, also the work on the European AI Act shifted into a higher gear. The European Council and Parliament, working on their respective compromise texts, had to find ways to accommodate this new phenomenon. The attempts to adapt the AI Act went hand in hand with a lively public debate on what was so new and different about generative AI, whether it raised new, not yet anticipated risks, and how to best address a technology whose societal implications are not yet well understood. Most importantly, was the AI Act outdated even before is adopted? In my presentation I would like to discuss the different approaches that the Council and Parliament adopted to governing Generative AI, the most salient points of discussion and the different approaches proposed to solve some of the key ethical and societal concerns around the rise of generative AI.

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