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## **Governing Artificial Intelligence:**

A Critical Global Assessment and Future Outlook

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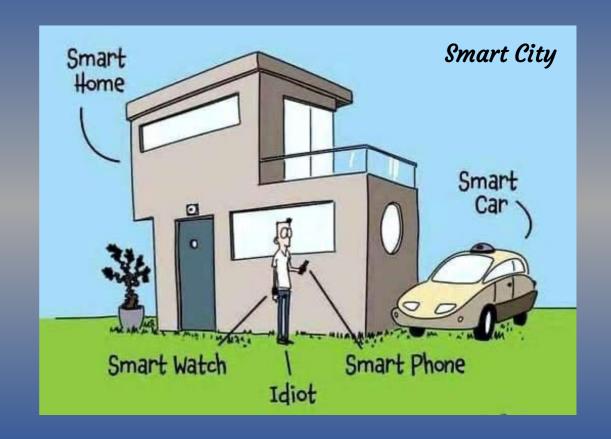
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## Global Al Governance

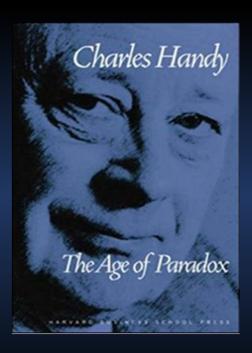
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"For some, digital humanism seems a contradiction in terms, i.e. an oxymoron that puts the two opposites of the human and the non-human in one phrase to reveal a paradox."

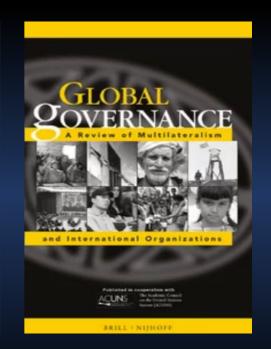
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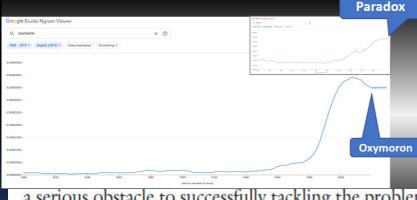


## The AGE OF PARADOXES/OXYMORA

"To anticipate the prospects for global governance in the decades ahead is to discern powerful tensions, profound contradictions, and perplexing paradoxes."

Rosenau, James N. (1995). "Governance in the 21st Century", *Globa* [11] Governance 1 (1): 1-13 at 1



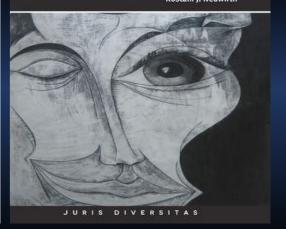


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a serious obstacle to successfully tackling the problems caused by the increasingly complex and rapidly changing world in which we live. In this world, the complexity and the accelerated pace of change equally threaten – like a new pandemic global disease – to undermine law, especially the rule of law as an instrument providing legal certainty and predictability. These factors seem to contribute to the failure of law to meet expectations and to solve the great problems faced by the global governance debate today.

## Law in the Time of Oxymora A Synaesthesia of Language, Logic and Law

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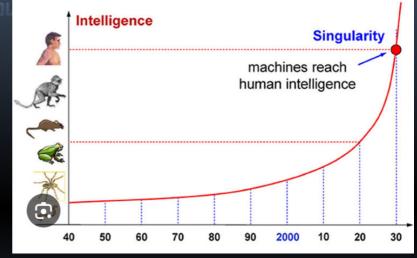
Law in the Time of Oxymora concludes that 'essentially oxymoronic concepts may inaugurate a new era of cognition, involving the ways the senses interact and how we reason, think and make decisions in law and in life'.

## Al is an Oxymoron



## Artificial intelligence is an oxymoron

The importance of an organic body when facing unknown situations as they unfold in the present moment



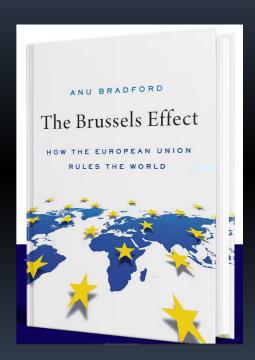
"The question then becomes whether AI is an oxymoron. Will computers ever learn to handle the messiness of the present? Will inorganic machines be able to conquer intellectus, and if so, can this be done through data? I am skeptical. Intelligence is a complicated matter, has no single dimension, and seems to include a time-bound organic body acting in a present moment and in a changing environment."

## 'Brussel's or 'Silicon Valley' Effect

### THE SILICON VALLEY EFFECT

Forthcoming in the Stanford Journal of International Law (2025)  $Chinmayi\ Arun^*$ 

The most influential Artificial Intelligence ("AI") companies are shaping AI's legal order and regulatory discourse to protect their business interests and shift focus away from how their practices harm human beings. I call Big Tech's influence on AI's legal order the Silicon Valley Effect and argue that it is understudied and underestimated.



The Narrative **Global AI Regulation** Global Al Regulation

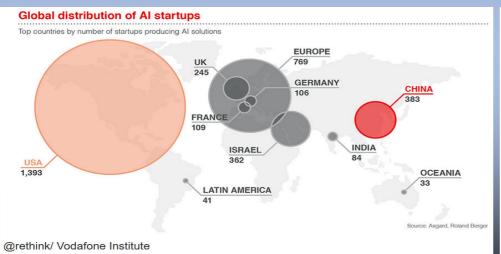


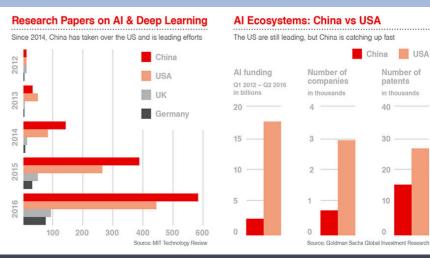
## Al arms race: This global index ranks which nations dominate Al development

In the wake of last year's generative Al surge, China still trails the US, while Singapore is coming up fast.



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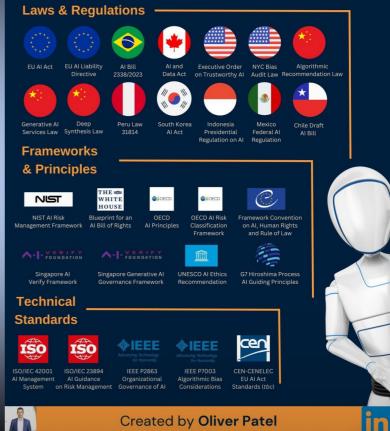




## The dominant Narrative: From a Race of the Development to the Regulation of Al



#### **Al Governance Laws and Frameworks**



## The dominant Narrative: From a Race of the Development to the Regulation of Al

## From a 'race to AI' to a 'race to AI regulation': regulatory competition for artificial intelligence

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## How Nations Are Losing a Global Race to Tackle A.I.'s Harms

Alarmed by the power of artificial intelligence, Europe, the United States and others are trying to respond — but the technology is evolving more rapidly than their policies.







#### **Digital Empires**

The Global Battle to Regulate Technology

#### Anu Bradford

- Offers a comprehensive overview of the competing digital governance models in the US, China, and the EU
- Discusses central issues facing regulators. including antitrust, data privacy, content moderation, digital tax, and artificial intelligence
- · Analyzes regulatory conflicts, tech wars, and other key battles that will define the future of the digital economy

## The Race of the Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI): TIMELINE

- > 2021-04-21 [01/08/2024 in force] EU Commission publishes "Proposal for a Regulation Laying Down Harmonised Rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act)".
- > 2021-09-25 CHINA "Ethical Norms for the New Generation Artificial Intelligence"
- > 2023-01-23 China Provisions on the Administration of Deep Synthesis Internet-based Information Service
- > 2023-08-15 China Interim Measures for the Administration of Generative Artificial Intelligence Services
- > 2021-11-22 UNESCO adopts Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence.
- > 2021-12-02 Council of Europe's (Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law 05-09-2024)".
- 2023-09-30 POTUS Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence
- > 2024-03-11 UN GA Resolution safe, secure and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development









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## Dangers of the "Global Race" Narrative

Racing to the precipice: a model of artificial intelligence development

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Stuart Armstrong<sup>1</sup> · Nick Bostrom<sup>1</sup> · Carl Shulman<sup>1</sup>

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Having extra development teams and extra enmity between teams can increase the danger of an Al disaster, especially if risk-taking is more important than skill in developing the Al.

Against the new space race: global AI competition and cooperation for people

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This Open Forum contribution critically interrogates the use of **space race rhetoric** in current discussions about artificial intelligence (Al). According to this rhetoric, similar to the space race of the twentieth century, Al development is portrayed **as a rivalry** among superpowers where one country will win and reap major benefits, while others will be left behind. **Using this rhetoric to frame Al development tends to prioritize narrow and short-term economic interests over broader and longer-term societal needs.** 

#### Al as a Global Problem: THE DECD AI PRINCIPLES



HAVING REGARD to the Sustainable Development Goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (A/RES/70/1) as well as the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

HAVING REGARD to the important work being carried out on artificial intelligence (hereafter, "AI") in other international governmental and non-governmental fora;

RECOGNISING that Al has pervasive, far-reaching and <u>global</u> implications that are transforming societies, economic sectors and the world of work, and are likely to increasingly do so in the future;



Adopted on **23 November 2021** by UNESCO at meeting in Paris from 9 to 24 November 2021, at its 41st session.

AI REGULATION Lessons to be Learned?



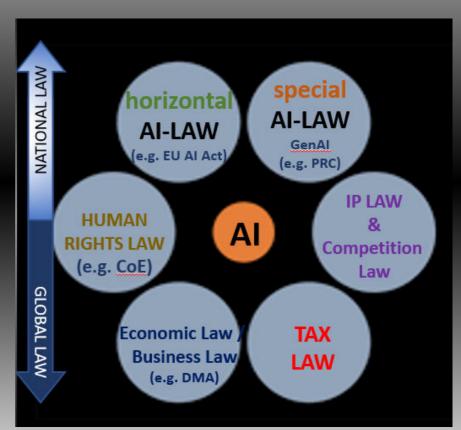
## WHAT REGULATORY APPROACH?

US: "market-driven" regulatory model;

**PRC**: "state-driven" regulatory model;

EU "a rights-driven" regulatory model.







# Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and human rights, democracy and the rule of law

### ZERO DRAFT [FRAMEWORK] CONVENTION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

### COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CAI)

Strasbourg, 30 June 2022



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## Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law

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#### Chapter I - General provisions

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## THE EUROPEAN UNION

## REGULATION (EU) 2024/1689 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 13 June 2024

laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence and amending Regulations (EC) No 300/2008, (EU) No 167/2013, (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1139 and (EU) 2019/2144 and Directives 2014/90/EU, (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2020/1828 (Artificial Intelligence Act)



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## **Draft Al ACT**

## TITLE II - PROHIBITED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRACTICES

## **Article 5 AIA**

## 1. The following artificial intelligence practices shall be prohibited:

- (a) the placing on the market, putting into service or use of an Al system that deploys subliminal techniques beyond a person's consciousness in order to materially distort a person's behaviour in a manner that causes or is likely to cause that person or another person physical or psychological harm;
- (b) the placing on the market, putting into service or use of an Al system that exploits any of the vulnerabilities of a specific group of persons due to their age, physical or mental disability, in order to materially distort the behaviour of a person pertaining to that group in a manner that causes or is likely to cause that person or another person physical or psychological harm;
- (c) the placing on the market, putting into service or use of Al systems by public authorities or on their behalf for the evaluation or classification of the trustworthiness of natural persons over a certain period of time based on their social behaviour or known or predicted personal or personality characteristics, with the social score leading to either or both of the following:
  - (i) detrimental or unfavourable treatment of certain natural persons or whole groups thereof in social contexts which are unrelated to the contexts in which the data was originally generated or collected;
  - (ii) detrimental or unfavourable treatment of certain natural persons or whole groups thereof that is unjustified or disproportionate to their social behaviour or its gravity;
- (d) the use of 'real-time' remote biometric identification systems in publicly accessible spaces for the purpose of law enforcement, unless and in as far as such use is strictly necessary for one of the following objectives:

## REGULATORY CHALLENGES

## Legal

- Definition of Al
- Relation to other Acts/Regulations/Norms
- ☐ Causality (Cumulative)
- ☐ Harm
- Fundamental Rights
- Enforcement (detection)

## **Psychological**

- ☐ What is Subliminal Perception?
- Which Senses are Implicated?
- ☐ Single Sensory or Multisensory Approach?
- ☐ What is the 'Threshold of awareness'

## Technical

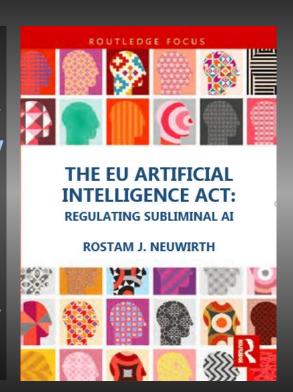
- □ Definition of Al
- Which technology deploys subliminal techniques?
- ☐ Combination of Technologies
- ☐ Liability?
- Existing or Future Techs?

#### SUBLIMINAL AI SYSTEMS



## Introduction

'A popular saying goes that "if you don't control your mind, the mind will control you!" Additionally, it could be added that if we do not control our mind, it is likely that someone else will control your mind for you.'



## A.I. Is Getting Better at Mind-Reading

In a recent experiment, researchers used large language models to translate brain activity into words.



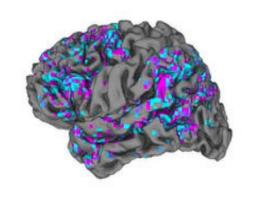
By Oliver Whang

May 1, 2023





ww.nytimes.com/2023/05/01/science/ai-speech-language.html





General Conference

41st session, Paris, 2021

## Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

Recognizing the profound and dynamic positive and negative impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) on societies, environment, ecosystems and human lives, *including the human mind*, in part because of the new ways in which its use influences human thinking, interaction and decision-making and affects education, human, social and natural sciences, culture, and communication and information.

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Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 (AI Act)

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#### a) Subliminal techniques

(64) While the AI Act does not define 'subliminal techniques', Article 5(1)(a) AI Act specifies that subliminal techniques operate beyond (below or above) the threshold of conscious awareness. Because subliminal techniques and the way they operate are inherently covert, such techniques bypass a person's rational defences against manipulation and are capable of influencing decisions without the conscious awareness of the person, raising significant ethical concerns and impairing individual autonomy, agency and free choice<sup>53</sup>.

Another more suitable term could be "transliminal perception", which is used to refer to stimuli crossing (*trans*) thresholds (*limines*) "into or out of consciousness", both below and above our ordinary level of consciousness.<sup>75</sup> This would also reflect the reality that both subliminal and supraliminal cognition influences our behaviour, including ethical decision-making.<sup>76</sup> An approach using transliminal in its terminology



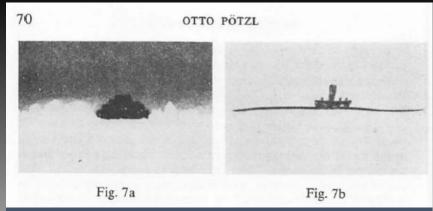
# Subliminal Perception

Subliminal Perception



Overall, the trend in nudging and artificial intelligence has been said to show a move from "programming computers to programming people".

Dirk Helbing et al., "Will Democracy Survive Big Data and Artificial Intelligence?" in Dirk Helbing (ed.), Towards Digital Enlightenment: Essays on the Dark and Light Sides of the Digital Revolution (Cham: Springer, 2019)



## 5%

latest scientific findings and a new understanding of the unconscious, only 5% of our entire cognitive functions are conscious, while the remaining 95% are beyond our awareness but still exert an important influence on our lives.

Leonard Mlodinov, Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behaviour (New York: Vintage Books, 2012) 34.

Consumer psychologists no longer simply demonstrate, for example, that priming a consumer can change their behavior. Instead, we seek to understand how that prime operates, or use the basic notion of nonconscious exposure to better understand substantive phenomenon in the lives of consumers.

Tanya L. Chartrand and Gavan J. Fitzsimons, "Nonconscious Consumer Psychology" (2011) 21 Journal of Consumer Psychology 1–3, 3.

In particular, the combination of the collection of big data, profiling, targeted advertisements and other "immersive" and neuromarketing-based applications can be expected to enhance the overall efficiency of subliminal stimuli.

Wolfgang Reitberger at al., "Ambient Persuasion in the Shopping Context" in Jörg Müller, Florian Alt and Daniel Michelis (eds.), Pervasive Advertising (London: Springer 2011) 309-323, 310 and 322

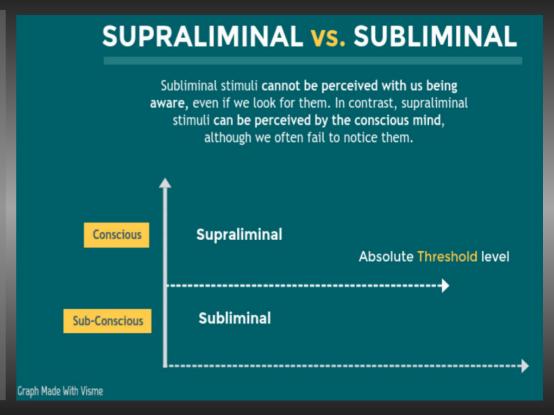
## **Psychophysics -- Threshold of Subliminal Perception?**

Unfortunately, even after stimulus characteristics are taken into account, there is no absolute threshold that can be universally recommended: thresholds for a given stimulus vary both intra- and interpersonally. One method of handling such variability is to set thresholds uniquely for each individual.

Pamela K. Smith, and Kathleen McCulloch, "Subliminal Perception" in V.S.

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# Institutional Aspects of Al Governance: Creative Destruction?

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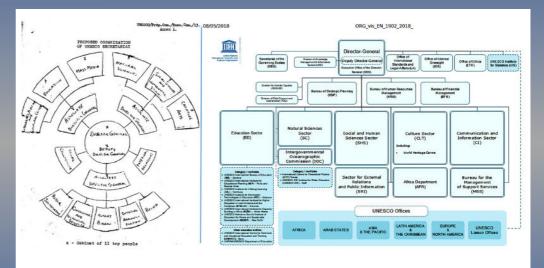


Figure 5: UNESCO organigramms 1946 and 2018.

#### INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF AI GOVERNANCE

"Conventional wisdom has it that only a World War III might provide enough shock, awe, and vision to equip the UN for the future."

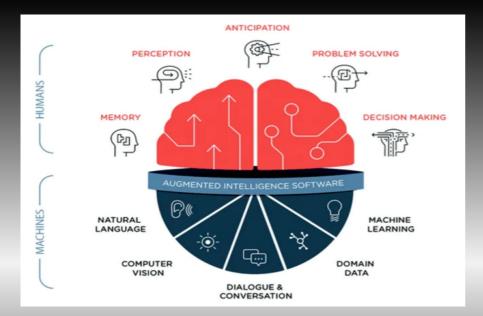
Antonio Donini, "Crashing Waves and Rising Tides: The Case for UN 2.0" (2020) 62 Global Governance 262–275 at 267

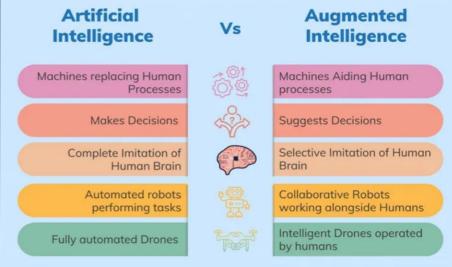


"Transformational change in the institutions and politics of international trade, it seems, goes hand in hand with *cognitive* change."

Andrew T.F. Lang, "Reflecting on 'Linkage': Cognitive and Institutional Change in the International Trading System" (2007) 70(4) Modern Law Review 529-549 at 529.

# Conclusions Couclasions





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However, another school of thought suggests that instead of being a replacement for the human mind, Al can be used for intelligence augmentation (IA). Accordingly, our research seeks to address these different views, their implications, and potential risks in an age of increased artificial awareness. We show that the ultimate goal of humankind is to achieve IA through the exploitation of Al.

Hossein Hassani et al., 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) or Intelligence Augmentation (IA): What Is the Future?' (202) 1(2) A1 143–155, https://doi.org/10.3390/ai1020008.

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