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General proposal information:

Title: AI Governance in Europe: Navigating the AI Act and AI Offices, and Upholding European Principles

Category: Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects of AI (ELS)/ Introductory course

The ESSAI area for this course is: Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects of AI (ELS). I would consider it as an introductory course intended to introduce non-specialists to the basic regulatory provisions and principles of AI.

Abstract: This course aims to provide a journey to the heart of AI governance in Europe. Tailored for non-specialists, this program introduces participants to essential legal and regulatory insights while focusing on groundbreaking EU developments, notably the AI Act and the impending launch of the European AI Office. Key objective is fostering a nuanced understanding of the regulation of the AI technologies, the special regime and bans of the AI Act, all while understanding international principles on AI ethics and modern European principles on AI such as transparency, trustworthiness and explainability, as well as the traditional ones, such as the freedom of movement of goods. As an AI legal expert and President of Rythmisis, the Greek Institute for AI Law, I am well-equipped to guide participants through this transformative learning experience, offering both theoretical insights and actionable strategies for navigating the evolving AI governance landscape. The course's ultimate goal is to empower the next generation of AI leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate, innovate, and succeed in the European AI landscape in any sector (health, education, commerce, economics etc.).

Motivation and description (up to two pages) & Tentative outline: Please see the pdf attached.

Expected level and prerequisites & whether the course will appeal to students outside of the main discipline of the course:

Expected Level and Prerequisites: This course is designed for professionals, policymakers, legal experts, and individuals interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of AI governance in Europe. While a background in law, policy, or related fields is beneficial, there are no specific prerequisites for participants. The course is crafted to accommodate individuals at various stages of their careers, including those with limited prior knowledge of AI regulation.

Course Appeal to Students Outside the Main Discipline: The course is intentionally structured as an introductory program, making it accessible and engaging for participants from diverse disciplines. The content is presented in a manner that caters to both specialists in law and policy and those outside these fields. The course aims to bridge the gap between technical and non-technical backgrounds, ensuring that participants with varied expertise can comprehend and appreciate the complex landscape of AI governance in Europe.

Moreover, professionals from fields such as technology, business, ethics, and public administration will find value in understanding the legal and ethical frameworks surrounding AI. The multidisciplinary nature of the course encourages collaborative learning and diverse perspectives, enriching the overall educational experience for all participants.

By fostering an inclusive environment, the course seeks to create a dynamic learning community where participants can exchange ideas, share insights, and collectively explore the nuances of AI governance. This approach ensures that the course appeals to a broad audience, promoting cross-disciplinary dialogue and understanding.

Short CVs of the proposer: Dr. Maria- Oraiozili Koutsoupia is a qualified lawyer in Greece and in Belgium, currently working as a lawyer in Brussels in top tier US law firms, focused on healthcare and medical technologies. Maria-Oraiozili holds a PhD in Public Law from the UoA Law School and three masters in law, one in public law, one in international legal studies and one in IP and Information, Communication and Technologies from the UOA and the KU Leuven Law Schools, respectively, while she has published numerous articles in the field of public law and digital healthcare. In her legal practice, Maria-Oraiozili advises life sciences and medtech clients on all EU law aspects and as the President of the first Institute of AI Law in Greece she is invited as a lecturer in Universities and AI conferences.

Appropriate references to be used (e.g. textbooks, monographs, proceedings, surveys)- Indicatively:

- Artificial Intelligence for Business: A Roadmap for Getting Started with AI, Coveyduc Jeffrey,

- Analysis of the preliminary AI standardisation work plan in support of the AI Act, JRC EU Commission,

- An EU landmark for AI governance, Urs Gasser

- Navigating the Future of AI Governance: A Guide to NIST AI RMF, ISO/IEC 42001, and the EU AI Act, Meghan Maneval

- Advancing AI governance in Europe and internationally, Brad Smith

-AI Governance: A consolidated reference – EU AI Act European Commission Draft, OECD Recommendations on AI, and NIST AI Risk Management Framework, OneTrust

- AI Governance Survey A shift in the ways companies use and invest in AI brought about by changes in the social landscape, Deloitte

- AI Act: https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/regulatory-framework-ai