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Doing ‘nothing’ means a lot to me: The UK government’s ‘innovation-friendly, but pro-safety’ AI regulatory policy

Post-Brexit (and post-Truss), the current UK Conservative government has been somewhat less enthusiastic about the concept of a ‘Singapore-on-Thames’ model for the UK economy, yet it remains keen to differentiate its approach to key policy areas from that taken by the EU. The current debate over AI regulatory strategies thus provides a high-profile arena in which to juxtapose a principles-based light-touch sectoral regulatory framework, which requires existing regulators to both interpret and apply those principles, against the overarching and prescriptive legislative approach adopted by the EU in its new Regulation, the Artificial Intelligence Act. Following the General Election announcement on 22 May, the government seems unlikely to remain in office long enough to see its proposed AI regulatory framework to completion, however, as key UK regulators develop guidance on their strategic approach to AI under the framework from Spring 2024 onwards, a clearer picture of the viability of utilising a principles-based regulatory model for AI should start to emerge.

Biography | Prof. Andrew Charlesworth is a Professor of Law, Innovation and Society at the University of Bristol’s Law School and Computer Science Department, and manages the Responsible AI strand of the University’s UKRI Centres for Doctoral Training in Interactive AI and in Practice-Oriented AI. His research interests centre around information technology and e-commerce regulation, and include data protection and privacy, business and research ethics, intellectual property, and cybercrime.

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