Normative Infrastructuring from the Ground Up: Experiential Pathways to Global Al Governance

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Al is advancing fast, but how can policymakers build "real" norms — ones that proactively take hold in practice — even when the technology is fast-moving, opaque, and uncertain?

Xueyin's dissertation shows that such proactive norm construction is possible. Drawing on classical pragmatism, fieldwork on the EU AI Act, and interviews across the AI ecosystem, it introduces a method of normative truth-seeking that enables full-stack norm alignment between ethical commitments and technical practices. It also advances normative infrastructuring as a metagovernance strategy to strengthen democratic legitimacy in existential global issue domains like AI and climate change.

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