

SUMMER SCHOOL

# Comparative AI Governance Europe, China & Beyond

5-14 JUNE 2026

## BASIC INFORMATION

Are you interested in how Artificial Intelligence is being regulated across different parts of the world? Would you like to explore one of the most pressing and still underexplored issues in contemporary legal research – the governance of AI in China – from a comparative perspective? **Apply now and secure a full scholarship to join the summer school “Comparative AI Governance: Europe, China and Beyond”**, an intensive educational programme (IMPK) implemented under the SPINAKER – FERS 2021–2027 initiative and co-financed by the European Social Fund.

The summer school “Comparative AI Governance: Europe, China and Beyond” will take place from **June 7 to June 14, 2026, at the University of Warsaw, Poland**. Through lectures, seminars and interactive workshops, participants will analyse key legal instruments, policy strategies and institutional models shaping AI governance in different jurisdictions. Special attention will be given to China’s regulatory approach, its normative foundations, enforcement mechanisms and its potential to set global standards. The programme also includes **introductory online sessions** (via Zoom) held from **June 5 to June 6, 2026**, which participants are required to attend before the in-person classes begin.

All classes will be conducted in English by an international team of academic instructors from the leading universities around the world. There is **no tuition fee**. A total of **21 selected participants will receive full scholarships** covering travel expenses and the costs of their stay in Poland.

### Who can apply?\*

The programme is open to:

- students (13 scholarships available),
- PhD students (8 scholarships available).

### Eligibility

Candidates must:

- be a student or a PhD candidate at a non-Polish university,
- demonstrate an interest in the focus areas of the summer school,
- have an outstanding academic record and a development potential in their career,
- demonstrate English language proficiency (min. level B2).

\*A separate recruitment process for 10 participants from Polish universities (3 students, 4 PhD candidates, and 3 PhD holders) will begin in mid-March 2026.

# Why join us?

This programme is designed for those who want to seriously interact with AI regulation beyond the Euro-Atlantic perspective, expand their comparative research horizons, and connect with an international academic network working on China, AI, and global governance. Hosted by the University of Warsaw, this summer school is devoted to one of the most pressing and underexplored topics in contemporary legal research: the regulation of Artificial Intelligence in China, analysed from a comparative perspective involving the European Union and the United States.

Opportunities to study Chinese AI governance in a truly comparative, interdisciplinary, and international academic setting are extremely rare. **The summer school “Comparative AI Governance: Europe, China and Beyond”** offers a unique opportunity to deepen your expertise and to engage in high-level networking with world-class scholars.



### Comparative perspective

Participants will analyse and compare AI regulatory frameworks in China, the EU and the U.S., exploring differences in governance models, risk regulation, fundamental rights protection and state-market relations.



### Learn from the experts

Classes will be taught by leading scholars specialising in AI law, comparative law and Chinese regulation. Participants will engage in in-depth discussions and critical analysis of emerging global standards.



### Understand China's global role

Special attention will be given to China's rapidly evolving AI legislation and its growing influence on global regulatory trends.



### Receive a full scholarship

There is no tuition fee. 21 selected participants will receive a full scholarship that covers all travel expenses (round-trip flights) and the full cost of your stay in Poland.

# Lecturers' bios

The summer school will be taught by an international team of distinguished scholars and experts in AI governance, coming from the United States, China, and Europe. Below you will find short biographies of our lecturers, outlining their academic backgrounds and professional experience.



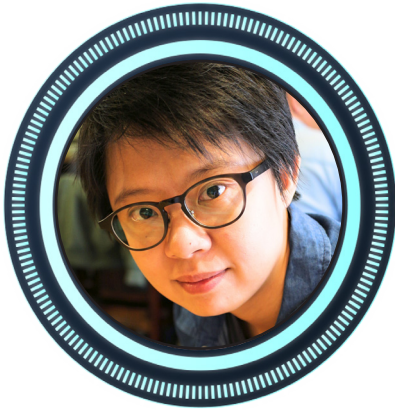
## PROF. LUTZ-CHRISTIAN WOLFF

After having served as Dean of the Faculty of Law from October 2019 to September 2024 and as Dean of the CUHK Graduate School from September 2014 to August 2019, Professor Wolff is currently on sabbatical leave. Professor Wolff was a founding member of the Faculty of Law (then: School of Law). He has served amongst others as Associate Dean (Faculty Development) (9/2008 to 7/2010), as Director of the Master of Laws Programmes in International Economic Law, Common Law and Chinese Business Law (9/2008 to 7/2011) and as Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) & Head of Graduate Division of Law (8/2010 to 8/2014). Professor Wolff specializes in International and Chinese Business Law, Comparative Law, and Private International Law. He has studied, worked and conducted research in a number of jurisdictions, including mainland China, Taiwan, and the USA. He is admitted to practice in England & Wales and in Germany. He is frequently invited to work as consultant with multi-national companies and law firms on investment projects in the Greater China region.



## DR DANIEL SPRICK

Daniel Sprick is a Research Associate at the Chair of Chinese Legal Culture at the University of Cologne, where he teaches a variety of courses on Chinese legal history and Chinese economic and commercial law. He was awarded the Hanenburg-Yntema Prize for the best European thesis on Chinese law in 2008. He received his PhD from the East Asian Institute at UoC on the limits of self-defense in Chinese criminal law. His research has focused on Chinese criminal law, competition law, law and society as well as law and technology in China.



### DR TING LUO

Ting's research focuses on digital governance and policy, particularly on how digital development shape politics and governance. Although her empirical work centres on China, she situates these findings within a broader comparative framework to draw insights relevant to global contexts. Her methodological approach is diverse, integrating both traditional social science techniques, such as surveys and experiments, and advanced computational social science methods, including machine learning and quantitative text analysis. Ting's work has received funding support from esteemed institutions, including the European Research Council, the British Academy, UKRI and the National Institute for Health Research.

Prior to joining the University of Birmingham, Ting was a senior lecturer in Political Communication at Manchester Metropolitan University, a post-doctoral fellow at the Hertie School in Berlin and Leiden University in the Netherlands. She holds a PhD in government and a Master of Science in public policy and administration from LSE.



### KARMAN LUCERO

Karman Lucero is an Associate Research Scholar and Senior Fello at Paul Tsai China Center, Yale Law School. Karman Lucero joined the Center in July 2018, after working for the Data & Society Research Institute and Microsoft's US Government Affairs Office, where he focused on issues related to artificial intelligence law and policy, telecom law and policy, and criminal justice reform. He received a J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Editor-In-Chief of the Columbia Journal of Asian Law. As a law student, he studied Chinese administrative and judicial reform at Peking University, interned with the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Defense Team of Nuon Chea at the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, and also worked for a group of human rights lawyers in Nepal during the drafting of Nepal's new Constitution. Prior to law school, he was a Teaching Fellow in Manghuai Township in Yunnan with Teach for China. Karman speaks and reads Mandarin Chinese.



## DR IGOR SZPOTAKOWSKI

Dr Igor Szpotakowski is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Intellectual Property Law at the School of Law of the University of Leeds. He held the position of Visiting Scholar at Peking University (2024), where I researched regulations on Generative Artificial Intelligence in China. Previously, he worked at the University of Edinburgh, Jagiellonian University and was a PhD candidate and Deputy Convenor of the Law and Futures Research Group at Newcastle University. He is a member of the research team in the UKRI funded project “Mapping Contracts and Licenses around Large Generative Models: private ordering and innovation” (2023). He served as the Principal Investigator for the project ‘Supply of Services Contracts in Private Law of the People’s Republic of China: Codification in the Era of Decodification’ (2020–2024) at Jagiellonian University. He holds a Master’s Degree in Law and BA in Asian Studies from Jagiellonian University. He also holds LLM degree as a Yenching Scholar (Law & Society) at Peking University. Former Fellow of the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund – SYLFF (2021). He is the co-author of three monographs about Chinese law and editor of three others. His experience of engaging with a broad audience beyond academia includes his comments being featured in major media outlets such as New Scientist, The Guardian, Fast Company, Nikkei, and the South China Morning Post.



## PROF. WENLONG LI

Wenlong Li joined Guanghua School of Law, Zhejiang University in November 2025 as a Research Professor. His research focuses on data and AI regulation in transnational contexts, with particular attention to cross-border data governance, AI standards and compliance architectures and the law of free speech in platform-mediated environments. Before joining Zhejiang University, Wenlong moved between academic and industry in ways that his work folds together legal inquiry, public policy engagement and lived complexities of industry implementation. He held several academic posts in the United Kingdom, including the University of Edinburgh, the University of Birmingham and Aston University. Wenlong worked extensively across several leading global technology firms, including TikTok (2023–2024), Alibaba Research (2022–2023), and Tencent (2014–2015). Wenlong completed his PhD in IT law at the University of Edinburgh, having previously undertaken his interdisciplinary LL.M. by Research (Law and Journalism) and LL.B. at the University of Political Science and Law (China).

# Application process

01

**Prepare following documents in English:**

- a motivation statement;
- a short curriculum vitae (max. 1 page);
- TOEFL, IELTS or other test report to prove English language proficiency;

02

**Fill out the application form available via Google Forms**

03

**Wait for official confirmation and plan the details of your stay**

**Application opens:** 12 February 2026

**Deadline for submissions:** 1 March 2026

**Results will be announced on** 9 March 2026 (individual contact with selected candidates)

**Programme starts:** 5 June 2026

After being accepted to the SPINAKER Programme, you will be asked to complete the following formalities:

1. You will be required to complete an online form provided by the organization providing funding for the project (Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange) for record-keeping purposes.
2. You will be required to sign an agreement with the University of Warsaw for participation in the project (after acceptance to the SPINAKER Programme, a sample agreement will be sent to you for review in advance). Due to the SPINAKER Program strict regulations, unfortunately we are not able to pay out your scholarship in advance. The University will reimburse the above mentioned costs by bank transfer to your account stated in the contract once you arrive in Warsaw.
3. You will be required to complete the application of guest form (applies to all persons visiting the University of Warsaw for educational or professional purposes).

# Funding

21 selected participants will receive **full funding** to participate in the winter school, including:

- a scholarship in the amount of **600 PLN for students** and **1000 PLN for PhD candidates**,
- a lump sum to cover the cost of living in the amount of **2400 PLN**,
- a lump sum to cover **the travel fees** calculated based on the distance between Warsaw, Poland and the participant's country.

## Travel costs

Country	Rate
Belarus, Lithuania	1000
Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Moldova, Germany, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, Hungary	1500
Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Hungary, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Russia, San Marino, Tunisia, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Vatican City	2000
Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Iraq, Iran, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia	3000
Afghanistan, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, India, Yemen, Cameroon, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Congo, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, São Tomé and Príncipe, United Arab Emirates	4500
Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, Canada, China, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eswatini, Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Cambodia, Colombia, Kiribati, Comoros, South Korea, North Korea, Costa Rica, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Saint Kitts Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States, Suriname, Taiwan, Tanzania	6500

# Timetable

The summer school offers an intensive programme combining lectures, expert seminars, and interactive discussions focused on comparative AI governance. Below you will find draft timetables. Please note that all times listed are in the CET time zone.

ONLINE DAY TEMPLATE (7 h)	
9:00 - 10:30	Block I (2 hours)
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15	Block II (2 hours)
12:15 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 14:30	Block III (2 hours)
14:30 - 14:45	Break
14:45 - 15:45	Interactive seminar (1 hour)

STANDARD ON-SITE DAY TEMPLATE (6 h)	
9:00 - 10:30	Block I (2 hours)
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15	Block II (2 hours)
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 15:00	Block III (2 hours)

**Introductory online sessions** (via Zoom) will be held from **June 5 to June 6, 2026**. Participants are required to attend them before the in-person classes begin. On-site classes will be held at the University of Warsaw from **June 7 to June 14, 2026**.

# About the project

This summer school is part of an initiative implemented under the *SPINAKE* – *NAWA* programme at the University of Warsaw. The project, jointly developed by the Faculty of Law and Administration and the Faculty of Management, aims to create a comprehensive cycle of four international intensive education programmes (IMPK) dedicated to artificial intelligence and algorithmic management.

Each school in the series focuses on cutting-edge topics at the intersection of law, business, and new technologies, bringing together outstanding

lecturers from leading global universities and motivated participants from around the world. The schools are designed to strengthen the international profile of the University of Warsaw and to showcase Poland as a hub for innovation, research excellence, and high-quality academic training. We warmly encourage you to follow the project and apply for the upcoming editions.

Join us and become part of a growing international community shaping the future of AI in law and business.

24.01.2026 – 31.01.2026

## Introduction to AI in Law and Business

This programme provides participants with a foundational understanding of artificial intelligence and its practical applications in legal and business environments.

08.02.2026 – 15.02.2026

## AI in Higher Education and Research

This winter school examines how AI transforms higher education and academic work, from research methodologies to teaching and learning practices.

23.05.2026 – 30.05.2026

## AI in Social Sciences and Management

The programme explores how AI enhances managerial decision-making and optimises key organisational processes

07.06.2026 – 14.06.2026

## AI and Algorithmic Governance

This summer school explores the legal, political, and social dimensions of algorithmic governance with a particular focus on developments in China.



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