

## LSE Summer School Session 3 'LL214: Applied AI and Law' (4<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025)

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I am writing to express my gratitude to Tazaki Foundation for generously granting me the scholarship to participate in the LSE Summer School. Receiving this scholarship was a tremendous honour, and I am profoundly grateful for your support, which made this invaluable experience possible.

The course, "Applied AI and Law," provided me with truly new insights and enlightenment that will undoubtedly prove valuable in my future career. It was an intensive program, structured over 12 days with 3-hour lectures and 1.5-hour classes, and a final examination. The initial three lectures offered a comprehensive overview of the relationship between AI and the law, such as ethics, safety, innovation, and key regulatory frameworks like the EU AI Act 2024 and UK domestic policy. The subsequent nine lectures delved into specific areas: AI and Public v. Private Governance, AI in Medicine and Public Health, and AI in Law Enforcement and Punishment.

This intensive course was transformative for me, who was largely unfamiliar with AI prior to this program. It not only equipped me with essential knowledge regarding AI from a legal and regulatory perspective but also prompted me to critically consider AI's current societal role and how we should engage with it. Furthermore, the discussions within our diverse class, whose participants were from various jurisdictions, challenged my preconceived notions about AI and provided a unique opportunity to deepen my thinking. This was particularly pertinent in considering Japan's approach to AI – whether to adopt a strict, *ex-ante* regulatory framework akin to the EU, or a more pro-innovation approach that entrusts more to the private sector, as seen in the UK. Having concluded this course, and with the Japanese Diet's adoption of the AI Promotion Act this May, I am now more inspired and look forward to contributing meaningfully within the field of digital governance.

Though these 3 weeks mainly concentrated on study, I also took the opportunity on my days off to explore London and visit Windsor Castle. Numerous free-admission museums offered a welcome respite and helped refresh my mind, allowing me to return to my studies.

The entirety in London was a priceless and uniquely beneficial for my future, one I could not have replicated in Tokyo. Thank you once again for your extraordinary generosity and for your engagement with my educational experience.

Sincerely,

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