Social Impact of Artificial Intelligence - Lecture 18.6

Topic:

- Governance and Regulation
- Review of Social Impact of Artificial Intelligence



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- Many actors are putting in place internal governance measures, including ethics codes, to ensure responsible Al guidelines are followed.



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