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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAs Artificial Agents

AGI Artificial General Intelligence

AI Artificial Intelligence

AIP Artificially Intelligent Persons

ALI Artificial Legal Intelligence

AVs Autonomous Vehicles

CS Computational Science

CCPA California Consumer Privacy Act

ME Mechanical Engineering

MLA Machine Learning Algorithms

EE Electrical Engineering

FMVSS Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

DL Deep Learning

EU European Union

ETO Electronic Transactions Ordinance

ER Ethical Relativism

VGS Visual Guidance System

VCS Vehicle Control System

VPS Vehicle Piloting System

PII Personally Identifiable Information

PDPB Personal Data Protection Bill

IFR International Federation of Robotics

ILO International Labor Organization

MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology

ML Machine Learning

NHTSA National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NLP Natural Language Processing

NCAI National Centre of Artificial Intelligence

NUST National University of Science and Technology

NCRA National Centre of Robotics and Automation

PECA Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act

RAIs Robots and Artificial Intelligence

RAS Robotics and Autonomous Systems

SECP Security and Exchange Commission of Pakistan

UK United Kingdom

UNGA United Nations General Assembly

USA United States of America

ABSTRACT

In light of the expansive growth and advancements in AI and robotics globally, the research casts a critical eye on the existing regulatory framework in Pakistan, probing its readiness and responsiveness to the emerging legal, ethical, and security challenges presented by AI-based robotics in the automobile industry. Chapter one lays a robust foundation, detailing the expansive scope and latest breakthroughs in AI and robotics. It delves into the intelligent automation systems, their benefits, and the accompanying legal considerations. This chapter also provides a comprehensive understanding of the relevant terms and technologies. The discussion deepens in the second chapter with a comparative legal analysis of autonomous vehicles and their security, focusing on the United States. The chapter examines historical contexts, scrutinizing manufacturer, shared, and cybersecurity liability issues, while highlighting security concerns, technological innovations and the corresponding legislation. Summarily, this chapter incorporates relevant case studies, offering a comparative analysis with Pakistan, thereby underlining the implications and potential pathways for Pakistan. The research then narrows its focus in the third chapter to present a critical examination of Pakistani laws relevant to AIbased robotics in the automobile sector. It evaluates the current status of autonomous vehicles in Pakistan, civil and criminal liability issues, security, and privacy concerns, and the broader regulatory challenges and presenting an array of opportunities that the country faces in this dynamic technological domain. The fourth chapter enriches the analysis by incorporating ethical considerations and public feedback on AI-driven vehicles in Pakistan, underlined by a thorough survey analysis. The exploration of various ethical theories related to robotics and AI and the assessment of international survey findings provide a holistic view, grounding the legal discussion in real-world concerns and perspectives. In conclusion, the research unearths significant insights into the legal framework, challenges, and opportunities concerning AI-based robotics in the automobile industry of Pakistan. It underscores the imperative need for robust legal structures, emphasizing the concomitant ethical considerations, thereby providing a roadmap for informed legal and policy decisions in this dynamic and evolving industry in Pakistan.

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