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## THE EU'S REGULATION OF DATA: LEGISLATIVE LABYRINTH OR MEANINGFUL MOSAIC?

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## ABSTRACT:

The EU's regulatory framework for data has expanded into a dense architecture of related pieces of legislation. Legislative instruments such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Digital Markets Act (DMA), the Data Act, and the Data Governance Act (DGA) seek to balance privacy, innovation, competition, and the free flow of data within the Digital Single Market. Yet their overlapping scopes and differing rationales raise the question of whether the EU has created a meaningful regime to regulate data or a legislative labyrinth that creates complicated challenges for compliance and enforcement.

This lecture explores the evolving logic of EU data governance—its normative foundations, institutional dynamics, and practical tensions. By examining how these instruments converge and conflict, it invites reflection on whether the EU's data regime represents fragmentation or a carefully constructed mosaic of complementary rules.

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