# Review of: "A Perspective for Economic and Social Unfoldings of AI"

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Having come late to the party, but interested in the perspectives the author had to offer, I am perhaps a tiny bit elated that the author has raised some thought-provoking questions about the proliferation of AI. I had read an earlier version of the author's work - which now, I see, has been updated to reflect this as a position paper. Whilst I do have a limited 'expertise' in the area, this is  predominantly in AI regulatory frameworks and legal governance. I enjoyed the internal debates on the terminology of AI, inference, etc - this was interesting to read. Even though the work has a semi-foreboding tone, I think the author has hit the nail on its head with the selected examples, although I also believe that resilience and adaptation, not only by firms, but by society as a whole, is necessitated - do we lose our jobs because of AI, or because we are incapable of adapting ourselves to the use of AI within these jobs? Alternative, whilst the author is pessimistic (understandably), an alternative view might be to consider if we might find ourselves redirected in a different life plan to upskill and adapt with technological changes? The jury is still out about the proper workings of top-down governance, and perhaps a more co-creation approach between AI developers and regulators, including, in between, the relational stakeholders for a particular field, may be better approached. Understanding that the author has approached this from a socio-economic perspective, perhaps the only 'feedback' I might have is that we must also consider the role of ethics and responsibility in its deployment. This would be fundamental in the happy (economic) endings sought - something like an enlightened shareholder value approach in corporate governance. That is - considering the ethics, responsibility, values, etc of corporate stakeholders, which may, at large also include communities, the environment, general members of the public, is critical for the long-term economic health (and wealth) of a corporation - even if this means throwing AI into the mix somewhat. Essentially, ethics, values, responsibility, safety, liability, etc are all crucial elements also to achieve the ending sought - and this is represented in the numerous funded projects and endeavours that look towards embedding 'responsible AI' in systems. I will end also by adding that ultimately, socio-economic prosperity of AI dimensions are also scrutinized on an international level vis-a-vis the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and international human rights instruments. I do not suggest this to mean that the author should address this right now - but that this may be food for thought for the future work of the author.