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Dear Adam Mazzocchi,

Your manuscript "Lex Incipit: A Constitutional Doctrine for Immutable Ethics in Autonomous AI" has now been assessed. If there are any reviewer comments on your manuscript, you can find them at the end of this email.

Regrettably, your manuscript has been rejected for publication in AI & SOCIETY. Please see the handling editor's review comments below that will be helpful for developing this work further.

Thank you for the opportunity to review your work. I'm sorry that we cannot be more positive on this occasion and hope you will not be deterred from submitting future work to AI & SOCIETY.

Kind regards,

Satinder Gill  
Editor  
AI & SOCIETY

Handling Editor's comment:  
Dear Adam (if I may),

Thank you for your submission to AI & Society.

Unfortunately we cannot take your article to the next stage of the review process as it stands. While your article is within the scope of the journal, at present the engagement with legal and political theory (and the way in which these literatures are engaging with AI) is insufficiently detailed. There is an exciting array of literature in these fields, some of which you mentioned, but most of which you don't engage with. Additionally, the literature you do engage with tends not to be engaged with in sufficient detail (e.g. referencing and rejecting entire contributions without close reading). Further engagement with these bodies of literature and close reading in order to differentiate and situate your arguments would be necessary in order to properly contextualise and clarify your contribution.

While I'm sorry we cannot publish your work in AI & SOCIETY, your manuscript may be a good fit for one of our other journals. At Springer Nature we provide a free service to give authors a range of personalised journal recommendations. The corresponding author will receive an email with more information in the next 2 days.