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The book examines the extent to which Chinese cyber and network security laws and policies act as a constraint on the emergence of Chinese entrepreneurialism and innovation. Specifically, how the contradictions and tensions between data localisation laws (as part of Network Sovereignty policies) affect innovation in artificial intelligence (AI). The book surveys globalised R&D networks, and how the increasing use of open-source platforms by leading Chinese AI firms during 2017–2020 exacerbated the apparent contradiction between Network Sovereignty and Chinese innovation. The drafting of the Cyber Security Law did not anticipate the changing nature of globalised AI innovation. It is argued that the deliberate deployment of what the book refers to as 'fuzzy logic' in drafting the Cyber Security Law allowed regulators to subsequently interpret key terms regarding data in that law in a fluid and flexible fashion to benefit Chinese innovation.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AI artificial intelligence

BATs Alibaba, Baidu and Tencent

CAC Cyberspace Administration of China

CDR China depositary receipt

CESI China Electronics Standardisation Institute
CSAC Cyber Security Association of China

CSIS Center for Strategic and International Studies
Development Economic and Technological Development Zone

Zone

FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation

GDPR General Data Protection Regulation (EU)

GPU graphics processing unit

ICT information and communications technology

IETF Internet Engineering Task Force

IoT Internet of Things
IPO initial public offering

ITIF Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
MIIT Ministry of Industry and Information Technology

MOST Ministry of Science and Technology NGO non-government organisation

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

R&D research and development SaaS Software as a Service

SIIO State Internet Information Office

SOE state-owned enterprise

TC260 China National Information Security Standards Technical

Committee

VIE variable-interest entity VPN virtual private network

WFOE wholly foreign-owned enterprise

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