

*Digitalisation, Ethics and EU Fundamental Rights*  
*Workshop programme*



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**Date:** 9-10 January 2020

**Venue:** Castle Vaeshartelt, Weert 9, 6222 PG Maastricht, The Netherlands

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**Thursday 9 January 2020**

*12.00-13.00 Lunch – speakers only*

**12.30-13.00 Registration**

**13.00-13.30 Welcome and introduction: NOVA-EU project**

*Andrea Ott, Professor of EU External Relations Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University*

*Maja Brkan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University*

**13.30-14.15 Keynote lecture**

**Constitutional questions of digitalization**

*Giovanni Sartor, Professor, University of Bologna and European University Institute*

**14.15-16.00**

**Panel I: EU Fundamental Rights and Ethics in the wake of Digitalisation**

**Chair and discussant: Monica Claes**

**Fundamental Rights, The Rise of Private Policy and ‘Law of the Horse’ in EU Law**

*Róisín Costello, Assistant Professor in Media and IT Law at Maynooth University, Ireland and a PhD candidate at the School of Law in Trinity College Dublin*

**The “ethification” of privacy and data protection in the EU**

*Niels van Dijk, Simone Casiraghi and Serge Gutwirth, Research Group on Law, Science, Technology & Society (LSTS), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)*

**Artificial Intelligence and Corporate Human Rights Self-Regulation Initiatives: The Dangers of Letting Business go on as Usual**

*Sue Anne Teo, PhD Fellow, University of Copenhagen*

**16.00-16.30 Coffee break**

**16.30-18.00**

**Panel II: The Impact of Digitalisation on Democracy and Freedom of Expression**

**Chair and discussant: Christopher Kuner (TBC)**

**A freedom of expression perspective on AI in the media**

*Natali Helberger, Sarah Eskens, Max van Drunen, Mariella Bastian, Judith Moeller, University of Amsterdam*

**European Democracy and Free Elections in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**

*Maja Brkan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University*

**19.00 Dinner for speakers** - sponsored by the Maastricht European Centre on Privacy and Cybersecurity

## **Friday 10 January 2020**

**08.30-09.00 Registration**

**9.00-10.30**

### **Panel III: Digitalisation Challenges and Judicial Proceedings**

**Chair and discussant: Christopher Mondschein**

**Legal analytics in judicial systems: how to define its normative value in light of the right to fair trial**

*Peggy Valcke, Professor of law & technology, KU Leuven*

*Geneviève Vanderstichele, researcher, KU Leuven Centre for IT & IP Law*

*Viltė Kristina Steponėnaitė, researcher, KU Leuven Centre for IT & IP Law*

**Can we Conjure a European Charter Based Effective Judicial Remedy in the age of AI-based and/or AI assisted decision making**

*Karolina Podstawa, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University*

**Regulating Algorithmic Opacity in Criminal Proceedings: which role for the EU legislator?**

*Francesca Palmiotto, PhD Researcher, European University Institute, Florence*

**10.30-11.00 Coffee break**

11.00-12.30

**Panel IV: Digital Platforms and EU Fundamental Rights**

**Chair and discussant: Catalina Goanta**

**Fundamental Rights Implications of Preventive Content Moderation**

*Clara Rauchegger, Assistant Professor of EU law, University of Innsbruck*

**Social media and the jurisprudence of national higher courts: what place for fundamental rights?**

*Evangelia Psychogiopoulou, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)*

*Federica Casarosa, Centre for Judicial Cooperation, European University Institute*

**12.30-14.00 Lunch**

14.00-15.30

**Panel V: Selected Challenges of Data Use in Automated Decision-Making**

**Chair and discussant: Cosimo Monda**

**Probing the resilience of EU equality law in the digital era: The challenge of algorithmic discrimination**

*Raphaële Xenidis, researcher, Utrecht University, and PhD Candidate, European University Institute*

**Human oversight of automation – reflections on AI ethics, technological agency and anthropocentric law**

*Riikka Koulu, assistant professor on Law and Digitalisation at the University of Helsinki and director of University of Helsinki Legal Tech Lab, Helsinki*

**The child's right to privacy, data protection and protection from commercial exploitation re-visited** *Eva Lievens, Ghent University*

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30

**Panel VI: Digitalisation, Border Control and Migration Policy**

**Chair and discussant: Andrea Ott**

**Revisiting the Revolution in Military Affairs?: A review of NATO's role in digital surveillance in EU Mediterranean maritime security**

*Dr Frendehl Warner, National Centre for Research on Europe, Christchurch, New Zealand*

**The Ethics of the Politics of the Ethics of Smart Borders in Europe**

*Kristoffer Lidén, Peace Research Institute Oslo (TBC)*

**Stitching lacunas in Open Source Intelligence – Using ethics to fill up legal gaps**

*Dr Jonida Milaj-Weishaar and Prof Jeanne Pia Mifsud Bonnici*

**17.30 Conclusions and final remarks: Andrea Ott and Maja Brkan**

