

Mapping the Future of Law

Una Europa Virtual Seminar

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The Future Law Lab of Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, cordially invites you for a two-day short, virtual seminar titled “Mapping the Future of Law.” The event aims to facilitate dialogue between established scholars and junior researchers from the universities making up the Una Europa Alliance.¹ We want to create a space of mutual learning, enabling the participants to share their present work, take a glimpse at the frontier of research in areas other than their own, and allow new ideas to spark and grow.

We can’t predict the future, but we can try to steer it in certain directions. To do so, however, we need a firm understanding of the current trends shaping our societies. Digitalization is one of them. With more spheres of life moving online, the world is getting smaller, yet inequalities are growing. Unprecedented amounts of data are generated, leading to both good and malicious uses of the new technologies. As certain old centers of power wither, new ones emerge. The law plays a role in causing these transformations and has a role to play in making sure that the weakest among us are not harmed while the benefits are justly shared.

All these rapid socio-technological changes affect legal scholarship. On the one hand, new kinds of questions need answering. On the other, new methods of addressing them become available. And each one of us is a participant-observer in these changes.

Agenda

Day 1 (Thursday, June 17, 2021)

13:00 – 13:10	Welcome and introductions
<i>Session 1</i> 13:10 – 14:20	<i>Crafting digital transparency: Implementing legal values into algorithmic design</i> by Riikka Koulu (Helsinki) <i>The COMPAS(S) of fairness in automated predictions and decisions</i> by Francesca Lagioia (Bologna, EUI) & Giovanni Sartor (Bologna, EUI) Moderator: Przemysław Pałka (Jagiellonian)
14:20 – 14:30	<i>Break</i>

¹ See <https://www.una-europa.eu/>. Universities allied in Una Europa include: the Free University of Berlin, University of Bologna, University of Edinburgh, University of Helsinki, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, KU Leuven, Complutense University of Madrid, and University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne.

<p><i>Session 2</i> 14:30 – 15:40</p>	<p><i>How AI Technology Challenges Some Basic Notions of Trademark Law</i> by Marie-Christine Janssens (KU Leuven) <i>Artificial Copyright Law</i> by Ewa Laskowska-Litak (Jagiellonian) Moderator: Tomasz Zygmunt (Jagiellonian)</p>
<p>15:40 – 15:50</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p><i>Session 3</i> 15:50 – 17:00</p>	<p><i>Giving consumers too many choices: a false good idea? Lab experiment applied to water and electricity tariffs</i> by Carine Staropoli (Paris 1, PSE) <i>The measuring of the law</i> by Hans-W. Micklitz (Helsinki, EUI) Moderator: Katarzyna Południak-Gierz (Jagiellonian)</p>
<p><u>Day 2 (Friday, June 18, 2021)</u></p>	
<p><i>Session 4</i> 13:00 – 14:10</p>	<p><i>Can Lawyers Estimate the Probability of Legal Outcomes?</i> by Andreas Engert (Freie Berlin) <i>Creative Informatics and Legal Automation: Classical Enemies, Future Friends</i> by Burkhard Schafer (Edinburgh) Moderator: Ewa Laskowska-Litak (Jagiellonian)</p>
<p>14:10 – 14:20</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p><i>Session 5</i> 14:20 – 15:30</p>	<p><i>Legal research on ICT standards, and why it matters</i> by Olia Kanevskaia (KU Leuven) <i>The world of fifty (interoperable) facebook</i> by Przemysław Pałka (Jagiellonian) Bohdan Widła (Jagiellonian)</p>
<p>15:30 – 15:40</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p><i>Session 6</i> 15:40 – 16:50</p>	<p><i>Algorithmic Discrimination: Exploring the EU Equality Law Toolbox</i> by Raphaële Xenidis (Edinburgh, Copenhagen) <i>Towards regulating liability for AI-related harm in the EU</i> by Beátrice Schütte (Helsinki) Moderator: Przemysław Pałka (Jagiellonian)</p>
<p>16:50 – 17:00</p>	<p><i>Concluding remarks</i></p>

Speakers

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Prof. Marie-Christine Janssens is full Professor of Intellectual Property Law at the KU Leuven where she teaches various courses at the law faculty both at graduate and postgraduate level, including inter alia specialized courses on Trademark Law. She is Head of the research unit CiTiP (Centre for IP & IT law) with a team of over 80 researchers specialized in legal and ethical aspects of Information Technology and Intellectual Property. Since 2006 she is also President of the Belgian Council for Intellectual Property Rights, section Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (Ministry of Economic Affairs).

Dr. Olia Kanevskaia is a postdoctoral researcher at the KU Leuven Center for IT and IP Law and an Emile Noël Global Fellow at NYU School of Law. She holds a PhD from Tilburg University. Previously, Olia worked as a researcher and lecturer at Tilburg Law and Economics Center and was a visiting fellow at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and was a visiting researcher at the Technical University of Berlin, as well as an exchange student at Vrije Universiteit van Brussel. Prior to joining academia, Olia has worked for a multinational company as well as European agencies and the WTO.

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Prof. Burkhard Schafer studied Theory of Science, Logic, Theoretical Linguistics, Philosophy and Law at the Universities of Mainz, Munich, Florence and Lancaster. He has been member of the School of Law of the University of Edinburgh since 1996, since 2010 as Chair of Computational Legal Theory. He is co-founder and currently Director of the SCRIPT Centre for IT and IP law, and Co-I in several research projects including Creative Informatics, the large R&D project for the Creative Industries and the Trusted Autonomous Systems Network. He is also member of the at a Ethics Group of the Alan Turing Institute and member of the expert panel of AI4People, the Scottish National Expert Group on Digital Ethics and the Legal Technologist Accreditation Board of the Law Society of Scotland.

Dr. Béatrice Schütte is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Helsinki on the project ‘Damages liability for AI-related harm, a European perspective’. The project is funded by the Academy of Finland and led by assistant professor Dr. Katri Havu. The project is further affiliated to the University of Helsinki’s Legal Tech Lab. Béatrice holds a PhD degree in law from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, which was awarded for her thesis ‘Employer’s liability – quo vadis? A comparative analysis of national laws and the proposal of a normative European standard’. Her research interests are related to civil liability law and comparative law, but she has also expertise in private international law, EU law, environmental law and maritime law. In the course of her current research, she delves into the regulatory efforts undertaken by the EU institutions regarding AI and civil liability but also considers the applicability of existing liability rules with regard to emerging technologies.

Prof. Carine Staropoli is Associate Professor at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Professor at the Paris School of Economics. Her research interests lie in the field of Empirical Industrial Organization and Economics of Contracts applied to electricity sector, sustainable mobility and smart cities. She has been a deputy director of Chaire Economie des Partenariats Public-Privé in IAE Paris. In 2014-2016 she was a deputy director of Centre d’économie de la Sorbonne. Since 2010 a member of the board of Association Française des Economistes de l’Energie (FAEE).

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