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The Conference DigiCon III



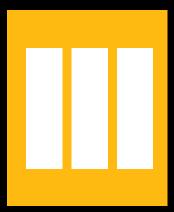
THE AGE OF AI

The third DigiCon annual conference is devoted to the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies on Digital Rights. In a two-day conference, our community will discuss how Digital Constitutionalism can adapt to this emergent paradigm and what function it should play in the protection of fundamental rights.



DIFFERENT CONTEXT = SAME PRINCIPLES?

DigiCon III will discuss how classic principles of Digital Constitutionalism can apply to Al technologies, including generative Al, when used both in private and public contexts. Each session will examine how Al shapes public and private power through the lens of digital constitutionalist rights.



A THEORY OF DIGITAL CONSTITUTIONALISM FOR AI

The Conference's ultimate objective is to deepen our understanding of digital constitutionalism and find common principles that apply in public and private contexts. Al technology serves as a good case-study for this effect.



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Conference **Schedule**

AGENDA-19TH OCTOBER 2023

Public Uses of Al		October 19th
ТОРІС	PRESENTER	TIME
The Age of Public Al	Herwig Hofmann	10.00h-10.30h
Discussion	Plenary	10.30 - 11.15h
Coffee Break		11.15 - 11.30h
Blogposts Roundtable	Authors	11.30 - 12.30h
Open Mic Roundtable	Plenary	12.30 - 13.00h

Private Uses of Al		October 19th
TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
The Age of Private Al	Lilian Edwards	15.00 - 15.30h
Discussion	Plenary	15.30 - 16.15h
Coffee Break		16.15 - 16.30h
Blogposts Roundtable	Authors	16.30 - 17.00h
Open Mic Roundtable	Plenary	17.30 - 17.45h



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Conference **Schedule**

AGENDA-20TH OCTOBER 2023

CONCLUSIONS		October 20th
ТОРІС	PRESENTER	TIME
Digital Constitutionalism in the Age of Al	DigiCon team	10.00h-10.30h
Open Mic Roundtable	Plenary	10.30 - 11.15h
Coffee Break	Mainly coffee	11.15 - 11.30h
Conclusions of DigiCon III	DigiCon team	11.30 - 12.30h
Open Mic Roundtable	Plenary	12.30 - 13.00h

Keynote Speaker #1



Herwig Hofmann

Professor of European and Transnational Public Law at the University of Luxembourg

Professor Hofmann is member of numerous international and national scientific organisations and scientific boards of several legal journals. He was the University of Luxembourg's first Professor of Law (2004), Head of the Department of Law, the founder of the Centre for European Law (2006) and the Robert Schuman Institute for European Affairs (2015). In 2015 he was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Public Law. One of his focus areas is PhD education currently as director of the DILLAN doctoral training unit.

Prior to joining the University of Luxembourg, he was full time lecturer in law at Trinity College Law School in Dublin, Ireland. Professor Hofmann has held visiting positions at institutions in Europe (including at Sciences Po in Paris and the EUI in Florence), in the US (including at Columbia Law School in New York and the University of San Francisco Law School) and in Asia (at Chuo University in Tokyo). Hofmann is a graduate of the Universities of Oxford (M.Jur) and Hamburg (Dr.iur).







Lilian Edwards

Professor of Law, Innovation and Society at the University of Newcastle

Lilian Edwards is a leading academic in the field of Internet law. She has taught information technology law, e-commerce law, privacy law and Internet law at undergraduate and postgraduate level since 1996 and been involved with law and artificial intelligence (AI) since 1985. She worked at the University of Strathclyde from 1986–1988 and the University of Edinburgh from 1989 to 2006. She became Chair of Internet Law at the University of Southampton from 2006–2008, and then Professor of Internet Law at the University of Sheffield until late 2010, when she returned to Scotland to become Professor of E-Governance at the University of Strathclyde, while retaining close links with the renamed SCRIPT (AHRC Centre) at the University of Edinburgh.

She resigned from that role in 2018 to take up a new Chair in Law, Innovation and Society at Newcastle University. She also has close links with the Oxford Internet Institute. She is the editor and major author of Law, Policy and the Internet, one of the leading textbooks in the field of Internet law (Hart, 2018).



Conference Questions

DigiCon in the Age of Al?

Do Digital Constitutionalist Principles easily adapt to the growing field of Al technology? What role do they play in such an environment?

What impact does Al have when used by private corporations and public actors?

Does Al empower or endanger citizens' rights? How can users use Digital Constitutionalism to assert their rights?

Can we find common DigiCon principles that bridge the public - private divide?

Are there digital constitutionalist principles that apply in both public and private contexts? Are there two different sets of digital constitutionalist rights?

What future for Digital Constitutionalism under the rise of AI?

As with every other DigiCon annual conference, it is key to discuss the future of the field under this new AI paradigm.



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