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Redesigning Law in the AI Age:
From Legacy to Legitimacy

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Now in its fifth edition, IE Lawtimation Days has become what participants consistently describe as a not-to-miss fixture in the academic calendar, **a permanent centre of gravity** known for the quality of its contributions, its cross-generational and cross-disciplinary exchange, and an atmosphere that is rigorous and collegial.

This year's conference confronts a central challenge: how to move from legacy to legitimacy.

The regulatory wave of the early 2020s is now giving way to implementation, recalibration and the pressure to simplify without hollowing out rights. **Law is being redesigned:** norms translated into standards, operationalized through compliance, litigated before courts and embedded in technical models. The question is whether better-designed, more effectively enforced laws might achieve more. Beyond diagnosis, we aim to develop responses that are intellectually rigorous, truly actionable and attuned to real-world needs.

Thursday, September 24

09:30 – 10:30

Registration, hugs & coffee ☕

IE Tower – **FLOOR 24 (IE Club)**

10:30 – 12:00

Intro and Keynote speeches 🗣️

IE Tower – **FLOOR 24 (IE Club)**

» **Manuel Muñiz**

Rector, IE University Madrid

Institutional welcome address

» **Soledad Atienza**

Dean, IE University Law School

Institutional welcome address

» **Antonio Aloisi** and **Francesca Palmiotto**

Lawtimation, IE University Law School

Intro

» **Margot Kaminski**

Colorado Law School

*Undoing AI Law:
A comparative perspective*

» **Eduard Fosch-Villaronga**

Leiden University

*Design blind spots in care robotics:
Diversity, bodies, and invisible norms*

12:15 – 13:45

IE Tower – **FLOOR 10 (hub The Garden)**

Lunch 🍽️

Room	05-02 / 09-01	09-06	12-09	12-10	15-06	15-07			
Thematic Track	Democracy & Rights	Governance & Regulation	Work & Algorithmic Management	Justice & Litigation	Markets, Data & Liability	Global & International Challenges			
14:00 – 15:30				Parallel session		#1			
ROOM	05-02	ROOM	12-09	ROOM	12-10	ROOM	15-06	ROOM	15-07
Constitutionalism Recoded Annemarie Balvert UvA Translation, automation, and regulation: troubleshooting the trifecta in administrative law		Re-imagining the future of work Alessandro Murru Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan For a never-ending compliance utopia		AI as a Legal Clinics Killer? Yuliya Khvatsik Jonkoping University		Digital Markets and Competition Jerome De Cooman ULiege Do labels still matter? On the importance of national “Criministrative” Law for the EU AI Act		Visible and Invisible Digital Infrastructures Valentina Pagnanelli University of Florence Urban Digital Twins as cognitive administrative infrastructures: data quality, trustability & the future of public governance	
Diya Sarkar Ghosh European University Institute The dawning algorithmic state: the black box and the metamorphosis of constitutional sovereignty		David Mangan Maynooth University AI and fundamental rights: the obstacle of the employment relationship		Pilar López de la Osa Escribano ICADE Madrid		Dyuti Pandya ECIPE What competition law can learn from OpenClaw: contestability, modularity, and the agentic AI Stack?		Andres Chomczyk Penedo ICADE Madrid + Vrije Universiteit Brussel Designing input legitimacy for AI systems: making room for Solid in EU data spaces laws	
Mª Verónica Vargas Celix Abat Oliba University CEU Transformation of European risk regulation: managing uncertainty & powers in the digital age		Halefom Abraha Utrecht University Reimagining workers' data rights		Ewelina Gee-Milan Lazarski University, Warsaw		Xin Jiang Kyoto University From individual intent to algorithmic accountability: recalibrating legal responsibility for market manipulation in AI-driven financial markets		Martijn Arets Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences Navigating the digital factory gate: a public API approach to implementing Article 20 of the Platform Work Directive	
Nadia Maccabiani University of Brescia From better law-making to better enforcement: a constitutionally-oriented perspective		Jorge Leyton García University of Bristol Not like “The Jetsons”? Labour Law's imagination and the future of work.		Pilar Fernández Artiach Universidad de Valencia Aleksandra Klich University of Szczecin, Poland		Germán Johannsen Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition AI-Generated search and media pluralism: liability allocation as market design		Julia Wojnowska- Radzińska University in Poznań, Poland The sustainability paradox of AI – what’s wrong and what’s to be done Thomas Le Goff Télécom Paris, Institut Polytechnique de Paris The data centre governance deficit: an EU digital sovereignty challenge	
fully formed panel									
Chair: Sergio Verdugo		Chair: Bart Wauters		Chair: Sara Sanchez		Chair: Charlotte Leskines		Chair: Guillermo Íñiguez	

15:45 – 17:15			Parallel session	#2
ROOM 05-02	ROOM 09-06	ROOM 12-09	ROOM 12-10	ROOM 15-06
Co-Regulation and Hybrid Governance Emma Semaan Oxford University Co-regulation: Ongoing legacies of hybridised public and private regulation of digital technologies	On Legitimacy and Democracy in the Algorithmic Polis Ana Neves Lisbon University AI as a deliberative counterweight in democratic lawmaking	Work and Algorithmic Management Alberto Coddou Mc Manus Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Nostalgia for bosses: algorithmic management, middle managers and the right to work in traditional industries	Legal Practice in the Age of AI Alessandro Tedeschi Toschi University of Milan The digitalisation of lawyers: enhancement or burden? A survey on the adoption and use of software in Italian law firms	Societal Digital Contracts Francisco de Elizalde IE Law School The threefold dimension of platform governance with contract terms in the EU: transaction, free movement provisions and constitutional law
Eyup Kun KU Leuven Centre for IT and IP Law Surveillance by standardisation: personal data processing in EU AI cybersecurity law	Mehmet Unver University of Hertfordshire Democratic innovation in AI governance: Re-imagining AI or rebuilding civic imagination	Duarte Abrunhosa e Sousa CIJ - University of Porto Bring your own algorithm: the end of <i>intuitu personae</i> and the requalification of the employment contract	Kamila Kurkowska SGH Warsaw School of Economics From trusted advisor to strategic architect: what general counsels now expect from law firms in the AI age	Andrea Palumbo KU Leuven Redress for legally-mandated restrictions to fundamental rights – the case of systemic risk management and violations of users' freedom of expression
Oleksandr Kosenkov Blekinge Institute of Technology Law's digital toolbox and the responsibility elephant in the room	Viktorija Soņeca University of Latvia Self-defending democracy and AI-generated disinformation in EU Law	Edin Hodžić Charles University's Faculty of Law From data inputs to equitable outputs: the Framework Convention on AI and the outcome turn in algorithmic non-discrimination law	Yen Nguyen Hanoi Law University From regulatory transplants to legitimacy-by-design: building a legal tech ecosystem in transitional legal systems	Antonino Matafù University of Catania The rise and the (scheduled) fall of the Platform-to-Business (P2B) Regulation
Riccardo Tonelli University of Padua Giovanna Zampieri University of Ferrara Procedural efficiency vs democratic legitimacy: AI standardisation and the privatization of labour regulation	Ciarán O'Kelly Queen's University Belfast Regulating the expressive society	Nastazja Potocka-Sionek University of Luxembourg Algorithmic ageism and the evolving legal framework	Isabella Hardiman Kyndryl The AI model rewriting cybersecurity. Too powerful to sell?	Antonio Davola Luiss Guido Carli University, Rome Tech-enabled personalized rights through contracts: welfare and distributive implications
Kryss Macleod + Bruce Austin Manchester Law School From approval to reliance: legal protection in RAG-based advice systems		Josh Widera IE University Business School Off the calculated path: Route deviations of algorithmically managed delivery riders		Igor Szpotakowski University of Leeds, UK From China with love: A comparative perspective on virtual AI companions and the power and limits of vertical regulation
Chair: Marie-José Garot	Chair: Sergio Verdugo	Chair: Antonio Aloisi	Chair: Federica Fedorczyk	Chair: Tom Hick

17:30 – 19:00

Parallel session

#3

ROOM 05-02

ROOM 09-06

ROOM 12-10

ROOM 15-06

ROOM 15-07

*AI in Legal Education
& Research*

Eleonora Lozano

Universidad de los Andes,
Colombia

AI and jurisprudential
analysis in tax law

Joseph Landau

Fordham Law School

A blueprint for law
schools in the age of
AI

Kerem Gulay

Koc University

“Is this a law review
article”? Lawtimation
and the epistemology
of legal research

Lezel Roddeck

Bucerius Law School

Automation bias in
education: a blind
spot in the EU AI Act

*Demystifying the EU
Governance of AI*

**Raminta Matulyte
+ Irmak Erdogan**

KU Leuven

‘What do we design
and what are we
transparent about?’.
Reflections from the
GDPR and the AI Act

Marco Almada

CUNEF Universidad

The legal construction
of European digital
sovereignty

**Philippa Duell-
Piening**

University of Galway

A disability human
rights reading of the
EU AI Act:
infantilisation,
epistemic injustice
and the limits of
human-centric AI

**Itziar Galparsoro
Manterola**

University of the Basque
Country

Can law anticipate
technology? Toward
an ex ante normative
framework as a
safeguard for
fundamental rights

Federica Paolucci

Bocconi University

EU Resilience in the
Age of *Revancha*: The
Case of AI Regulation

*AI Governance: Rights
& Accountability*

**Eileen Murphy
Maguire**

Trilateral Research

The absence of
reasonably
foreseeable misuse:
on the classification of
high-risk AI systems
under the EU AI Act

Saverio Sicilia

University of Salerno

From athlete data to
AI governance: sport
as a stress test for
digital regulation

Marie-Claire Najjar

European University
Institute

Adequate AI
explainability
requirements:
Reconciling tensions
with secrecy, security,
and accuracy

Lavinia Vizzoni

University of Pisa

Architectures of
vulnerability in
automated societies

*Generative AI,
Copyright and the Law*

Giuseppe Mazziotti

PI, Fair MusE project

When “proprietary”
cannot mean “secret”:
how can copyright
transparency duties
be enforced under the
AI Act?

Huiying Jin

University of Bologna

Rethinking news
copyright liability in
the wake of
Generative AI: a
layered approach
from a comparative
EU–China perspective

Matija Damjan

University of Ljubljana

From knowledge
extraction to value
extraction: Rethinking
TDM exceptions for
generative AI training

**Giovana Peluso
Lopes +
Marco Bassini**

Tilburg University

Making machines
forget: the right to be
forgotten of data and
content in Generative
AI

*Public Problems of
International Relevance*

Marlies Hofmann

European University
Institute

Does military AI
disrupt international
humanitarian law? A
taxonomy of the
literature

Lovro Bobnar

University of Ljubljana

From HRIA to FRIA:
Does the EU AI Act
operationalise or
narrow human rights
impact assessment?

Maša Kovič Dine

University of Ljubljana

Regulating the
environmental
footprint of AI systems
and data centers: an
integrated framework
for sustainable AI
governance

Nino Lipartia

Grigol Robakidze
University

The Datafied Patient:
Algorithmic Decision-
Making in Healthcare
and Patient Rights

Chair: **Soledad
Atienza**

Chair: **Yuliya
Kaspiarovich**

Chair: **Francesca
Palmiotto**

Chair: **Tom
Hick**

Chair: **François
Delerue**

from 19:00

Esplanade @ IE Tower

Sunset reception 🍷 and DJ set 🎵
(for speakers and chairs)

Friday, September 25

07:00 – 07:30

Lawtimation Run Club 

Location

Express your interest at the reception on the first day

09:00 – 09:30

IE Tower – FLOOR 10 (hub The Garden)

Light breakfast 

09:30 – 11:00			Parallel session	#4
ROOM 09-06	ROOM 09-01	ROOM 12-09	ROOM 12-10	ROOM 15-06
<i>Governing Algorithmic Administration</i> Luis Lima De Oliveira Paris Nanterre & Pernambuco How digital regulation is reshaping administrative law and governance	<i>Growing Concerns on Digital Vulnerability</i> Elisa Valletta Bocconi University Decisional integrity in algorithmic finance: rethinking consumer protection	<i>AI Management & Dignity of Work</i> Michele Piccari Sapienza University Work performance and anti-discrimination legal framework	<i>From Prediction to Justice</i> Jesús Rodrigo CEO - PLA Spain	<i>Adjusting EU Data Law</i> Leander Stähler KU Leuven Centre for IT and IP Law (CiTiP)
Antoine Oumedjkane Lille University The diminishing distinctiveness of administrative action	Julia Krämer Erasmus University Rotterdam Privacy preference and cookie “choice”: Is design more central than what you want?	Domenico Mezzacapo Sapienza University Work performance and legal classification of the employment relationship	Alejandro Rubio Navantia	Caterina Santoro KU Leuven Centre for IT and IP Law (CiTiP)
Nina Lasbleiz Télécom Paris – Institut Polytechnique de Paris Civil society as a co-regulator of public AI systems	Julia Wojnowska-Radzińska Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland Between compliance and effective judicial protection: AI Act and the structural deficiencies of remedies	Sergio González García Universidad Rey Juan Carlos Algorithmic discrimination in hiring: transparency, bias and accountability	Eduardo Villellas GA-P	Leila Debiasi KU Leuven Centre for IT and IP Law (CiTiP)
Beatriz Garcia University of Lisbon Who guards the guardian: When algorithmic public administration falls under private oversight	P.Y.M. (Michelle) Liu Radboud University Breaking the scroll: rethinking the addictive architecture of social media through the DSA and Chinese Law	Kamila Naumowicz University of Warmia and Mazury The Invisible Supervisor and workers' dignity: limits on monitoring powers	Álvaro Escudero Harvey	Tervel Bobev KU Leuven Centre for IT and IP Law (CiTiP)
			Maria Elisa Cuadros Garrido University of Murcia Rethinking transparency in decision-making systems: individual and collective insights	
fully formed panel			fully formed panel	fully formed panel
Chair: Nina Lasbleiz	Chair: Santiago Mollis	Chair: Antonino Matafù	Chair: Eduardo Villellas	Chair: Leander Stähler

11:00 – 11:30

IE Tower – FLOOR 10 (hub The Garden)

Coffee break ☕

11:30 – 13:00

Parallel session

#5

ROOM 09-06

ROOM 09-01

ROOM 12-09

ROOM 12-10

ROOM 15-06

Governing the Ungovernable: AI Agency in the Law

Aïda Ibrahim
Nantes University

Human supervision in the age of agentic AI

Governing Childhood

Tiago Morais Rocha
University of Porto

Protecting minors under the DSA: Risk management, platform duties and commission enforcement

The Recomposition of Workplace Power

Vittoria Parroco
University of Bologna

Inditex, the two-faced Janus: between HRDD policies and the development of AI

Beyond Compliance

Karolina Podstawa
University of Maastricht

Of EU silos and mazes: automating integrated compliance in the age of digital sovereignty and simplification

The Harmed and the Accountable

Tahoora Heydari
University of Helsinki

Bridging the gap between the PLD and GDPR by addressing harm caused by software and AI

Jorge Abaurrea
UCM

From legacy to legitimacy in audiovisual governance: synthetic influencers and the enforcement of the EU digital *acquis*

María Teresa García-Berrio Hernández
UCM

From protection to silencing: algorithmic moderation, disinformation and the digital rights of minors in the EU digital sphere

Helena Verhuyck
University of Antwerp

Between status and substance: a comparative analysis of regulatory strategies for platform worker protection

Fabio Zanoletti
University of Brescia

From regulatory requirements to operational practice: lessons from an AI regulatory sandbox in paediatric digital health

Tommaso Fia
University College London

Francesca Palmiotto
IE University
The “affected person” in the European AI Act

Napoleon Xanthoulis

University of Southampton, UK

Can we regulate unconscious AI influence? Conceptual and methodological challenges of banning subliminal manipulation under the EU AI Act

Joel Alves

University of Minho
Children as vulnerable data subjects: legal implications under the GDPR

Miłosz Barłóg

University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
From compliance to collective legitimacy: social partners and algorithmic management in the digital workplace

Nehir Aydeniz

KU Leuven
AI literacy without teeth, fundamental rights without a forum: the reach of Article 4 of the AI Act in the medical devices sector

Carolina Serafina Errico

University of Rome Tor Vergata
Fragmentation of accountability and algorithmic governance: rethinking accountability in complex organisations in the age of AI

Dusko Milojevic + Abdullah Elbi

KU Leuven

The guardian and the weakest link: agentic AI, human oversight, and the human factor in EU AI governance

Anush Ganesh

University of Leeds
A markets and competition perspective towards data exploitation in the EU: the role of 102 TFEU and the DMA in protecting children

Umberto Izzo

Sapienza University of Rome
Can algorithms become objects of negotiation? Trade union participation after the Platform Work Directive and the AI Act

Nikita Divissenko

Utrecht University
Legal Speed Limits: law and the diffusion of transformative technologies

Michael Chatzipanagiotis

University of Cyprus
Reporting and investigating safety incidents of AI systems: Potential lessons from aviation

Inês Neves

University of Porto
Sharenting, children's rights and the limits of EU digital regulation

Didem Polad

University of Helsinki
Childhood on the feed: social media harm and platform liability

fully formed panel

Chair: **Johanna Jacobsson**

Chair: **Stu Marvel**

Chair: **Nastazja Potocka-Sionek**

Chair: **Sonsoles Arias**

Chair: **Francisco de Elizalde**

13:00 – 14:45

IE Tower – FLOOR 10 (hub The Garden)

Lunch 

15:00 – 16:30

Parallel Session

#6

ROOM 09-06

ROOM 09-01

ROOM 12-10

ROOM 15-06

Perspectives on Digital Governance

Tjaša Kalin

University of Ljubljana

Objective requirements for conformity of AI-enabled goods: the intersection of consumer contract law and the AI Act?

Diana Sancho

University of Westminster

The modalities of representation in Personal Data Intermediation

Jonathan Keller

Université Paris 8, CEMTI

AI Law: there is something rotten in the dataset

Ruoyi Lu

University of Milan

Along the Chain: legal infrastructure, standard-setting power, and the enforcement architecture of China's AI industrial governance

Tal Niv

UC Law SF

Governing a frontier you don't build: Brussels, Sacramento, and the legitimacy of frontier AI rules

AI in Democratic Institutions

Juan David Gutierrez Rodriguez

Los Andes University

Adoption of AI by electoral authorities and regulations on the use of AI in electoral contexts: A global comparative study

Nynke Vellinga

Groningen University

Exploring 'Artificial Conduct' as a new subject for regulation

Maria Lorena Flórez Rojas

Groningen University

From Principle to Practice: Operationalising AI Accountability in EU Public Administration

Sergio Verdugo

IE University Law School

Should constitution makers use AI?

Conversations on Digital Criminal Justice

Sunkireddy Reddy + Mandeep Kaur

Mahindra University, Hyderabad

Decrypting compulsion: the right to silence in encrypted space across Indian and comparative constitutional law

Anna Pelizzari

European University Institute (EUI)

Confronting AI evidence: the life cycle of (cross-border) evidence analysed by AI tools

Javier Escobar Veas

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law

Compelled decryption and the right against self-incrimination: A criticism of the ECtHR case law and a call to step back and start again

Salvatore Formicola

University of Macerata

Algorithmic evidence and judicial legitimacy: facial recognition and the challenge of criminal adjudication

The Environmental Cost of AI

Clara Boggini

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Data centres at a crossroads: growth versus sustainability

Daria Onitiu

Hasso-Plattner-Institute and Oxford Internet Institute

Recalibrating the recast Energy Efficiency Directive for ecological gains

Clara Lopez

King's College London

Law and the material turn: AI, critical minerals and supply chain governance

Marco Di Donato

University of Verona and University of Malaga

Environmental criminal law and AI: corporate liability risks in the operations of data centres

Maria Mourtzaki

University of the Aegean

Sustainability and AI technologies: a legal and policy crossroad towards a greener future

Chair: **Guillermo Íñiguez**

Chair: **Santiago Mollis**

Chair: **Francesca Palmiotto**

Chair: **Marina Aksenova**

16:45 – 17:45

Keynote speeches 

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» **Francisco de Elizalde**

Lawtomatic, IE University Law School

Chair

» **Ida Koivisto**

University of Helsinki

Humans as legal technology

» **Thibault Schrepel**

VU University Amsterdam

Law at the speed of the system:

From legacy codification to continuous legitimacy

» **Antonio Aloisi** and **Francesca Palmiotto**

Lawtomatic, IE University Law School

Outro

17:45 – 18:00

IE Tower – **FLOOR 24 (IE Club)**

Group picture  + **goodbye** 



Panel format and conference details

The conference will be held **fully in person to make the most** of this vibrant event.

Presentations will be organized into **chaired panels**, and each participant will have **10-15 minutes** (no more than 10 minutes if there are five participants), followed by a Q&A.

The fully formed panels are indicated in the **orange** rows above.

Selected authors are invited to submit a **draft** (full paper, extended abstract or visual presentation) by **Monday, 21 September 2026**, for **circulation among the speakers and panel chairs** (who will act as discussants). There are no specific format guidelines or style requirements.

All classrooms are equipped with a screen. If you wish to use **PPT or other visual aids**, please send them to **Carla.Viezma@ie.edu**

Publication arrangements will be finalized at the end of the conference. Submissions will be considered for inclusion in a special edition of a **DigiBook** dedicated to Lawtomatic, developed in partnership with DigiCon and subject to the standard review process. If you are interested in being considered for publication, please contact **Francesca.Palmiotto@ie.edu** to express your interest.

Practical information

The conference will take place in **Madrid, Spain, at the IE Tower** (also known as CALEIDO), located on Paseo de la Castellana 259E, 28046 Madrid. Directions can be found **[here](#)**.

Metro | The closest Station is **Begoña** (Line 10). After you get off the train, follow the exit signs leading to Cuatro Torres Business Area. Once on the street, walk toward the skyscrapers and look for the tower with the IE logo.

 *Note: Line 10 is currently affected by works at Santiago Bernabéu station, with Cuzco–Nuevos Ministerios remaining closed through the end of 2026. If you are coming from the south (city centre), take Line 10 to Plaza de Castilla (or use the free replacement bus/reinforced Lines 1 or 9 if that stretch is also cut) and continue north to Begoña from there. If you are coming from the north, service to Begoña is unaffected.*

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Other Transportation | Depending on your hotel's location, you may want to consider alternative transportation options, such as e-bikes or bus lines. **Citymapper** is a useful transit app for navigating around Madrid.

Once at the Tower, proceed to the reception desk to check in and for information on how to **reach floor 24**.

Our campus is fully accessible, but please let us know in advance if you have any **special mobility needs**.

A locker room has been reserved (**T-19.06** on Thursday and **T-11.20** on Friday).

Guests who want to attend the conference panels are invited to **register through this [link](#)**.

[Click here to register as an attendant](#)

Organizing committee

Antonio Aloisi; Marina Aksenova; François Delerue; Francisco de Elizalde; Marie-José Garot; Yuliya Kaspiarovich; Francesca Palmiotto; Fernando Pastor; Lazar Radic; Sara Sanchez; Sergio Verdugo; Laura Zoboli

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at Carla.Viezma@ie.edu and Isabel.Garces@ie.edu

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