Working group

Digital Public Sphere Working Group

Department of Law

ABSTRACT

The Digital Public Sphere Working Group addresses current digital governance issues – such as AI and platform regulation, or data governance - from a public law perspective. It offers an interdisciplinary platform for researcher discussion on the interactions between the use and impact of digital technologies and public law values and norms.

Our researcher-driven dialogue focuses on two main areas. On the one hand, we look at the impact of new technologies on administrative activities, exploring the development, procurement and deployment of those technologies by public administrations across various domains, and analysing how public values can be safeguarded in the evolving digital State. On the other hand, we address the broader implications of social media platforms, big data and AI systems on societies, examining how those are and should be regulated, both within and beyond the confines of the State.
The Working Group's activities and particular thematic focus are ever-changing and cater to our researchers' interests and needs.
We are grateful for the support of **Prof. Deirdre Curtin**.

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Research Themes
AI, Data regulation, Digital administration and decision-making, Digital surveillance, Digital transformation, Law and technology, Platform governance

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The Digital Public Sphere Working Group

WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY (Past Events)

Academic Year 2023-24

- **26 March 2024:** Externalising Refoulement Through New Technologies

- **15 May 2024:** Conference: Governing AI through Standardisation

- **13 December 2023:** Workshop on researching EU digital rights

- **11 December 2023:** Fundamental rights protection in the AI Act: Tracing institutional approaches, divergences and justifications in the EU legislative process

- **4 December 2023:** Navigating the subliminal: a discourse on the EU Artificial Intelligence Act

- **1 December 2023:** The proceduralisation of proportionality

- **24 October 2023:** Digital evidence: a threat to fair procedures?

- **17 October 2023:** Approaching Empirical Work in the Public Domain: A Practical Perspective

- **3 October 2023:** A Conversation About the DSA: An Institutional Perspective

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Academic Year 2022-23

- **21-22 November 2022:** Conference 'Constituzionalisation in the Digital Age

- **7 February 2023:** The Present and Future of Artificial Intelligence

- **3 May 2023:** Data at the Boundaries of European Law

- **12 June 2023:** On effectiveness, responsibility, and fair process in the EU Digital Public Order

- **14 June 2023:** Launch of Professor Gianclaudio Malgieri's book 'Vulnerability and Data Protection Law'

Academic Year 2022

- **14 July 2022 :** AI-driven justice and judicial independence: an EU perspective

- **30 June 2022 :** What Role for the European Data Protection Supervisor?

- **11 May 2022 :** [Privacy as a Public Good](#)

- **06 April 2022 :** [Enforcing law through algorithms: Towards new administrative remedies](#)?

- **14 January 2022:** [Towards Digital Constitutionalism: An analysis of the new platform work Directive proposal](#) (COM 2021-762)

Academic Year 2021

- **28 October 2021**: Movie night "The Social Dilemma"

- **17 November 2021:** [Digital Coffee Welcome to the Metaverse: What's in the future for (former) Facebook?](#)

- **26 November 2021:** [Towards Digital Constitutionalism: What governance for online platforms?](#)

- **08 December 2021:** [EU High-Tech Borders and the Right to Effective Remedies](#)

- **14 December 2021:** [Juridic Governance: On Power, Adjudication, and Participation beyond the State](#)

- **17 December 2021:** [Digital Coffee 'IBORDERCTRL': Discussing the CJEU judgement](#)

- **14 January 2021:** Sovereigns, Viruses, and the Law: The Normative Challenges of Pandemics in Today's Information Societies

- **29 January 2021:** Not Just a Social Network: Facebook as a Private Global Governor

- **23 February 2021**: How AI Creates a Deterministic World 29 March 2021: Transparency or Explanation? Different solutions for regulating trustworthy AI

- **8 April 2021:** Second years presentation – 'The Digital Constitutional Hypothesis: Private Governance of the Internet and the rise of Digital Constitutionalism' and 'Development or Dystopia: Does the GDPR regulate the interconnected law and technology challenges raised by Facial Recognition Technology?'

- **30 April 2021**: Debate with Lucilla Sioli "The new EU Proposal on a European Approach for AI"

- **04 May 2021**: In the eye of the beholder: the consequences of the model of seeing for protecting persons from digital discrimination

- **24 May 2021**: Widening and Deepening: Coming of Age Challenges for EU Transparency Anno 2021

- **26 May 2021**: Roundtable "GDPR: bark or bite? Three years of regulatory revolution"

- **15 June 2021**: Facial Recognition Technology: friend or foe?

- **09 July 2021**: Trump, Facebook, and the Oversight Board: What Future for Platform Adjudication?

- **16 July 2021**: Project SHERPA: Shaping the Ethical Dimensions of Smart Information Systems (A European Perspective)

Academic Year 2020

- **19 October 2020:** Inaugural Lecture - AI, computational modelling and criminal proceedings

- **12 November 2020:** Algorithmic Governance and Governance of Algorithms

- **30 November 2020 – 02 December 2020:** Workshop "The Day After Covid-19: legal challenges in a post-pandemic world"

- **8 December 2020:** Clear allocation of responsibilities in semi-automated decision-making