

**European Law School - Summer School 2021**  
**Berlin, 11.7-17.7.2021**

**Topic:**

**Markets, Governance and European Law in the Algorithmic Era**

"Online platforms and intermediaries govern commerce and speech, exercising unprecedented influence over the market and the political discourse. The use of algorithms, managing information flows, analysing data, taking decisions, and carrying out transactions, has become an omnipresent reality which transforms capitalism and shapes the society of the 21st century. As the world has become digital, algorithms have become the central tool to govern it. Digital hereby refers to the mode of storing information, algorithmic to its very use. Machine learning, at the core of many of the most influential algorithms, has provoked enthusiasm and optimism as well as concerns for the accountability and fairness of automated systems. The European Union, passing the General Data Protection Regulation, has influenced laws and corporate practices world-wide and has established itself as a regulatory player to reckon with in the algorithmic era. Aspiring to respect pluralism among its member states while developing impactful solutions to global phenomena is one of the great contemporary challenges of the European project. In this Summer School, we invite scholars to engage with Markets, Governance and Law in the Algorithmic Era and are especially looking forward to contributions which address opportunities and challenges for the EU to be a successful and influential regulator with regard to the aforementioned topics".

**Digital ideas Lunch Series:**

For the first time, the Humboldt European Law School has organised a "Digital Ideas Lunch Series" which prepares students and participants for the Summer School. This series takes place under the title "**Law in the Algorithmic Society**" on Wednesdays between March and June. Many of the speakers and participants who are invited to the Summer School have met before in the lunch series. For the lunch series, we have invited young scholars from around the world to share what they believe the most pressing issues are, how they identify problems, and what solutions they suggest as we move into the new Algorithmic Society. In three of the sessions, we have invited world-leading researchers to provide context and share recent research on the impact of algorithms. The students of the ELS serve as commentators in the lunch series.

The Digital Ideas Lunch Series is hosted by the [European Law School at Humboldt University](#), in cooperation with [King's College London's Centre for Technology, Ethics, Law and Society](#) and digital partner [Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society](#) for the [Global Network of Internet and Society Research Centers](#).

## Preliminary Program

### 11.7. Sunday

- Morning/Midday:
  - Arrival
- Afternoon:
  - Cultural program
  - Theme: Modernity of the division (Scharoun, Mies van der Rohe, Herzog in spe, possibly with State Library and original score of the "Ode to Joy", Philharmonic Hall, new State Gallery)
  - Evening: Beer garden

### 12.7. Monday

- Morning
  - WELCOME
    - **Stefan Grundmann (HU Berlin)**, Welcome
  - LECTURES
    - **Sofia Ranchordas** (Professor of Public Law and a Rosalind Franklin Fellow at the Faculty of Law of the University of Groningen), "*The Innovation Principle in the EU*"
    - **Stefan Grundmann (HU Berlin)**, "*TBA*"
- Afternoon
  - Cultural program
  - Topic: The Political Berlin (Bundestag, Band des Bundes, Brandenburg Gate))
- Evening:
  - Movie night at Centre Francais
  - Presentation of Birke Häcker (Oxford), "*Money, Books and the Interpretation of Wills*": *The 1720 Case of All Souls' College v. Codrington*"

### 13.7. Tuesday

- Morning
  - LECTURE
    - **Matthias C. Kettemann** (Senior Researcher at Leibniz Institute for Media Research | Hans-Bredow-Institut/Head of Research Group at the Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society), "*Algorithms and Content Governance in Europe*"
    - **Mateja Durovic** (King's College London) "Data Commercialisation and Consumer Law"
  - PANEL
    - **Georg Nolte** (Senior Legal Counsel, Google), "*Platform liability and the use of filter technology*"
    - **Sophie Beaucamp** (Weizenbaum-Institut), "*The role of technology in (Platform-)Regulation*"
    - **Michael Denga** (HU Berlin), "Platform liability – foundations, trends, changes"

- Moderation: TBA
- Afternoon
  - WORKSHOP
    - **Linklaters**, Florian Reul, LegalTech, FinTech, RegTech
    - **NOERR**

### 14.7. Wednesday

- Morning
  - LECTURES
    - **Prof. Evi Pareskevi Paparseniou** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) “*Sale of consumer goods with digital elements*”
    - **Prof. Elina N . Moustaira** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) “*Digital [Cultural] Heritage Law in the European Union*”
    - **Thierry Bonneau** (Professeur en Droit Privée, Paris II), “*Digital finance package*”
- Afternoon
  - free

### 15.7. Thursday

- Morning

09.30	–	<b>Opening</b> of the conference
10.00		<i>Presentation of DynamInt</i>

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10.00	–	<b>Keynote speech</b> by Kilian Gross (Head of unit “Artificial Intelligence Policy Development and Coordination” within the European Commission) and <b>Q&amp;A</b> (public)
11.30		<i>ca. 1h Keynote, 30 min discussion</i>

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- Afternoon
  - WORKSHOP
    - **Yuval Goldus**, (Jerusalem University). “*Big Data and Philosophical Challenges*”
    - **Jill Toh (University of Amsterdam)** „*Techno Optimism as a Crisis Response*”

### 16.7. Friday

- Morning

09.30	–	<b>Discussion with Matthias Spielkamp</b> (Co-founder AlgorithmWatch) and <b>Prof. Mireille Hildebrandt</b> (Research Professor on 'Interfacing Law and Technology' at Vrije Universiteit Brussels), <b>Q&amp;A</b> (public)
12.00		
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*Ca. 30 min speech for each panelist, followed by a conter-argument and a Q&A*

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- Afternoon:
  - Cultural program
  - Theme: Art and History (Museum Island, James Simon Gallery, Neues Museum, Bode-Museum - "Loot Art and International Law" / request Prof. Nolte + daughter Anja)
- Evening:
  - ELS Summer Party/Goodbye celebrations with everyone at Centre Francais

### **17.7. Saturday**

- Morning:
  - Cultural program
  - Jewish Museum and Kreuzberg
- Afternoon:
  - Departure