



**Ius Commune Conference Leuven,
28-29 November 2019**

**Call for Papers Workshop on
Artificial Intelligence and
Fundamental Rights**



Ius Commune Call: Workshop on AI and Fundamental Rights

Dear Colleagues,

The 24th *Ius Commune Conference* will take place in Leuven on 28-29 November 2019. **Friday morning, 29 November 2019 (9.00 am- 12.00 noon)**, a workshop will be devoted to **Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Rights**. The workshop will function as an open platform to discuss the impact of AI applications in the ethical and legal domain, and in particular the challenges of new technologies for fundamental rights.

Artificial Intelligence applications, including machine learning techniques, are increasingly deployed in both the public and private sector. Drawing from large sources of data, they aim to facilitate, streamline and make more efficient administrative and commercial decision-making processes, ranging from the everyday, such as Netflix recommender systems, to more critical societal ventures, such as credit scoring, the adjudication of unemployment benefits, and criminal profiling. Doing so, they may greatly affect the burdens and benefits citizens carry, as well as opportunities granted, within society. Moreover, through their operation, a deep knowledge is granted over the private sphere of individuals. Given their impact, algorithmically guided decision-making practices have been subject to both academic and public scrutiny. Indeed, dependent on the context in which they are used, their deployment has been said to affect the values and fundamental rights society holds dearly, such as *amongst others* the right to privacy, data protection, equality and non-discrimination, freedom of expression and the right to fair trial. At the same time, an increasing number of ethics initiatives in the field of AI seems to illustrate that the deployment of these new technologies challenges the current legal landscape.

This Ius Commune workshop aims to identify and further explore the tenuous relationship between rapid technological advancements in the field of AI and fundamental rights. Contributions are invited to discuss both the challenges raised for, as well as the value of, fundamental rights in the algorithmic environment. AI might not only present us with new questions; it also might raise new versions of old questions, asking us to use, adapt or reconsider the value and interpretation of traditional legal concepts. Such a reflection might equally steer us towards new forms of regulation, or new rights altogether.

Presentations can cover, but should not be limited to, the following topics:

- Fairness, inclusion, and equality in the digital age.
- Liberty and autonomy in the algorithmic environment: the value of privacy and data protection
- Automated news curation and the democratic state.
- Fundamental rights' protection in a fast-developing technological environment.
- Algorithmic Governance and the Regulation of AI.

We would like to invite you to let us know by mail who within your centre would like to present a paper, and about what topic he/she would like to speak, preferably **before the end of September**. Based on your input, we will put together the final program, and contact the presenters personally to invite them to submit a CV and a short abstract.

Your interest for participation can be expressed to laurens.naudts@kuleuven.be

We hope to welcome many of you in Leuven to join us for an interesting debate regarding AI and Fundamental Rights!

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