


ELI CONFERENCE ON DIGITALISATION
“Emerging Legal Issues in an Increasingly Digital Society”

Digitalisation and the data economy now permeate almost every aspect of our day-to-day lives. Ever more consumer products are intelligent, collect and transmit data and have functions that alter their conventional use. Increasingly, software, cloud-storage and analytical tools are offered in exchange for user data. Even communication and social life is becoming digitised. Consequently, disputes arising over digital services are more and more settled through online dispute resolution. These changes have an enormous potential for reducing national barriers to trade, increasing efficiency, reducing costs and boosting innovation. At the same time, they can pose added risks, for example, to consumer rights and can cause privacy concerns. This Conference considers some of the more pertinent legal issues of our Digital Society.

Thursday, 30 March
Venue: The Lawns Centre, Harland Way, Cottingham HU16 5SQ UK

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13:00 – 13:30	Registration	Entrance
13.30 – 13.45	Welcome Addresses <i>Diana Wallis</i> , President (European Law Institute) <i>Gonzalo Villalta Puig</i> , Head of the School of Law and Politics (University of Hull)	The Hive
13.45 – 14.15	Opening Keynote “ <i>Can justice be better delivered through online and digital working?</i> ” <i>Lord John Thomas</i> , Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales	The Hive
14.15 – 15.15	Panel I: E-CODEX and access to justice Chaired by: <i>Diana Wallis</i> , President (European Law Institute) <i>Pablo Cortés</i> , Professor (University of Leicester) <i>Carsten Schmidt</i> , Project Director (e-Justice) <i>Peggy Struck</i> , Head of Operations and Growth (Crowdjustice) The panel will focus on new and innovative ways through which the internet and analytical capabilities of today may be used to facilitate access to legal sources and justice in a broader sense.	The Hive
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15.45 – 17.15	Panel II: The Digital Environment and Liability Issues Chaired by: <i>Christian Twigg-Flesner</i> , Professor (University of Hull) <i>Ken Hawick</i> , Professor (University of Hull) <i>Kjell Sévon</i> , Administrator (Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament) <i>Christiane Wendehorst</i> , Professor (University of Vienna), Vice-President (European Law Institute) The panel is intended to discuss possible liability issues - whether contractual, tortious or arising under other rules of law - which might arise or might cause particular issues in the context of the digital environment. For example, how would one determine where liability should fall in case several connected devices miscommunicate and cause personal injury or property damage?	The Hive
17.15-18.15	Reception (<i>A shuttle will take participants to the venue of the Dinner</i>)	Terrace
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18.45	<i>Conference Dinner</i>	Mercure

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9.00 – 11.00	<p>Panel III: Building a Data Economy</p> <p>Chaired by: <i>Lord John Thomas</i>, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales <i>John Davies</i>, Research Fellow (Nesta) <i>Dirk Staudenmayer</i>, Head of Unit (DG Justice and Consumers, EC) <i>Sjef van Erp</i>, Professor (University of Maastricht) <i>Wojciech Wiewiórowski</i>, Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) <i>Christiane Wendehorst</i>, Professor (University of Vienna), Vice-President (European Law Institute)</p> <p>Data has countless applications and offers enormously diverse options for its use. It is in fact such a versatile phenomenon, that it defies many of the conventional classifications of private law. Data is neither a good nor a right, and it is arguably not a service. Is it possible to synthesise and rationalise the treatment of data as an asset and tradable item across many areas of the law?</p>	The Hive
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.30 – 13.30	<p>Panel IV: Smart Contracts and Block-Chain Technology</p> <p>Chaired by: <i>Sjef van Erp</i>, Professor (University of Maastricht) <i>Michel Cannarsa</i>, Dean of Law (Catholic University of Lyon) <i>Tom Hingley</i> (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP) <i>Adam Ryan</i> (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)</p> <p>Smart contracting, mass contracts and block-chain technology may greatly increase efficiency, reduce costs and even offer greater equality. However, they also raise concerns about consumer protection and the amount of actual choice and influence that consumers can have on the contracts they conclude.</p>	The Hive
13.30 – 13.45	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <p><i>Diana Wallis</i>, President (European Law Institute)</p>	The Hive
13.50 – 15.10	<p>Meeting of the ELI Digital Law SIG (non-members are welcome to attend)</p> <p>Coordinators: <i>Reiner Schulze</i>, Professor (University of Münster) <i>Alberto De Franceschi</i>, Professor (University of Ferrara)</p>	MR4

The conference is free of charge.

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