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# Digital Revolution: Data Protection, Artificial Intelligence, Smart Products, Blockchain Technology and Virtual Currencies Challenges for Law in Practice

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# Programme

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Technological development is having an increasingly significant impact on individuals and enterprises: new business opportunities and smart technologies are widely changing the equilibrium of the established paradigms that form the basis of many legal rules.

This interdisciplinary Conference brings together leading experts from Europe and beyond, addressing the impact of digital technology on the law in light of the latest legislative developments.

The focus will be set on:

- The Role of Personal and Non-Personal Data;
- The Protection of Users' and Businesses' Rights in Contracts for the Supply of Digital Contents;
- The EU General Data Protection Regulation;
- The Increasing Interplay between Data Trade and Data Protection;
- Digital Inheritance;
- Artificial Intelligence and the Regulation of Algorithms;
- Liability for Digital Products;
- The Challenges of the Internet of Things, with a Specific Focus on Robotics, Smart Mobility and Self-Driving Vehicles;
- 3D Printing;
- Online Platforms; and
- Blockchain Technology, Smart Contracts, Digital Jurisdictions, Bitcoins and other Virtual Currencies.

## Programme Overview

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**Thursday, 19 April 2018**

### **SALA DOGE**

**08:30 Registration**

**09:00 Welcome Addresses**

Andrea Pasqualin (member of the Italian Bar Association)

Salvatore Sica (University of Salerno, member of the Italian Bar Association)

Antonio Rosa (President of the Italian Lawyers' Congressional Organisation)

Patrizia Corona (President of the Union of the Three Venetian Regions Bar Associations)

Federica Riente (Union of the Three Venetian Regions Bar Associations–International Committee)

**09:30 I. Scope and Aims of the Conference**

Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara, co-chairman of the ELI Digital Law SIG)

**09:40 II. Introduction**

Christiane Wendehorst (University of Vienna and President of the European Law Institute, ELI)  
Reiner Schulze (University of Münster, co-chairman of the ELI Digital Law SIG)  
Michele Graziadei (University of Turin, President of the Italian Society for Research in Comparative Law, SIRD)

**10:10 III. Digital Economy and Disruption of Traditional Concepts**

Chair: Sjef van Erp (University of Maastricht and Vice-President of the ELI, Vienna)

**Ownership and Possession in the Digital Age?**

Herbert Zech (University of Basel)

**Legal Challenges of the Changing Role of Personal and Non-Personal Data**

Josef Drexler (Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich)

**The ALI-ELI Principles for a Data Economy**

Christiane Wendehorst (University of Vienna and President of the ELI)

11:10 Discussion

11:30 Coffee Break

**11:50 IV. The Processing of Personal Data in Light of the EU General Data Protection Regulation**

Chair: Hans Christoph Grigoleit (Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich)

**The Consent for the Processing of Personal Data**

Martin Schmidt-Kessel (University of Bayreuth)

**The Processing of Health Data**

Silvia C Bauer (Luther Law Firm, Cologne)

**The Digital Inheritance**

Giorgio Resta (University of Roma Tre)

12:50 Discussion

13:15 Lunch

**14:30 V. EU General Data Protection Regulation, Artificial Intelligence and Big Data**

Chair: Pietro Sirena (Bocconi University, Milan)

**The Role of the Data Protection Officer**

Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson (University of Paris II)

**Artificial Intelligence and the Regulation of Algorithms**

Hans-W Micklitz (European University Institute, Florence)

**Personalizing Consumer Information through Big Data**

Christoph Busch (University of Osnabrück)

15:30 Discussion

16:00 Coffee Break

**16:30 VI. Liability for Digital Products**

Chair: Stefan Grundmann (Humboldt University of Berlin and European University Institute, Florence)

**Liability for Autonomous Systems**

Hans Schulte-Nölke (University of Osnabrück and University of Nijmegen)

**Challenges for Tort Law in the 3D Printing: Disruption of the Liability Regime**

Geraint Howells (City University of Hong Kong)

**3D Printing: Is Contract Law Robust Enough, or Do We Need a New Approach?**

Christian Twigg-Flesner (University of Warwick)

**17:30 VII. The Approach of the European Commission on AI and Robotics  
Latest Developments at EU Level on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics**  
Gabriele Mazzini (European Commission–DG Justice, Brussels)

17:50 Discussion

**18:20 Concluding Remarks**  
Reiner Schulze (University of Münster, co-chairman of the ELI Digital Law SIG)

## Friday, 20 April 2018

### SALA DOGE

**09:00 VIII. Blockchain Technology, Smart Contracts and Digital Jurisdictions**  
Chair: Sjef van Erp (University of Maastricht and Vice-President of the ELI, Vienna)  
**Blockchain Technology: Challenges and Chances**  
Markus Kaulartz (CMS Hasche Sigle Law Firm, Munich)  
**Smart Contracts: Do We Need New Legal Rules?**  
Rolf H Weber (University of Zurich)  
**The Boundaries of Digital Jurisdictions: Digital Autonomous Organisations between  
Blockchain Technology and the Law**  
Florian Möslein (University of Marburg)  
**Legislative Developments on Blockchain: A Comparison between Innovative Countries**  
Silvia Andriotto (Vistra Group, Principality of Monaco)

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

**11:30 IX. Blockchain Technology, Bitcoins and other Virtual Currencies**  
Chair: Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University, Milan)  
**Notaries Solving the Legal Uncertainty Created by Distributed Ledger Technologies**  
Domenico Cambareri (Notary in Milan, Italian National Council of Notaries – International  
Committee)  
**Liability in the World of Virtual Currencies**  
François Barriere (University of Lyon 2)  
**Corporate Financing with Cryptocurrencies: The Initial Coin Offerings**  
Claudia Sandei (University of Padua)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

### First Afternoon Parallel Session in SALA DOGE

**14:00 X. Internet of Things and Domotics**  
Chair: Antonio Gambaro (University of Milan)  
**Risk Allocation and Liability Regimes in the IoT**  
Francesco Mezzanotte (University of Roma Tre)  
**IoT, Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Liability: A Shifting Paradigm?**  
Marco Bassini (Bocconi University, Milan)

15:00 Discussion

15:15 **XI. Smart Mobility and Self-Driving Vehicles**  
Chair: Hans Schulte-Nölke (University of Osnabrück and University of Nijmegen)  
**A Risk Management Approach to Autonomous Driving**  
Andrea Bertolini (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa)  
**Accident Liability for Fully Autonomous Cars**  
Francesco Paolo Patti (Bocconi University, Milan)

16:00 Discussion

16:15 Coffee Break

## **Second Afternoon Parallel Session in SALA SAN MARCO**

14:00 **XII. The ELI Digital Law Special Interest Group**  
Chair: Reiner Schulze (University of Münster, co-chairman of the ELI Digital Law SIG)  
**The Liability of Online Intermediary Platforms**  
Christoph Busch (University of Osnabrück) and Hans Schulte-Nölke (University of Osnabrück and University of Nijmegen)  
**Internet of Things**  
Hans Schulte-Nölke (University of Osnabrück and University of Nijmegen)  
**The Liability for Robotics**  
Andrea Bertolini (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa)  
**3D Printing**  
Christian Twigg-Flesner (University of Warwick)

15:15 **XIII. The ELI Digital Law Special Interest Group**  
Chair: Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara, co-chairman of the ELI Digital Law SIG)  
**Big Data and Personalisation of Private Law**  
Christoph Busch (University of Osnabrück)  
**The Digital Technology Law Clinic**  
Michel Cannarsa (Catholic University of Lyon)  
**The Data Protection Officer in the GDPR**  
Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson (University of Paris II)  
**Information and Intermediation in the Digital World**  
Hans-W Micklitz (European University Institute, Florence)

16:15 Coffee Break

## **SALA DOGE**

16:45 **XIV. Round Table: The EU General Data Protection Regulation in Context**  
Chair: Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University, Milan)  
Virgilio D'Antonio (University of Salerno)  
Michael Lehmann (Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich)  
Giovanni Maria Riccio (University of Salerno)  
Giordano Riello (CEO of NPLUS Srl)  
Federica Riente (Union of the Three Venetian Regions Bar Associations–International Committee)  
Salvatore Sica (University of Salerno)  
Julian Winn (Luther Law Firm, Düsseldorf)

18:00 **Final Remarks**  
Sjef van Erp (University of Maastricht and Vice-President of the ELI, Vienna)



# Panellists



**Silvia Andriotto** is Director at Vistra Group, one of the four top corporate service providers globally counting over 3000 professionals worldwide. She started her career in corporate law in Luxembourg in 2013, then moved to Zurich (Switzerland) in 2014, where she focused on structuring and implementing cross border instruments for multinational companies and High Net Worth Individuals (HNWI) in multiple international jurisdictions. She relocated to the Principality of Monaco in 2017, having been asked to set up the office branch for her Group. Silvia is also a qualified, registered Trust and Estate Practitioner and holds a certificate from INSEAD Singapore in Digital Strategy.



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**Marco Bassini** is Post-Doctoral Researcher in Constitutional Law at Bocconi University (Italy), where he also teaches public law and media law. In 2016, he received his PhD in Constitutional Law and European Law from the University of Verona (Italy). He holds a degree in law summa cum laude from Bocconi University (2010). He has been a Post-Doctoral Emile Noel Fellow at the Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law & Justice, New York University (US). His research interests include, among others, European constitutional law and media law.



**Silvia C Bauer** spent three years at Hoechst AG in Frankfurt (Germany), as a Country Consultant. While working, she studied Economic Sciences at the University of Applied Sciences in Mainz (Germany). She received her degree in law from the University of Frankfurt. She joined Luther's predecessor firm in 2000. Silvia C Bauer specialises in assistance pertaining to data privacy. She conducts data privacy audits and advises national and international companies on the organisation of their data protection and the safeguarding of data protection compliance. Her field of activity comprises, among others, support regarding the implementation of the requirements of the European General Data Protection Regulation.



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**Domenico Cambareri** is a law graduate, notary in Milan (Italy), former member of the Milan Council of Notaries and now a member of the National Council of Notaries (since 2013). He was initially in charge of communication and now professional ethics and international relationships (especially European). In the last few years, he has worked on a number of innovative Italian notarial projects in the communication sector, such as digital identity and succession, digital notarial auctions of public properties and currently on the use of the blockchain system by notaries.



**Michel Cannarsa** is Dean of Lyon Catholic University Law School (France). His areas of research are international and European law, commercial law, comparative law, consumer law, law of obligations and legal translation. He has published recent books and articles on contract and products liability law. For the past two years, he has been involved in numerous academic projects in the field of digital law and personal data protection.



**Virgilio D'Antonio** is Full Professor of Comparative Private Law at University of Salerno (Italy), where he teaches information and communication comparative law, trademark and advertising comparative law and institutions of private law. He is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign (USA), University of Haifa (Israel) and Universitat Estatal de Barcelona (Spain). He teaches Human Rights law at Universidad Católica de Colombia in Bogotá (Colombia). In 2017, he was appointed *Miembro Correspondiente Extranjero* by *Academia Colombiana de Jurisprudencia*. His main research interests concern, among others, comparative and European private law, information and communication law, economic analysis of law and tort law.



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**Josef Drexl** is Director of the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich (since 2002), a Honorary Professor at the University of Munich (Germany) and a member of the Bavarian Academy of Science (Germany). Professor Drexl is an expert in both competition law and intellectual property law. The competition law aspects of IP and international issues of both IP and competition law are among his major research interests. More recent work focuses on the IP and competition-law issues of the new digital economy in times of industry 4.0 and the Internet of Things.



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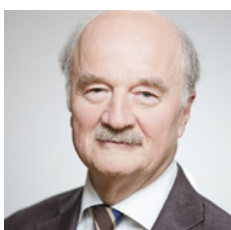
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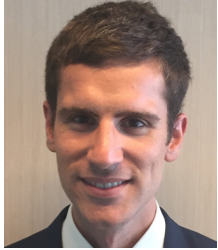


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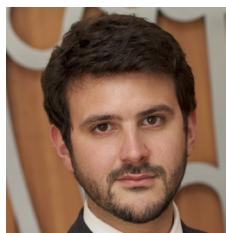
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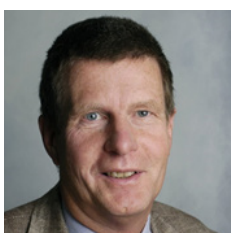
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