

Call for Papers

“Artificial Intelligence and New Vulnerabilities. From European Competition and Intellectual Property Law to the Protection of Fundamental Rights”

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Society, the economy and the world of law are all significantly affected by the changes brought about by new technologies. Robotics, IoT, artificial intelligence and blockchain are technologies that are challenging traditional paradigms by posing new threats, but are, at the same time, offering significant new opportunities.

These technologies raise relevant legal issues such as: protection of fundamental rights, protection of intellectual property (especially patents and copyright), protection of users' personal data, safeguarding competition, protection of the environment and ecosystems.

In the framework of the Jean Monnet AICoIP module (Deepening the Possible Impact of Artificial Intelligence System on EU Competition Law and Intellectual Property Rights), the University of Macerata is organising a conference that will focus on both EU law and procedural and, finally, international private law aspects related to the protection of rights connected to the use of artificial intelligence systems.

Topics of interest

The papers, in view of the broad theme suggested, may explore some of the profiles highlighted below (non-exhaustive):

- Intellectual property protection and artificial intelligence
- Emerging technologies, protection of fundamental rights and possible social impacts
- Artificial intelligence, ethics, vulnerability and liability profiles
- Data governance and digital divide
- Cybersecurity and vulnerabilities
- Blockchain, cryptocurrencies and legal aspects
- Applicable law and jurisdiction in the infringement of intellectual property rights through artificial intelligence systems
- Protection of competition related to the use of artificial intelligence systems.
- Consumer protection in the use of artificial intelligence systems.
- Alternative dispute resolution tools used by online platforms

Requirements and procedure for participation in the call for papers

Proposals for a single unpublished paper, in Italian or English, must be sent by **10 March 2025** to c.grieco@unimc.it and must include:

Title of the paper

Abstract (maximum 500 words)

Short biography of the author (maximum 100 words)

The results of the selection will be communicated by e-mail by **30 March 2025**.

Authors of selected abstracts should also submit a draft version of their paper (5,000 words maximum) by **20 April 2025**, for prompt circulation to discussants.

The organisation undertakes to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the selected speakers up to a maximum of EUR 200.00.

The contributions selected by the Scientific Committee will be published in 'Quaderni AISDUE'.

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