

# LAWTOMATION DAYS

Second Edition

“the shifting legal landscape of automated decision-making and artificial intelligence”

 28-29 September 2023

 IE Tower, Madrid

[CALL FOR PAPERS](#)

## “the shifting legal landscape of automated decision-making and artificial intelligence”

We are delighted to announce the second edition of **“Lawtomatic Days”, a conference on the shifting legal landscape of automated decision-making and artificial intelligence**. This cross-disciplinary conference organized by the “Lawtomatic” Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence will bring together academics from diverse fields to discuss the opportunities and challenges raised by these impactful technologies across different areas of law and in a wide range of sectors.

Automated decision-making (**ADM**) is the use of algorithms or AI to make decisions without significant human intervention. Artificial intelligence (**AI**) systems are understood as software that can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, generate outputs such as content, predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing the environments they interact with.

**ADM and AI systems can assume or support choices based on probabilistic determinations.** The model involves inputting large amounts of data into a computer system, which then uses pre-determined statistical models and pattern recognition to perform decisional functions. Far from being merely descriptive, these systems entail the possibility of predicting and prescribing conduct, thus pressuring natural and legal persons to comply with rules intended to shape their behaviour.

**We are witnessing the growing adoption of ADM and AI systems** by governments, administrative authorities and courts. This trend encompasses decisions about migration visas, tax inspection, social and welfare policies, applications in law enforcement and criminal justice, and administrative sanctions. At the same time, ADM and AI systems are widely adopted by private actors to monitor and enforce contracts, make hiring decisions and organize employees and self-employed persons, assess credit trustworthiness, or profile consumers and personalize prices.

**While well-designed ADM and AI systems can bring many benefits, such as increased efficiency, capacity and growth, it also raises important legal questions about their transparency, accountability and fairness.** This requires careful consideration and analysis, beyond traditional thematic clusters and field-specific approaches. We are convinced that considering their sociolegal and societal implications is of utmost importance in order to ensure that such systems are used to pursue benign, responsible, lawful and ethical goals.

**The two-day conference will provide a cutting-edge forum for academics, researchers and experts to discuss the promises and perils of ADM and AI.** It will feature prominent keynote speeches and panel discussions, as well as ample opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange, including during social events.

## Themes

We welcome submissions on this non-exhaustive list of **topics and related themes**:

- Oversight, transparency, safety and accountability
- Fairness, bias and discrimination
- New and old liability regimes
- ADM and AI systems in workplaces
- Economic, social and environmental implications
- The impact on human and social rights
- The political economy
- The global, regional and national race to regulate technologies
- Data protection in action
- Risk-based approaches in regulation
- Data-driven and evidence-based policies
- Predictive and prescriptive systems
- Personalization in consumer markets
- Generative AI and large language models
- Misinformation and manipulation
- AI in the corporate boardroom

## Submission process

Interested participants are encouraged to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words via the **dedicated online form**. Abstracts must be written in English.

The deadline for submission is **Thursday, 15 June 2023**.

[Click here to submit your proposal](#)

## Selection criteria and review process

Submissions will be considered by the members of the Lawtimation JMCoE, based on an assessment of their **quality, relevance** to the call's themes, and the need to cover a diverse range of topics representing a **variety** of perspectives and backgrounds.

Final decisions on acceptance will be notified by **Saturday, 15 July 2023**.

Authors will be asked to submit a complete draft by **Friday, 15 September 2023** for circulation among the speakers if selected.

Publication plans will be discussed at the end of the conference. However, we welcome proposals and papers intended for publication elsewhere.

## Relevant dates

- Abstract submission: **Thursday, 15 June 2023**
- Notification of acceptance: **Saturday, 15 July 2023**
- Confirmation by participants: **Monday, 1 August 2023**
- Submission of materials: **Friday, 15 September 2023**
- Conference: **Thursday and Friday, 28 and 29 September 2023**

## Event format

The conference will take place in **Madrid, Spain, at the IE Tower**.

Thematic sessions will be organized with a **cross-disciplinary approach** to stimulate reflection and comparison. Presentations will be organized into chaired panels and the presentation time for each participant will be 15/20 minutes.

There are **no registration fees**. The costs for lunches and coffee breaks will be covered by the organization.

## Contact details

**Convenors:** Francisco de Elizalde, Antonio Aloisi, Antonios Kouroutakis, Bart Wauters, Fernando Pastor-Merchante, François Delerue, María Guadalupe Martínez, Sara Sánchez; IE University Law School.

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