





International Conference 30 June - 1 July 2022

University Residential Center of Bertinoro

Law, Technology and Labour

Call for Papers

The Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, within the framework of the Jean Monnet Module "EULA – EU Law for Algorithm", in collaboration with Curtin Law School, Curtin University, are honoured to announce the Call for Papers for the forthcoming **International Conference "Law, Technology and Labour"**, to be held in **Bertinoro** (Italy) from **30th June through 1st July 2022**.

The conference is aimed at promoting an international debate on the impact of technology and algorithms in peoples' lives in the fields of labour law, private law, public law and legal studies at large.

The organising committee welcomes abstract submissions consistent with the rationale and goals of the conference.

Technology and algorithmic decision-making are impacting our lives in numerous ways, including judgements on individuals' future perspectives. This has led to increasing concerns about the fact that artificial intelligence, based on the combination of machine learning and large data sets, might allow those who use such techniques to exercise their power in ways that law should prohibit or, at least, disfavour. Over the last few years, legal scholars have dedicated a great deal of attention to the impact of algorithms on the exercise of human rights and the possible policy options for the governance of algorithmic transparency and accountability. At the same time, as the use of technology in peoples' lives is increasing, so too are concerns relating to its legal externalities.

From a labour law perspective, the impact of algorithms and technology on workers' conditions and within the workplace are changing the employment paradigm – particularly the way in which jobs or services are requested and performed. The paradigm has introduced new dynamics for consideration such as platforms and software.

Similarly, technology has had a significant impact on health care provision, especially during the pandemic, which is bound to grow in the future.

The International Conference "Law, Technology and Labour" is intended to reach out to legal scholars from different legal fields to discuss and deliberate upon these topics and issues from a multidisciplinary perspective. It is organized in different thematic tracks and sessions with invited Keynote Speakers and the respondents to this Call for Papers.

Track no. 1: Labour law and the algorithm

This track focuses on legal aspects regarding the impact of algorithms within the employment and at the workplace. Topics that could be addressed in this track concern the drivers of digital transformation of work such as digital platforms intersecting with digital marketplaces for non-standard work; ICT entailing new forms of remote and more flexible work; production processes managed by algorithms; and digital surveillance vis-à-vis employees' privacy.

Track no. 2: Artificial Intelligence, eHealth, and Patients' Rights

This track focuses on legal aspect regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence in the framework of Health Law. Topics that could be addresses in this track regard the phenomenon of eHealth and the Patients' rights within the digital transformation.

Abstract submission

Academics and experts in the field of Labour Law, Private Law, Public Law, and other legal disciplines are invited to submit an abstract of maximum 500 words to the organizing committee by **10 April 2022** at eula@unibo.it. Abstracts should be in English.

The proposal should include the following information:

- Title of the Paper
- An abstract of no more than 500 words.
- Selected Track
- The name of the author/authors, affiliation and biographical details
- Contact details (in case of joint abstract, please include the main contact person)

Deadlines

- Abstract should be sent in by 10 April 2022
- Decision on abstract acceptance by 29 April 2022
- Confirmation of your participation should be given by 20 May 2022

Publication

Selected papers presented during the two-day Conference will be reviewed for a forthcoming publication of the Conference book "Law, Technology and Labour" or in International Journals (Italian Labour Law e-Journal)

Organizing Committee

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Fees

There will be **no conference registration fees**.

The costs for dinners, lunches and coffee breaks will be on the organization.

Participants will have to book their room directly with CEUB: www.ceub.it/contatti/?lang=en The cost of accommodation is 35-45€ for a double room, 45-50€ for a single room per night.

Accommodation and venue of the Conference:

The Conference will take place at the **CEUB Centro Residenziale Universitario**: Via Frangipane 6, 47032 Bertinoro (FC) (+39 0543.446500)

The cost of accommodation is around 40 € for a double room, 50€ for a single room per night.

(https://www.ceub.it/contatti/?lang=en).

How to get there:

The closest airport to the CEUB is Bologna Marconi (BLQ), about 80 km away.

From **Bologna Marconi** (**BLQ**) you can then easily get to Bologna Central train station, by Marconi Express (a monorail train connecting airport to central station and vice versa). The Marconi express is operative from 5.40 am until 12 pm. Tickets are available for purchase at at the automatic vending machines at the departure stations and in various other ticketing offices at the airport and train station (Bologna): <a href="https://www.bologna-airport.it/en/passenger-airport-guide/transfer-from-and-to-the-airport/train-to-the-city-centre/?idC=62594&urlBack=back. From Bologna train station you should take a train to Forlì and then a taxi to the Residential Center (CEUB), Via Frangipane 6, Bertinoro. The fare amounts to approx. 30 euros per ride per taxi.

Contacts

Do you have any questions about the organization of the International Conference? You can reach out by sending and email to eula@unibo.it or by visiting the EULA website: https://site.unibo.it/eula/it