

AUTUMN SCHOOL IN “NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PRIVATE LAW” – II EDITION

General Information

Title: Autumn School in “New Technologies and Private Law” – II Edition

Format: Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Organizer: Università Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria - Italy

Partners: Krakow University of Economics - Poland, University of Brasov - Romania

ECTS points: 3

Total Workload: 24 hours

On-site classes in Italy from 22 to 28th October 2026: 12 hours

- 6 hours at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria
- 6 hours in Tropea-Capo Vaticano

Online seminars and meetings from 29th October to 26th November 2026: 12 hours

- “From Krakow to the World” from 29th October to 9th November 2026
- “From Reggio Calabria to the World” from 15th to 26th November 2026

Language of Instruction: English

Course Description

The Autumn School explores the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on private law, civil law, and human rights. Participants will critically examine whether AI is capable of changing legal reasoning, legal practice, and judicial decision-making, as well as the opportunities and risks posed by the increasing use of algorithmic systems in contemporary societies.

Through interdisciplinary discussions combining legal theory, technology, ethics, and policy perspectives, students will address fundamental questions concerning the relationship between human intelligence and machine intelligence in the legal domain. Particular attention will be devoted to the implications of AI for private law relationships, liability regimes, consumer protection, contractual justice, data governance, and the protection of fundamental rights.

The international and multicultural composition of the group will foster comparative analyses and dialogue among different legal traditions and academic communities, especially between Italian and Polish scholars, while also incorporating broader European and global perspectives.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamentals of artificial intelligence technologies relevant to legal practice.
2. Analyze the impact of AI on civil law, private law relations, and human rights.
3. Evaluate legal and ethical challenges arising from algorithmic decision-making.
4. Conduct independent legal research on emerging technological developments.
5. Compare national, European, and international approaches to AI regulation.
6. Critically assess the opportunities and risks of AI in legal decision-making processes.
7. Discuss the broader social, political, economic, and moral implications of technological innovations.

Expected Learning Outcomes

By the end of the Autumn School, participants will be able to:

Knowledge

- Explain key concepts related to artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- Identify major legal issues arising from the deployment of AI systems.
- Understand the interaction between technological innovation, private law, and fundamental rights.

Skills

- Engage in successful legal research using cost-effective research methods.
- Identify, interpret, and analyse applicable legal rules and emerging legal challenges.
- Evaluate novel legal questions and legal ambiguities resulting from technological developments.
- Apply comparative legal methods to assess different regulatory approaches.

Competences

- Situate legal issues within broader institutional, social, and economic contexts.
 - Analyze legal problems from diverse and global perspectives.
 - Assess not only the legal validity of arguments but also their ethical, political, economic, and societal implications.
 - Participate effectively in international and interdisciplinary academic discussions.
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