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New Technologies and International Legal Accountability

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Palazzo dei Priori

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23 OCTOBER

Dept. of Political Science

University of Perugia • Via Pascoli • Room 1

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Philippa Webb

University of Oxford
Opening Keynote Address

Marco Roscini

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Concluding Keynote Address

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1:00 PM Welcome Light Lunch

2:00 PM Institutional Address

Vittoria Ferdinandi, Mayor of Perugia
Massimiliano Marianelli, Rector, University of Perugia
Enrico Carloni, Head, Dept. of Political Science

2:15 PM Welcome Remarks

Emanuele Cimiotta, University of Perugia
Benedetto Ponti, University of Perugia
Nicholas Tsagourias, University of Sheffield

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

2:30 PM Philippa Webb
University of Oxford

PANEL 1 International Regulation

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

CHAIR *Alessandra Gianelli*, Sapienza University of Rome

Law Enforcement and National Security: What Difference in "Cyberspace"

Paul Wrangle
University of Stockholm

Securing Accountability for the Use of LAWS: Interpreting 'Context-Appropriate Human Judgment and Control' through the IHL Duty to Take Precautionary Measures

Eleonora Branca
University of Verona

When States are Silent: Transnational Legal Process and the Regulation of AI-driven Cyber Operations in the Absence of Explicit Practice

Ekaterina Martynova
HSE University Moscow – UNIDIR

Between Naming and Norming: Public Cyber Attribution as Legal Interpretive Practice and Its Impact on International Law Development

Goran Sandic
University of Belgrade

4:30 PM COFFEE BREAK

PANEL 2 International Dispute Settlement

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

CHAIR *Russell Buchan*, University of Reading

Alternative Dispute Resolution and New Technologies

Antonio Segura-Serrano
University of Granada

The ICJ as a Legal Venue for the Governance of Cyberspace: Has the Time Come for a New Advisory Opinion?

Marco Dimetto
University of Padua

Investor-State Arbitration as a Vehicle for State Accountability in Cyberspace: Promises and Pitfalls

Harriet Moynihan & Daisy Peterson
University of Oxford / University of Oxford

From Black Box to Bench: Who Judges Cyber War?

Ramdhass Perumal & Naman Rathore
Bhopal University / Bhopal University

7:30 PM Social Dinner

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PANEL 3

Individual Criminal Responsibility

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

CHAIR *Marko Milanovic*, University of Reading

The Criminal Accountability Gap: Mens Rea and Algorithmic Decision Support
Yuval Shany
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Artificial Intelligence and Individual Criminal Responsibility: A Paradox or a Possibility?
Milena Sterio
Cleveland State University

Disruptive Cyber Operations as War Crimes Under the Rome Statute: Obstacles and Pathways to Prosecution
Giacomo Biggio
University of Bristol

Cyber-Enabled Core Crimes Under the Rome Statute: A New (or not) Quiz for Interpretation
Yaroslav Halieiev
University of Tartu

10:30 AM

COFFEE BREAK

PANEL 4

European Union Law

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

CHAIR *Ramses Wessel*, University of Groningen

Attributing Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) Under EU Law: The Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox and Beyond
Johanna Kulesza
University of Lodz

AI-Powered Surveillance Systems and EU Data Protection Law: Rethinking the National Security Exception
Maria Tzanou
University of Sheffield

Wired at Sea: Subsea Cables and the European Union's Cyber Security
Giovanni Parente
University College Dublin

The Limits of the EU AI Act in Addressing Malicious AI Use by Non-State Actors
Francesca Tassinari & Julia Castro John
University of the Basque Country / Université Panthéon-Assas

CONCLUDING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

12:30 PM

Marco Roscini
University of Westminster

1:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Emanuele Cimiotta (University of Perugia) · Nicholas Tsagourias (University of Sheffield)

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