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Responsible use of neurotechnology in different social domains

30-31 October 2025, Amsterdam

Today, a range of neuroimaging and neuromodulation technologies are being developed that enable others to monitor and modify mental states and may be employed in different social domains, such as healthcare, criminal justice, the military and education. This conference aims to advance the debate on regulating neurotechnology in different social domains by bringing together experts in the field, working at the intersection of law, ethics and neurotechnology. In addition to invited speakers, we welcome abstract submissions for in-person oral presentations. Whereas the focus is on neurotechnology, we also welcome talks on other technologies and techniques that entail challenges in view of freedoms and rights over the minds.

Abstract submission topics may include:

- Moral rights over the mind
- Scope and foundations of legal rights for the mind (e.g., constitutional and human rights)
- Permissible limitations of legal rights for the mind (e.g., absolute protection, proportionality)
- Ethical principles and soft law instruments to regulate neurotechnology (e.g., by UNESCO and OECD)
- Supranational regulations relevant to neurotechnology (e.g., MDR, GDPR, Al Act)
- Domestic regulatory frameworks (e.g., criminal law, private law, administrative law)
- The relationship between moral rights, legal rights, and policy to protect the mind

Deadline abstract submission: 1 April 2025, submit via the conference website

Participation is free of charge. Registration fee for attendees: EUR 100, PhD students EUR 50 (including dinner)

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