

Call for Papers

International Law Association

Swiss branch

Law and Technology Interest Group Inaugural Roundtable

‘Technology is Global’

3 July 2025

University of Lausanne

The recently launched Law and Technology Interest Group of the International Law Association (ILA) Swiss branch is delighted to announce its inaugural roundtable on ‘*Technology is Global*’ on 3 July 2025 at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Providing a forum for different kinds of interventions, this roundtable will engage in ongoing debates about the impact of emerging and established technologies for the adoption, application and interpretation of law and governance mechanisms, as well as their impact on justice, fairness and equity. It will do so by asking questions about legal principles locked in current regulatory frameworks, and challenging the (in)capacities of the law to initiate and drive positive social, economic and environmental change. As some of the long-established guiding logics in national and international legal orders appear to collapse, this inaugural roundtable will explore reconfigurations of technological and political power to facilitate dialogue and reflection, questioning uncritical technological acceptance and internalized dominant narratives.

This is an open call that welcomes all viewpoints and experiences. We invite submissions that deploy a diverse range of methodological tools, conceptual frameworks, and theories. We particularly encourage submissions that challenge and extend disciplinary boundaries, from scholars, practitioners and researchers at any stage of their careers, to examine topics including, but not limited to:

- **Technological sovereignty**, including territorial, extra-territorial and outer-planetary considerations
- **New forms of forensics**, including e.g. geospatial analysis through uncrewed aerial vehicles, telecommunications and infrastructure
- **Organoid regulation** and other emerging neurotechnologies
- **Technologies of and in social justice**

- **Legalities of quantum technologies**
- **Data empowerment and human rights**
- **Human enhancement technologies and international humanitarian law**
- **Open source intelligence, data privacy and state surveillance**
- **Heritability and reversibility as legal concepts in genomic editing technologies** and other life science technologies
- **Artificial intelligence and machine learning vs. human agency and human dignity**
- **Dual-use technologies and international law**
- **Blockchain governance**, including and beyond cryptocurrencies
- **Intersectionalities and positionalities in law and technology studies**
- **Third world approaches to law and technology studies**
- **Philosophical and theoretical approaches to law and technology studies**
- **New trends in digital law** e.g. digital trade, digital biology

Submission guidelines

We welcome submissions from scholars, practitioners, and researchers in law and technology broadly conceived, as well as related disciplines. Please submit your proposal (300 words) via [this Google Forms](#) by **15 May 2025**. Proposals must also include the authors' name, email address and short bios (200 words), indicating whether they plan to attend the roundtable in person. The roundtable is expected to be held in hybrid format to ensure accessibility, with speakers able to participate remotely. Please note however that preference for presentations will be given to authors participating in person.

The Interest Group is unable to provide general funding for travel and accommodation, unfortunately. Given that we have a preference for in-person presentations, we may offer a limited number of scholarships to contribute to the travel and accommodation expenses of selected early career researchers who do not have access to sufficient funding. To apply, please indicate why you are not able to cover travel expenses and how participation in the workshop fits your research plans.

Selected papers may be considered for publication in a special issue or edited volume following the roundtable. For any questions, please contact the convenors of the ILA-Suisse Law and Technology Interest Group to lawandtech.ila.ch@gmail.com. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **25 May 2025**.

We look forward to your contributions and to the conversations on law and technology during our inaugural roundtable.

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