Call for Papers (for circulation)

Technology, Law and Society Research Unit – Launch Event
📅 **Wednesday, 10 September 2025**
📍 *University of Liverpool, Management School, Seminar Room 4*

Over the past decade, technology has increasingly permeated all areas of life—from finance, work, and education to healthcare, housing, and everyday experiences. Innovations such as artificial intelligence and blockchain are reshaping decision-making, governance, and participation. While these technologies offer exciting opportunities—including decentralised systems, enhanced democratic engagement, and new avenues for creativity—they also raise critical concerns, such as those related to surveillance, inequality, and exploitation.

Regulators, scholars, and citizens alike are often playing catch-up, struggling to keep pace with rapid technological change and its complex societal implications. There remains a pressing need to understand the long-term, structural effects of technology on the organisation of our societies.

The **Technology, Law and Society Research Unit (TLSU)** brings together scholars in law and sociology who are united by a shared curiosity about the foundational impact of technology on social institutions. We embrace interdisciplinary dialogue across the social sciences and humanities in our effort to develop holistic understandings of technology's societal consequences.

Our **launch event** aims to foster this dialogue. It will feature keynote speakers from both law and sociology, alongside thematic panel discussions. The event is free and open to all, and we particularly encourage **early-career and postgraduate researchers** to submit proposals and share their work.

Papers will comprise a 15-minute talk (plus 5 minutes Q&A), and can be anything from early works-in-progress to reports on completed research projects.

To submit a paper, please email:
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Call for papers deadline: 15 August 2025

To register: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/school-of-law-and-social-justice-university-of-liverpool/t-noanznp

To find out more about our research: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/sociology-social-policy-and-criminology/research/research-clusters/technology-law-and-society-unit/

We look forward to welcoming you to an engaging and thought-provoking event.