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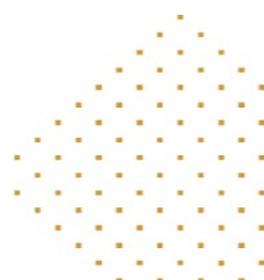
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1. Call for Submissions

The [Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology, and Society \(TILT\)](#) is delighted to announce the 9th edition of the TILting Perspectives Conference “**Between Values and Innovation: Tech Governance in a Multicentric World**” between **17-19 June 2026**. Join us in **Tilburg, the Netherlands**, to rethink and redesign, to inspire, instigate, and interact with the future of tech governance.

In an era of rapid technological advancement, the challenge of nurturing both values and innovation lies at the heart of future tech governance. On the one hand, there is growing concern over the ethical, social, and political consequences of unregulated digital technologies, from algorithmic discrimination and surveillance capitalism to data colonialism and AI-driven manipulation. On the other hand, societies must also sustain the momentum of technological innovation that fuels economic growth, competitiveness, and societal progress. Balancing these two imperatives means developing governance models that can preserve core democratic values and human rights while encouraging experimentation, investment, and openness to new ideas. This dual commitment reflects the recognition that innovation without values can lead to harm, while values without innovation may risk irrelevance or stagnation.

In times of polarizing global opinions, the future of digital governance is increasingly fragmented by competing geopolitical agendas. We are entering a phase of conflict short of war—economic, political, ideological—where power is exercised through code, infrastructure, and standards as much as through traditional means. From cloud computing to AI, from chips to data flows, tech has become a primary vector of geopolitical contestation. Ultimately, nurturing values and innovation in a multipolar world is not only a technical task but a political and philosophical one. It requires rethinking who has the authority to govern technology, whose interests are prioritized, and how to ensure that digital futures remain open, equitable, and democratic. Rather than choosing between innovation and regulation, societies must seek pathways that integrate both, using governance not to constrain technology but to guide it in the service of shared human flourishing.

We rely on infrastructures, platforms, and policies shaped by tech giants built on a libertarian ethos and fueled by venture capital, in our daily lives, across continents. Meanwhile, emerging technological superpowers are guided by nationalistic policies and strategic geopolitical ambition. Amid these competing forces, Europe stands to strive for *digital sovereignty* and *strategic autonomy* in a world where its technological infrastructure remains heavily dependent on non-European actors.

Effective governance in the digital space in this context will depend on the ability to build coalitions, recognize normative diversity, and develop mechanisms for mutual recognition and interoperability. More than ever, there is a need for inclusive dialogue that brings together different value systems, legal traditions, and innovation ecosystems. The goal should be not merely to harmonize rules but to foster co-governance arrangements that are flexible, legitimate, and resilient in the face of rapid technological change.

TILting 2026 will tackle these realities head-on. What does it mean to govern technology in a fractured global order? What tensions arise between promoting innovation and asserting sovereignty? Can values be upheld when the very architecture of the digital world is shaped elsewhere?

Keywords (in no particular order)

AI, algorithms, generative AI, ethical AI, algorithmic accountability, bias, fairness, discrimination, social sorting, deepfakes, code, neurotechnology, biotechnology, blockchain, innovation, innovation policy, regulation, governance, private regulation, platform governance, standardization, certifications, transparency, accountability, digital sovereignty, borderless regulation, data governance, data protection, privacy, data justice, data ethics, dataspace, data localization, surveillance, access to information, digital rights, manipulation, cybersecurity, cybercrime, resilience, platform liability, internet governance, competition, market power, gatekeepers, platforms, antitrust, intellectual property (IP), Digital Services Act (DSA), Digital Markets Act (DMA), Anti-Money Laundering (AML), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), ePrivacy Directive, environmental law and technology, climate policy, energy transition, sustainable development, Anthropocene, digital divides, (killer) robots, drones, strategic autonomy, digital sovereignty, infrastructure, cloud computing.

Keynote Address

TILTING 2026 will have insightful and enriching keynote addresses by *Prof. Anu Bradford* from Columbia Law School; *Prof. Gloria González Fuster* from Vrije Universiteit Brussel; *Prof. Helena Farrand Carrapico* from Northumbria University and *Prof. Ben Farrand* from Newcastle Law School; and *Prof. Michael Veale* from University College London.

Specialized tracks

1. Is it even mine?

Track Overlord: Dr Lorenzo Dalla Corte

Privacy, data protection, and surveillance

This track deals with the social, legal, and technological dimensions of privacy, data protection, and surveillance in a ‘datafied world’. *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*

2. Do Androids dream of fair decisions?

Track Overlords: Dr Giovana Peluso Lopes and Dr Pratiksha Ashok

Artificial Intelligence all the way

This track deals with the social and legal implications of Artificial Intelligence, from Generative AI to algorithmic discrimination and social sorting.

3. Ctrl+C, Ctrl+compete

Track Overlord: Dr Maurice Schellekens

IP, competition, and innovation

How do we boost competition and innovation, while at the same time protecting rightsholders? This track deals with IP law—copyright, patents, trademarks, IP enforcement and *sui generis* rights—and competition law.

4. Who let the dogs out?

Track Overlord: Dr Marco Bassini

Platform governance: disinformation, content moderation, and freedom of expression and information

From “fake news” to “shadow-banning”, society must now account for the ever-increasing power of digital platforms. This track deals with the balance between regulating platforms and fostering freedom of expression and information.

5. Click here to accept all threats

Track Overlord: Dr Irene Kamara

Cybercrime, cybersecurity and cyber-resilience

The internet is a dangerous place. All over the world, regulators are trying to make it safer. This track deals with cybercrime and cybersecurity law and policy.

6. The Global South has entered the chat

Track Overlord: Dr Pratiksha Ashok

(Data) governance and the Global South: moving beyond a tripolar world?

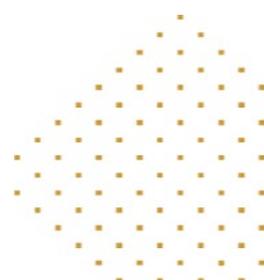
The attention of scholars is often focused on the EU, the US, and China. Those countries/regions, however, are not the only ones that shape the governance of data, networks, and infrastructure. This track spotlights current research on law and governance in the Global South.

7. Regulation without a flag

Track Overlord: Dr Panos Delimatsis

Standardization, certifications, and private regulation

The power to regulate, traditionally a prerogative of Nation States, is increasingly wielded by private actors. This track explores private regulation: standardization, certifications, and anything in between.



8. Weaponizing infrastructure

Track Overlords: Dr Ronald Leenes, Dr Panos Delimatsis, and Dr Chris Marsden

Digital sovereignty and strategic autonomy in a borderless world

This track explores instruments and models of regulatory governance and approaches to innovation that foster national and supra-national (strategic) autonomy and (digital) sovereignty.

9. Upgrade available (Human Rights not included)

Track Overlord: Dr Eleni Kosta

Innovation meets human rights

This track examines how cutting-edge technologies, from AI and IoT to blockchain and neurotechnologies, intersect with fundamental rights, balancing rapid innovation against the imperatives of privacy, freedom of expression, freedom of thought, and non-discrimination, among others.

10. Heroes wanted: the planet needs you

Track Overlords: Dr Rodrigo Vallejo and Dr Simon Vanhove

Energy transition, climate change, biodiversity, Anthropocene

By the power of law and science, we must unite! In the face of climate chaos, biodiversity loss, and the ever-intensifying Anthropocene, this track dives into how law, policy, and innovation can turbocharge the energy transition and protect our fragile planet. It's a call to action—because there is no Planet B.

11. I for one welcome our new Robot Overlords

Track Overlord: Dr Lilian Edwards

Classic Gikii energy. Resistance is futile.

We welcome:

1. **Extended abstracts** (min. 500 words - max. 1500 words) for presentation of research papers, position papers, works-in-progress and other academic contributions fitting the conference and/or track themes.
2. **Posters:** Legal research can be captured in a graphically attractive way. However, the use of posters is not (yet) an established way of presenting and sharing research, which TILTing seeks to change! The creative and simplified presentation of your research holds great potential and is a worthwhile skill to develop.
3. **Panels and interactive workshops:** The proposal should include: (a) A description of the panel/interactive workshop and its relevance and potential to contribute to the conference theme (min. 250 words - max. 500 words) and (b) Extended abstracts of each individual presentation that will be made within the panel (min. 500 words - max. 1500 words).
4. **Full papers:** These may be considered for publication in a special issue with one of the journals with which TILT has good working relations. For further information, please do reach out to us.

Extended abstracts for presentations and proposals for panels and interactive workshops should be submitted via the [EasyChair conference system](#) by **11 January 2026 23:59 CET**. For further information on how to submit your contributions to the conference please see "[Submission Instructions](#)" below.



2. Submission Instructions

1. Submission of extended abstracts for presentations

- ◆ Authors are invited to submit extended abstracts (min. 500 words - max. 1500 words, excluding footnotes, endnotes, bibliography) to the relevant track session via the [EasyChair](#) conference system by **11 January 2026 23:59 CET**.
- ◆ Abstracts can be submitted directly to [EasyChair](#) or via 'paper-upload' option.
- ◆ Multiple submissions to different tracks are permitted.
- ◆ Authors can expect the notification of acceptance of their abstract by 5 March 2026.
- ◆ Award: submissions by junior researchers will be considered for an award. The winner will be announced at the end of the conference and will earn eternal TILting fame.

2. Submission of Posters

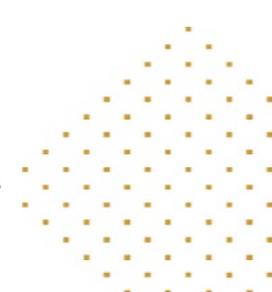
- ◆ Any researcher who would like to showcase their research in a smooth and attractive way, can submit a poster in English.
- ◆ Posters can be submitted directly to [EasyChair](#) via the 'paper-upload' option in PDF format by **11 January 2026 23:59 CET**.
- ◆ Authors can expect the notification of acceptance of their posters by 5 March 2026.
- ◆ Award: Each poster will be displayed during the conference. Furthermore, each TILting participant will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite poster. The winner of the poster contest will be announced at the end of the conference and will earn eternal TILting fame.

3. Submission of proposals for panels and interactive workshops

- Proposals for panels and interactive workshops fitting the conference/track themes should be submitted to the relevant track via the [EasyChair](#) conference system by **11 January 2026, 23:59 CET**.
- Notification of acceptance will be conveyed by 5 March 2026.
- The proposal should include the following:
 - A description of the panel/interactive workshop and its relevance and potential to contribute to the conference theme (min. 250 words - max. 500 words, excluding footnotes, endnotes, bibliography).
 - Extended abstracts of each individual presentation to be made within the panel (min. 500 words - max. 1500 words, excluding footnotes, endnotes, bibliography).
- Please include panel/workshop description and abstracts of individual presentations in a single document. The document can be submitted via 'paper upload' option on [EasyChair](#).
- Prospective panel organizers are recommended to reach out to conference organizers for practical details.

4. Submission of full papers

- Accepted authors have the opportunity to submit full papers (previously unpublished) for publication in a special issue of a journal. Papers will be selected for publication following a peer-review process.
- To be considered for publication in the special issue, papers must be properly referenced, be a maximum of 10,000 words excluding references, and include an AI statement.
- The deadline for submitting full papers is 5 June 2026 (the link for submitting papers will be provided to accepted authors via email).
- For further information and questions, please do reach out to us.



3. General information

TILTING Perspectives 2026 is organized by the Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology, and Society (TILT). For more information about the conference, please visit the conference website: www.tilburguniversity.edu/tilting-perspectives

All conference sessions will take place in-person (i.e., in a fully offline format) on the Tilburg University campus.

Address: Warandelaan 2, 5037 AB Tilburg, the Netherlands.

1. Registration Instructions

Participants are required to register for the conference by the registration deadline.

- ◆ All accepted authors, poster presenters, and each panel participant and organiser, will have to register by **15 April 2026**. Please complete your registration by the deadline.
- ◆ If you have issues regarding visa or travel, please contact us to show an intention of registration to ease the programme development.

2. Registration Fee

All participants are required to register for the conference by paying the conference registration fee. The standard fee is €350.

Specific groups of participants have a varied participant registration fee.

- Corporate Participants – €450 (May be eligible for NOVA Points – Pending Confirmation)
- Speakers – €250
- PhD Students – €200
- Alumni – €150
- Masters and bachelor's students – €50

Any participant can request a waiver by submitting a request to the conference organizers that includes a clear subject line, an introduction, and an explanation of the need for a waiver (e.g., financial hardship, limited funding). Please note that only a limited number of fee waivers are available.

3. Contact

General queries relating to the conference can be addressed to the organizing committee at TILTING@tilburguniversity.edu.

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