



CENTRE FOR IT & IP LAW

Research Colloquium on Law and Emerging Technologies – Call for Abstracts

11 December 2026

The KU Leuven Research Colloquium on Law and Emerging Technologies, organised within the framework of the bi-yearly conference organized by the Centre for IT & IP Law (CiTiP) on 10 December 2026, invites (doctoral or junior) researchers in law and emerging technologies to:

- ***Submit an abstract regarding their ongoing (doctoral) research to present it to a distinguished panel of experts in the field.***

Selected researchers will have the opportunity to:

- ***Stimulate scholarly discussion*** among peers in an informal environment during the research colloquium.
- ***Engage in substantive discussions*** and intellectual exchanges with the audience during the research colloquium.
- ***Receive constructive feedback*** and scholarly advice from the selected discussants presented at the research colloquium.

CiTiP Conference 2026 and Research Colloquium 2026

The Research Colloquium will happen within the overarching framework of the CiTiP conference 'Challenges and Future Directions in IT & IP Law in Light of the Digital Omnibus (and Beyond)' held in Leuven on 10 and 11 December 2026. This conference constitutes a distinctive platform providing an outstanding opportunity for scholarly engagement with current issues at the intersection of law and emerging technologies and pertinent policy considerations within the current societal landscape. This event aims to foster scholarly dialogue among academics, practitioners, representatives of global policy bodies, international organisations, and leading institutions.

The Scope of the Topics for the Research Colloquium 2026

The thematic scope of the Research Colloquium encompasses a wide spectrum of topics including but not limited to (ethical) and legal considerations in:

- **Artificial Intelligence Systems** – including the regulation of AI under the EU AI Act and Digital Omnibus, risk and trust frameworks, algorithmic decision-making, and AI in financial markets and the creative industries
- **Data Protection and Privacy** – including the GDPR, data transactions, biometric data processing, and fairness in data-driven environments
- **Children's Rights and Digital Technologies** – including digital child rights, age-appropriate design, age verification mechanisms, online profiling of minors, dark patterns, and the economic exploitation of children in digital spaces
- **Consumer Protection in the Digital Market** – including consumer law and new technologies, transactions involving personal data, unfair commercial practices, and digital platform regulation
- **Cybersecurity and Cyber Policy** – including the regulation of cyberspace, cybersecurity law, and national and EU-level cyber policy frameworks
- **Digital Surveillance and Law Enforcement** – including the use of information systems and databases for law enforcement and immigration control, and the fundamental rights challenges arising therefrom
- **Online Platforms and Content Moderation** – including the Digital Services Act, regulation of social media platforms, and online content governance
- **EU 'Digital Regulation'** – including the interplay between data protection law, AI regulation, consumer law, and other EU digital instruments
- **Digital Privacy and Online Surveillance** – including surveillance of movement, interoperability of information systems, and the right to private life
- **Emerging Technologies and Private Law** – including contract law and new technologies, comparative approaches, and the regulation of digital intermediaries
- **Healthcare and Technology** – including the legal and ethical dimensions of digital health, data use in healthcare, and AI-assisted medical decisions

Who Should Apply?

This colloquium is designed for junior researchers with a clear research trajectory who want to gain insights from senior colleagues and peers. The committee will select a small group of participants to deliver concise presentations on their work. Afterward, everyone will engage in collaborative group discussions to explore the complexities of their research together.

Venue

Leuven, location TBC

Important Dates for applications

Deadline for applications: 20 September 2026

Notification of selected participants: 15 October 2026

The date of the Research Colloquium: 11 December 2026

How to apply?

Applicants should submit the following documents by email to dr. Maja Nisevic (maja.nisevic@kuleuven.be) with the following subject line: 'KUL CiTiP Research Colloquium in Law and Emerging Technologies Submission':

- **An up-to-date CV:** including any prior speaking engagements or relevant teaching experience and a list of publications (if applicable).
- **One-page overview of the research topic:** containing 1) an abstract up to 500 words; 2) a specific key question the applicant would like to discuss during the research colloquium and 3) a short motivation as to why attending the Colloquium

PLEASE NOTE: All items below should be merged into one single PDF file named YOURNAME_Colloquium2026.pdf (substitute your full name where it reads YOURNAME) to the email.

Please note that attendance to the CiTiP conference on 10 December 2026 and the Research Colloquium on 11 December 2026 is self-funded.

Discussants

The following distinguished scholars will serve as discussants at the Research Colloquium:

Prof. Niovi Vavoula – Associate Professor and Chair in Cyber Policy, University of Luxembourg. Her research centres on the intersection of digital technologies and law, with particular expertise in data protection, privacy, AI regulation, cyber policy, EU immigration law and technology, and EU criminal law.

Prof. Mateja Durovic – Professor of Law and Technology and Director of the Centre for Digital Law, King's College London (currently on leave, serving as Judge at the European Court of Human Rights). His research spans contract law, consumer law, law and new technologies, digital platform regulation, and comparative law.

Prof. Andreas Kotsios – Associate Professor in EU Law, Uppsala University. His research focuses on law and new technologies, with emphasis on AI regulation, data protection, consumer law in digital markets, fairness in data transactions, and AI in financial markets and the creative industries.

Organisation of Research Colloquium (CiTiP)

CiTiP – Centre for IT & IP Law, KU Leuven

Questions:

In case of questions, you can contact dr. Maja Nisevic, maja.nisevic@kuleuven.be