Call for Papers

Artificial Intelligence and European Law: Competition, Intellectual Property and Fundamental Rights

University of Macerata – Department of Law
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The Jean Monnet Module AIcoIP (Deepening the Possible Impact of Artificial Intelligence Systems on EU Competition Law and Intellectual Property Rights) at the University of Macerata is pleased to announce a call for papers within the framework of its research activities.

Society, the economy, and the legal world are all significantly affected by the changes brought about by new technologies. Robotics, the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, and blockchain are challenging traditional paradigms, posing new risks while simultaneously offering important opportunities. These technologies raise a number of major legal issues, including the protection of fundamental rights, intellectual property protection (especially patents and copyright), the safeguarding of personal data, the preservation of competition, and the protection of the environment and ecosystems.

Within the scope of the Jean Monnet Module AIcoIP, the University of Macerata is organising a conference addressing European Union law, procedural law, and private international law aspects, as well as broader issues relating to commercial and industrial law.

Topics of Interest

Contributions may address, among others, the following themes:

1. Intellectual property protection and artificial intelligence.
2. Emerging technologies, protection of fundamental rights, and social impacts.
3. Artificial intelligence, ethics, vulnerability, and liability issues.
4. Data governance and the digital divide.
5. Democracy, freedom of expression, and online content moderation.
6. Cybersecurity and systemic vulnerabilities.
7. Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, and related legal aspects.
8. Transparency and algorithmic discrimination.
9. Applicable law and jurisdiction in cases of intellectual property infringement through artificial intelligence systems.
10. Competition law and the use of artificial intelligence systems.
11. Consumer protection in the use of artificial intelligence systems.
12. Alternative dispute resolution tools used by online platforms.

Target Participants

This call is addressed to scholars, academics, researchers, practitioners, and experts interested in exploring the themes of the Jean Monnet Module AIcoIP.

Submission Requirements and Procedures

Proposals for the presentation of an original, unpublished paper, in either Italian or English, must be submitted by **23 March 2026** to: c.grieco@unimc.it.

Submissions must include:

Title of the proposed paper
Abstract (maximum 500 words)
Short author biography (maximum 100 words)

The outcome of the selection process will be communicated by email by **30 March 2026**.

Authors of selected abstracts will also be required to submit a draft version of their paper (maximum 5,000 words) by **15 April 2026**, in order to allow timely circulation among discussants.

The organisers will cover travel and accommodation expenses for selected speakers up to a maximum of €200.

The Scientific Committee will select some of the most innovative working papers and invite their submission to leading national and international peer-reviewed journals focusing on the themes of the Jean Monnet Module.

Organising Committee

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