



ACELG PhD Workshop Call for Proposals

The Rule of Law in the Technological Age Challenges and opportunities for the EU

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Since 2010 the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance organizes an annual conference on topical issues of EU law and governance. In 2016 the ACELG annual conference will be preceded by a PhD Workshop, in which selected PhD students will be given the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss their research with their peers and leading academics working in the field covered by the topic of the annual conference, namely “The Rule of Law in the Technological Age”.

We invite papers in law and related disciplines on the conference’s theme, preferably addressing issues such as implications for judicial review, fundamental rights, law making, etc.

Topic

Technological innovations are crucial drivers of economic, social, and environmental progress. Law and regulation are expected to enable innovation while protecting society from unintended consequences, such as risks to public health and the environment, privacy, data protection and other protected interests. However, law is often considered either as an obstacle to innovations or as unable to protect society from their risks. While law’s inability to keep up with technological progress has been extensively discussed, the implications of technology for law remains under-examined. Both the ACELG annual conference and the PhD workshop will explore the ways in which technology transforms the very nature of law as an institution including its key concepts of the rule of law, legal certainty and rights protection. [More information](#)

Workshop format & timeline

The format will be as follows: papers are circulated prior to the seminar; participants present for 15-20 minutes, followed by feedback from a senior academic and an open discussion.

- Submission of abstracts: **on 15 September 2016 at the latest**
- Decision on applications: **30 September 2016**
- Submission of papers: **26 October**

How to apply

Please send a short abstract and your CV to Dr. Maria Weimer (m.weimer@uva.nl) until 15th September 2016. The abstract should not exceed a maximum of 500 words describing the research questions, originality of the topic, methods, and expected findings of the proposed paper. The papers will be selected on the basis that they fit thematically with the topic described and indicate scientific excellence.

Costs

Costs are in principle not reimbursed. However, in case candidates are experiencing problems with cost reimbursement from their institutions, exceptionally workshop grants can be awarded.

Convenors

Both the ACELG annual conference and PhD workshop will be convened by ACELG, and organised by its members Dr Christina Eckes, Dr Kati Cseres and Dr Maria Weimer.