

International Doctoral Workshop Law & Social Change 2026

Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza | Via Ostiense, 161-165 | Aula Morvillo (room 5)

15 January 2026

10:00–10:15: Opening

Antonio Carratta (Head of the Law Department)
Giorgio Pino (Director, Doctoral Course on “Law & Social Change”)

1st Panel (10:15–11:45)

Sustainability and Law

Chairs: **Morgan Harris & David Antognetti**

ALBERTO JACI (Università di Messina)
Private Autonomy and Sustainability: Rethinking Contract Law in the Age of Ecological Transition

ANNAMARIA CARRATO (Università di Napoli Parthenope)
Civil Liability as an Instrument of Sustainability in the CSDDD: Challenges and Future Perspectives After the Omnibus Package

MARCO SCIARRA (Università Roma Tre)
CSRD and CSDDD: Towards a Pivotal Moment in EU Corporate Sustainability Law

VITTORIO JACINTO (Università Roma Tre / Università Pegaso)
The Problem of Causation in Climate Change Litigation

11:45–12:00: Break

2nd Panel (12:00–13:30)

Digital Rights for a Digital World

Chairs: **Sirio Zolea & Vinícius Sampaio**

COSIMO PALMA (Università del Sannio)
Smart Contract: Tool, Property or Autonomous Entity?

GIOVANNI SORRENTINO (Università di Bologna / Universidad de Alicante)
Biometrics and Digital Identity: A Comparative Analysis Between The EU, India and The USA

KATARZYNA CLAPINSKA (University of Warsaw / Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Digital sovereignty of individuals in light of the AI ACT

LORENZO TRAPANI (Università di Napoli Parthenope)
Towards a European Digital Sovereignty: Can Data Reduce Territorial Gaps?

PATRICIE STARTLOVÁ (Univerzita Karlova v Praze)
Internet Platforms as Arenas of Digital Sovereignty and Transnational Regulation

13:30–15:00: Lunch

3rd Panel (15:00–17:00)

Legal Philosophy and Contemporary Challenges I

Chairs: **Matija Žgur & Cristina Alessi**

FLAVIO SCUDERI DI MICELI (Università di Palermo)
The Absolute Minority: Future Generations and Democracy

GIULIA FALLETI (Università Roma Tre)
Autonomy and Consent in the Era of Prenatal Genetic Testing: Ethical and Legal Implications

GIUSEPPE FOTI (Università di Messina)
The Semantics of the Commons: From Objects to Practices of Commoning

GRAZIA DONATO (Università di Palermo/Università di Messina)
Democracy from Below: How Resident Aliens' Struggles Expand Rights

KINGA MAJCHRZAK (Uniwersytet Pomorski w Słupsku)
Who Gets to Be a Parent? Reproductive Rights, Equality, and the Limits of Law in Poland

MICOL STIVALA (Università di Palermo)
The Role of the Body: The Legitimate Forms of Expression of Dissent

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4th Panel (9:30–11:15)

Legal Philosophy and Contemporary Challenges II

Chairs: **Giorgio Pino & Beatriz M. O. Sampaio**

CHIARA AGNELLO (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
Gender Stereotypes in Judicial Reasoning: When Cognitive Mechanisms Shape Legal Outcomes

DAVID ROCCARO (Università di Catania)
Vulnerability and Human-Robot Collaboration

ELIZA CHOJECKA (University of Warsaw)
Strategic Ambiguity in Legal Language as a Tool for Shaping the Behaviours and Attitudes

FRANCESCO ROSARIO MANDALÀ (Università di Messina)
On Legal Interpretation and AI: Problematic Aspects

MARIO ARMANDO SANDOVAL ISLAS (Università di Genova)
Interpreting precedent

NICOLAS CONRADS (Universität Tübingen)
Liberal Legal Orders and Social Change: Normative Reflections and Practical Implications

11:15–11:45: Coffee Break

5th Panel (11:45–13:15)

Artificial Intelligence and the Law

Chairs: **Giorgio Resta & Andrea Vigorito**

ALICE CAPUTO (Uninettuno)
The Digitalization of Criminal Justice Using Predictive Algorithms to Assess the Risk of Recidivism and Social Danger: a Utopia or a Possibility?

ARIANNA FIORENZA (Università Roma Tre)
The Rise of Digital Private Powers in the AI Era: Implications for Competition, Data Protection and Consumers

EMMA DIEZ & ALEXANDER RU (Universitat Pompeu Fabra / École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)
Shallow Alignment in the EU AI Act: The Case for Virtue

ERZSÉBET-ZSÓFIA SZABÓ (University of Miskolc)
The Impact of Automation and Artificial Intelligence on the Right to Work and Social Security

ROBERTO MARINI (Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci)
From Data Access to AI Accountability: Regulating IoT Ecosystems under the EU Data Act and AI Act