

MINDS, FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS CONFERENCE

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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DAY 1

Thursday, October 30th

09:00 – 09:30 **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE/TEA**

09:30 – 09:45 **CONFERENCE WELCOME**

09:45 – 11:00 **KEYNOTES** *2x30 min, 15 min Q&A*

Thomas Douglas (University of Oxford)

Jennifer Chandler (University of Ottawa)

11:00 – 11:30 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

11:30 – 12:30 **SESSION 1: EMERGING NEUROTECHNOLOGIES, NORMATIVE CONCERNS** *2x15 min, 30 min Q&A*

Timo Istace (University of Antwerp)

“Neurotechnological cognitive enhancement and human rights: A complex dynamic between empowerment and constraint”

Guido Cassinadri (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies)

“A multidimensional and multilayered characterization of the right to extended mental integrity”

12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

13:30 – 14:45 **SESSION 2: REGULATING NEUROTECHNOLOGIES** *3x15 min, 30 min Q&A*

Nora Hertz (University of Freiburg)

“The regulation of neurotechnologies in the new EU AI Act”

Julie van Pée (Ghent University)

“Neurotechnology and the metaverse in the EU Digital Regulatory Framework”

Virginia Mahieu (Centre for Future Generations)

“A policy proposal for borderline neurotechnology and wellness devices in europe”

14:45 – 15:15 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**

15:15 – 16:00 **KEYNOTE** *30 min, 15 min Q&A*

Marcello Ienca (Technical University of Munich)

16:00 – 17:15 **SESSION 3: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE MIND** *3x15 min, 30 min Q&A*

Felicitas Benziger (University College Cork)

“On the implicit recognition and protection of the “inner self” in European human rights law”

Diego Borbón (Universitat Zurich)

“Absolute vs relative neurorights”

Timothy Daly (Bordeaux Population Health)

“Expanding neurorights to include the right to lifelong brain health”

17:15 – 18:30 **DRINKS**

18:30 **CONFERENCE DINNER**

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DAY 2

Friday, October 31st

09:00 – 09:15

COFFEE/TEA

09:15 – 10:30

KEYNOTES 2x30 min, 15 min Q&A

Christoph Bublitz (University of Hamburg)

Britta van Beers (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

10:30 – 11:00

COFFEE/TEA BREAK

11:00 – 12:15

SESSION 1: THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT 3x15 min, 30 min Q&A

Emine Ozge Yildirim Vranckaert (KU Leuven Centre for IT and IP Law)

“A contextualized framework for freedom of thought”

Nina Keese (Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project)

“Freedom of thought as a precondition of a genuinely democratic society”

Bethany Shiner (University of Oxford)

“Towards a threshold for the right to freedom of thought”

12:15 – 13:15

LUNCH BREAK

13:15 – 14:30

SESSION 2: NEUROTECHNOLOGY AND CRIME 3x15 min, 30 min Q&A

Giuseppe Di Vetta (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)

“Ethical, criminal law and cybersecurity implications of brainjacking”

Carl Lewis & Jonathan Kwik (TMC Asser Institute)

“Brainjacking in cognitive warfare: Implications from humanitarian law and human rights”

Faustino García de la Torre García (University of Castilla-La Mancha)

“Neurocrimes: From Hypothesis to the Case for Criminalization”

14:30 – 15:00

COFFEE/TEA BREAK

15:00 – 16:15

SESSION 3: REGULATING NEUROTECHNOLOGIES 2 3x15 min, 30 min Q&A

Marta da Rocha Diogo (European University Institute)

“The brain and the law: Regulating the lab”

Talya Deibel (University College Cork)

“Contractual Intent in the age of beurotechnology: Rethinking private law with STS”

Allan McCay (University of Sydney)

“Neurotechnology and human rights in domestic law: The case of Australia”

16:15 – 17:30

KEYNOTES 2x30 min, 15 min Q&A

Philipp Kellmeyer (University of Freiburg, University of Mannheim)

Marta Sosa Navarro (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca)

17:30

CLOSING AND GOODBYE