

# **DIGITAL VULNERABILITY IN EUROPEAN PRIVATE LAW**

## **INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE PRIN-PROJECT**

**University of Ferrara, Law Faculty, Aula Magna**

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

### **Chairs and Keynote Speakers:**

Tatjana Josipović (University of Zagreb), Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University, Milan), Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras Ballell (University Carlos III of Madrid), Reiner Schulze (University of Münster), Maciej Szpunar (First Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union), Ignacio Tirado (Secretary General of UNIDROIT), Verica Trstenjak (former Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union), Herbert Zech (Humboldt University of Berlin)

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Claudia Amodio (University of Ferrara), Camilla Crea (University of Sannio), Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara), Amalia Diurni (University of Rome Tor Vergata), Marta Infantino (University of Trieste), Luca Ettore Perriello (Marche Polytechnic University), Loredana Tullio (University of Molise)

## Call for Papers

Within the framework of the PRIN-Project “*Digital Vulnerability in European Private Law*” (*DiVE*), we are planning the inaugural conference, which will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the Law Faculty of the University of Ferrara (please note that these new dates supersede those previously announced).

The conference will focus on the current and future legal status of the concept of digital vulnerability under domestic and EU law, analyzing both how the notion is currently used in European legal terminology and how rules and remedies are currently triggered by unequal situations in the digital environment.

In particular, the aim of the conference is to explore the links between the general notion of vulnerability and that of digital vulnerability, and to analyze how technology might exacerbate existing forms of inequality or create new ones.

Against this background, the conference aims to serve as a platform for offering a critical and innovative look at how the multifaceted concept of digital vulnerability stands *vis-à-vis* traditional paradigms of protection of weaker parties (such as rules on equality before the law, anti-discrimination, incapacity, consumer protection, data protection) and to what extent it might properly promote a ‘personalized’, human-centered, approach to the digital environment.

If you are interested in participating in the conference as a Speaker, please submit a short abstract to [digital.vulnerability@gmail.com](mailto:digital.vulnerability@gmail.com) **by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. In principle, abstracts should focus on the notion of digital vulnerability under domestic and EU law, but proposals from other disciplines and jurisdictions are also welcome. An international scientific committee will evaluate the proposals and provide feedback to the authors by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Selected Speakers will present for 20 minutes, followed by Q&A and a general discussion. They will be also invited to submit papers to be published in the conference volume.

We are looking forward to receiving your papers and to welcome you to our inaugural conference.

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