



Postgraduate Course AI IN LEGAL PRACTICE AND ITS REGULATION

2026/2027

Curricular unit

AI & Fundamental Rights

Responsible Academic staff and respective workload in the curricular unit

Domingos Soares Farinho (2 weeks)

Syllabus

(1st week)

Fundamental and Human Rights: concepts and distinction

Fundamental/Human Rights: principles and rules

Kinds of fundamental/human rights: civil and political vs social, economic and cultural

Fundamental/Human Rights as parameters for horizontal relations

Fundamental/Human Rights impact assessment: concept, models, cases

UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

The case of Human Rights impact assessment of Facebook in Myanmar

Fundamental/Human Rights and AI: scope of intersection

(2nd week)

AI, risk assessment models and Fundamental/Human Rights: an introduction to the subject

Models of AI risk assessment

The GDPR, automated processing of personal data and Fundamental Rights Impact Assessment (FRIA)

The AI Act and FRIA

Teaching methodologies (including evaluation)

Seminars

Debate of case studies.

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Books, articles and reports

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