



Postgraduate Course AI IN LEGAL PRACTICE AND ITS REGULATION

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Curricular Unit

AI for Contracts

Responsible Academic staff and respective workload in the curricular unit

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Syllabus

This course will cover selected topics of Contract Law, from a specific perspective: are the rules and principles currently governing contract law suitable to address the issues emerging from the use of artificial intelligence in contracts? These topics will be addressed from a Comparative Contract Law perspective, when possible, to ensure that students can take part of the discussions, irrespectively of their jurisdiction.

1. Nature and function of contract. Formation;
2. Algorithmic and AI-assisted contracting. Pre-contractual duties arising from good faith. The right to an explanation of algorithmic contractual decisions and human intervention as a safeguard;
3. Contracting for AI Systems: Governance, Risk Allocation and the AI Act;
4. From Regulation to Implementation: Contractualising the AI Act.

Teaching methodologies (including evaluation)

Seminars.

Students will be asked to prepare a detailed analysis of a case based on a hypothetical scenario that raises questions about artificial intelligence and contract law.

Main Bibliography

Martin Ebers/Cristina Poncibò/Mimi Zou, "Contracting and Contract Law in the Age of Artificial Intelligence", Bloomsbury, 2023;
Jan M. Smits, "Contract Law: A Comparative Introduction", Edward Elgar, 2021.