



Postgraduate Course AI IN LEGAL PRACTICE AND ITS REGULATION

2026/2027

Curricular unit

AI Regulation

Responsible Academic staff and respective workload in the curricular unit

Sofia de Vasconcelos Casimiro (classes: 12 hours; 1st week) | Roger Brownsword (classes: 12 hours; 2nd week).

Miguel Goulão (tutorials: 10 hours; 3rd week).

Syllabus

1st week

Sofia de Vasconcelos Casimiro

1. Introduction. AI and regulation.
 2. Legal framework for the development of AI.
 3. AI regulation and human rights.
 4. AI regulation and attribution.
 5. AI for security and military purposes.
 6. AI and the future ahead. Algorithm regulation.
- Workshop (LLM course).

2nd week

Roger Brownsword

- Seminar 1: Thinking about Law, Regulation, and AI.
Seminar 2: The Legal and Regulatory Governance of AI (The Regulation of AI).
Seminar 3: Regulation by AI (Governance by Technology).
Seminar 4: A Re-set for Law and Technology.
Final Q and A

Miguel Goulão
Tutorials

Teaching methodologies (including evaluation)

The following teaching methods (TM) shall be adopted:

TM1 – Expositive method (lecture/seminar with the possibility to interact with the students)

TM2 – Active method (analysis and resolution of case studies/exercises)

TM3 - Interrogative method (questioning and directed debate).

The tutorials are designed to answer questions, revise specific points of the subject (according to requests) and provide support in study, to solve exercises, or in research methodologies to prepare project/essay for assessment.

The evaluation shall be based on solving exercises; or on the submission of a project/essay.



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Roger Brownsword:

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