

## Law, Technology and the Human

A Conference of the AHRC Law and the Human Network

Kent Law School 6-8 April 2022

Venue: Darwin Conference Suite, University of Kent (Canterbury) <https://www.kent.ac.uk/timetabling/rooms/room.html?room=DConf>

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All sessions will be both face to face and online via Zoom. Links to the sessions will be made available to all confirmed participants and registered guests.

### Timetable Overview

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
	9.30am – Panel session 3	9am – Panel session 7
	11am – break	11am – break
	11.30am – Panel session 4	11.30am – Panel session 8
2pm – Welcome	1pm – Lunch	1pm – Lunch
2.30pm – Panel session 1	2.30pm – Panel session 5	2.30pm – Panel session 9
4pm - Break	4pm – break	4pm – break
4.30pm – Panel session 2	4.30pm – Panel session 6	4.30pm – Panel session 10
	Conference dinner (Darwin suite)	6.30pm – Closing remarks

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April		
	Suite 3	Suite 2
2pm – Welcome to the conference		
2.30pm – Panel session 1	<p><b>Law, Technique, Techne, Technology</b></p> <p>Roundtable chair: Jennifer Culbert (Johns Hopkins University)</p> <p><i>Mark Antaki (McGill University)</i></p> <p><i>Maria Drakopoulou (University of Kent)</i></p> <p><i>Shaun McVeigh (Melbourne Law School / University of Kent)</i></p> <p><i>Connal Parsley (University of Kent)</i></p>	
4pm – Break		
4.30pm – Panel session 2	<p><b>Technologies of the Object 1</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Ida Petretta (University of Kent)</p> <p>Shaping the judgement of Lord Mansfield in <i>Somerset v Stewart</i> (1772): Persons as property and decisions as objects <i>Anne Bottomley (Emeritus, University of Kent)</i></p> <p>Shit Data <i>Rob Herian (University of Exeter)</i></p> <p>Calming the shitstorm <i>Bernard Keenan (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Technics of Visibility</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Maria Aristodemou (Birkbeck School of Law)</p> <p>CCTV <i>Peter Goodrich (Cardozo Law School / NYU Abu Dhabi)</i></p> <p>Acting in the World <i>Jeremy Pilcher (New York University London)</i></p> <p>Smart Being <i>Serene Richards (New York University London)</i></p> <p>Representing Gaia <i>Katrin Trüstedt (Yale University)</i></p>

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April		
	Suite 3	Suite 2
9.30am – Panel session 3	<p><b>General Panel 1</b></p> <p>Panel chair: tba</p> <p>Reanimating Matter as Witness <i>Başak Ertür (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p> <p>Law’s Consumers and Platform Users: How competing constructions of humans legitimise online advertising <i>Jake Goldenfein (University of Melbourne)</i></p> <p>The Authority of Machine Listening <i>James Parker (University of Melbourne)</i></p>	<p><b>General Panel 2</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Alex Damianos (University of Kent)</p> <p>Is the Human a Juridical Species? <i>Ed Mussawir (Griffith University)</i></p> <p>Tools, Animate Instruments and Corporate Persons: A Political Theology of Corporate Technology <i>Tim Peters (University of Sunshine Coast)</i></p> <p>Epicurean Arguments on the Role of Technology in Normative Change <i>Stephen Connelly (University of Warwick)</i></p>
11am – break		
11.30am – Panel session 4	<p><b>The Legal Subject and the (Im)material Technologies of Text</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Maria Drakopoulou (University of Kent)</p> <p>A Critique of Digital Justice: Numérisation and its impact on Legal Method <i>Angela Condello (University of Messina)</i></p> <p>Architectonics of the Legal Text: Imagining Space through the Writing of Law <i>Hayley Gibson (University of Kent)</i></p> <p>Touching the Law <i>Thom Giddens (University of Dundee)</i></p>	<p><b>Senses of Law in Stiegler</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Connal Parsley (University of Kent)</p> <p>Technics, Law, and Justice in Bernard Stiegler <i>Conor Heaney (University of Strathclyde)</i></p> <p>Stiegler’s Hyper-materialism and the Laws of Matter <i>Marco Pavanini (University of Durham)</i></p> <p>The ‘Law of the Pharmakon’: Technology and Epistemic Harm in Bernard Stiegler <i>Ben Turner (University of Kent)</i></p>

1pm – Lunch		
2.30pm – Panel session 5	<p><b>Technologies of the Object 2</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Ida Petretta (University of Kent)</p> <p>Brand measurements: tachistoscopes, introspectometers and surveys <i>Jose Bellido (University of Kent)</i></p> <p>OBJECT OF UNCERTAINTY: justice and contingency <i>Nathan Moore (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p> <p>Tacet: What is a Virtual? <i>Alper Ral (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Law, AI and the human+: Demos, fascism and utopia</b></p> <p>Panel Chair: Christos Marneros (University of Kent)</p> <p>Law, AI and the human+: Demos, fascism and utopia <i>Matilda Arvidsson (University of Gothenburg)</i></p> <p>Regulating Autonomous Weapons: Posthuman Solutions <i>Emily Jones (University of Essex)</i></p> <p>Algorithmic technologies and the Fascist Lawmaker <i>Gregor Noll (University of Gothenburg)</i></p> <p>Panel respondent: Daniela Gandorfer (University of California Santa Cruz)</p>
4pm – break		
4.30pm – Panel session 6	<p><b>Kafka: Human Subjects and Legal Objects</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Christos Marneros (University of Kent)</p> <p>The “Burrow” and the Files of Officialdom <i>Marianne Constable (University of California, Berkeley)</i></p> <p>The Buffoon in the Glass Booth: Eichmann in Jerusalem and the Farce of Law <i>Jennifer Culbert (Johns Hopkins University)</i></p> <p>Kafka and Legal Furniture <i>James Martel (San Francisco State University)</i></p> <p>The Autonomy and Heteronomy of Life and Non-Life <i>Stewart Motha (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Ecotechnics With/in Law</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Jose Bellido (University of Kent)</p> <p>Technologies of Work and Labour <i>Anastasia Tataryn (St Jerome’s University at the University of Waterloo)</i></p> <p>Green Burial and Technologies of Death <i>Joshua Shaw (Osgoode Hall Law School, University of York)</i></p> <p>Law as a (eco)technical <i>pharmakon</i>: A genealogy from Kant to AI <i>Giacomo Capuzzo (University of Perugia)</i></p>

**Evening of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Conference dinner – Darwin Conference Suite**

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
	<b>Suite 3</b>	<b>Suite 2</b>
9am – Panel session 7	<p><b>Law, Technology and the Human: Feminist and Queer Perspectives</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Amalia Verdu Sanmartin (University of Turku)</p> <p>Whose Humanity? Foregrounding Women in the Complete Decriminalisation of Abortion <i>Mara Malagodi (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</i></p> <p>Dangerous possibilities: Mobility aids and legal personhood <i>Flora Renz (University of Kent)</i></p> <p>Crafting Queer Judgment: The Affordances of Queer Legal Technique <i>Danish Sheikh (Melbourne Law School)</i></p> <p>The Cinematic Apparatus and the Human in Graham Kolbeins' <i>Queer Japan</i> <i>Marco Wan (Hong Kong University)</i></p>	<p><b>Law and Inhumanities</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Alex Damianos (University of Kent)</p> <p>The Human Prism: Legal Techniques of Reflection and Diffraction <i>Kathleen Birrell (University of LaTrobe)</i></p> <p>Turbulent Flow and the Emergence of Planetary Norms <i>Margaret Davies (Flinders University)</i></p> <p>Law and Inhumanities: A climate of extermination <i>Daniel Matthews (University of Warwick)</i></p> <p>The Nuclear Option <i>Scott Veitch (Hong Kong University)</i></p>
11am – break		
11.30am – Panel session 8	<p><b>Biopolitics of AI</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Connal Parsley (University of Kent)</p> <p>Structuring Interdependence: understanding law and technology through figurations <i>Jennifer Cobbe (University of Cambridge)</i></p>	<p><b>Thinking the Human with Technology and Economy</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Maria Drakopoulou (University of Kent)</p> <p>The Epistemological Error and the Misplaced Being: The death of the liberal <i>Michelle Everson (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p>

	<p>The Risks of being Positive <i>Bernard Keenan (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p> <p><i>Capitas Ex Machina</i> <i>Christopher Markou (University of Cambridge)</i></p> <p>Why not automate? An examination of the authorisation for the use of Machine Learning Algorithms ('MLAs') in government <i>Alexandra Sinclair (London School of Economics)</i></p>	<p>"Once I Saw the River Clean": Fixed Capital, Drains, Ruins <i>Adam Gearey (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p> <p>Resisting Capital: Can we Learn to Love the Technological Mirror of the Human Soul? <i>Fiona Macmillan (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p> <p>The Tale of She-Devil and Man-Machine: Technologies of Mastery and Non-Mastery in Times of Meltdown <i>Oscar Guardiola Rivera (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p> <p>Re-appropriating Technology for New Forms of Class Struggle <i>Maria Tzanakopoulou (Birkbeck School of Law)</i></p>
<p>1pm – Lunch</p>		
<p>2.30pm – Panel session 9</p>	<p><b>Remembering to Forget: Data and Loss in the Infosphere</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Amalia Verdu Sanmartin (University of Turku)</p> <p>What a Lot of Rot: Philosophy of Technology Beyond the 'Fantasy of Abundance' <i>Dominic Smith (University of Dundee)</i></p> <p>Who is the Subject of the Law? <i>Ashley Woodward (University of Dundee)</i></p> <p>Law Forgetting its Media: Decision Quality and Automated Decision-Making <i>Connal Parsley (University of Kent)</i></p>	<p><b>Have We Ever Been Human?</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Daniela Carpi (University of Verona)</p> <p>Empty Shells. Public Forum and the Digital Post-Democracy <i>Pier Giuseppe Monateri (University of Torino)</i></p> <p>Rules and AI: When the Going Gets Tough, the Bureaucrat Gets Going <i>Paola Carbone (IULM University, Milan) &amp; Giuseppe Rossi (IULM University, Milan)</i></p> <p>Natural Born (Post)Humans: Black Mirroring Legal Issues <i>Chiara Battisti (University of Verona) &amp; Sidia Fiorato (University of Verona)</i></p>
<p>4pm – break</p>		

<p>4.30pm – Panel session 10</p>	<p><b>Law, Technology and Judgment</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Shaun McVeigh (University of Melbourne and Kent)</p> <p>Automated Judgment, Access to Justice and Narratives of Law <i>Patricia Cochran (University of Victoria) &amp; Freya Kodar (University of Victoria)</i></p> <p>To Explain or To Justify? Comparing Administrative Law Approaches to Evaluating Algorithmic Decisions <i>Jennifer Raso (University of Alberta)</i></p> <p>Human, all too human: corpus linguistics and the inevitability of judgment <i>Julen Etxabe (University of British Columbia)</i></p> <p>Humanising Digital Justice: Machine Listening and Bias in Online Dispute Resolution <i>Sara Ramshaw (University of Victoria)</i></p>	<p><b>Posthuman Legal Imaginaries – Logistics, Ecologies and Affect</b></p> <p>Panel chair: Alex Damianos (University of Kent)</p> <p>Electricity and the 'Force' of Law <i>Dr Sabrina Gilani (University of Sussex) &amp; Dr Lucy Finchett-Maddock (University of Sussex)</i></p> <p>More-than-human Rights to Data <i>Jannice Käll (Lund University)</i></p> <p>Tech-based Prototypes in Climate Governance: On Representing Human-Nonhuman Relations <i>Andrea Leiter (University of Amsterdam Law School) &amp; Marie Petersmann (Tilburg Law School)</i></p> <p>What kind of person does the GDPR protect? <i>Susanna Lindroos-Hovinheimo (University of Helsinki)</i></p> <p>Object-Oriented Law: Affective Aesthetics and the Governance of Technological Objects <i>Swastee Ranjan (University of Exeter)</i></p>
<p>6.30pm – Closing remarks</p>		