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“Technological sustainability and unsustainability”

1st Conference of the PhD in “Security and Law”

7 March 2025, University of Genova

Call for Abstracts – deadline: 8 December 2024

The evolution of technology and the advent of the digital era have triggered a profound transformation of society, posing new challenges to all branches of knowledge, including the legal one. While technological progress offers innovative solutions to many global challenges – such as climate change, risk management, security, social inequalities – It also generates new issues and concerns, raising a double set of problems: on the one hand, the use of new technologies for sustainability purposes and, on the other, their (in)sustainability, i.e. the potentially negative effects of their 'unregulated' use.

Many questions therefore arise: what do we mean by technological sustainability? What is the relationship between technological development and the perspective of equity and intergenerational responsibility? How can we design decision-making processes, at all levels, that are capable of integrating development and sustainability? What forms of regulation are best suited to the ever-evolving technological landscape? How penetrating should regulatory intervention be, without running the risk of becoming an obstacle to innovation? What are the unacceptable risks (for rights and freedoms) and the limits beyond which sustainability must necessarily contain the expansive force of technological development? Which technological solutions, on the other hand, open possible new spaces for sustainability and what is their regulatory framework?

This call, therefore, seeks to address these and other questions by collecting original papers that explore the various dimensions (as well as the very notion) of technological sustainability and unsustainability from a legal perspective (regardless of disciplinary

fields). Young researchers are invited to reflect on how the law can identify and exploit the opportunities offered by technology to promote sustainable development, while at the same time responding to the challenges posed by the inevitable risks it entails.

Submitting the response to the call

This Call for Abstracts is addressed to those who are attending a PhD program in the field of law or have obtained their doctoral degree within the four years preceding the date of this call.

To submit your work, please send an e-mail to the address convegno.srv@gmail.com with the following attachment:

- abstract in Italian or English (maximum 600 words) in Word or PDF format, containing the following data: name and surname, affiliation institution (if any), e-mail address; title of the paper
- *Curriculum Vitae*

Communication of the results of the selection procedure

By the end of December 2024, the conference organisers will inform those who have submitted abstracts whether their contribution has been accepted for presentation at the conference. The possibility of collecting the papers in an open access publication will be considered.

The conference will be held at the University of Genova on 7 March 2025.

Refund of expenses for speakers at the conference is not guaranteed.

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