

Editorial

Welcome to the second Issue of 2021 of the European Journal of Law and Technology. We present three original articles and a book review in this Issue.

In the first article titled 'Children's Right to Privacy And Data Protection', Cansu Caglar asks whether the Article on conditions applicable to child's consent under the GDPR tackle the challenges of the digital era or create further confusion. Caglar highlights that children and their parents are often unaware of the privacy and security compromises they make and all possible impacts of data processing, data linkage and data aggregation that may affect their rights and freedoms while using new technologies. The article analyses whether the protection envisaged for children reflects the cognitive appraisal of a child compared to an adult. It focuses on the requirements for obtaining valid consent from the child or parent for the processing of children's personal data, and discusses the challenges faced during the implementation and enforcement of such provisions in practice and whether these requirements are sufficient to ensure the protection of children's rights and freedoms.

Talya Deibel, in the article titled 'Back to (for) the Future: AI and the Dualism of Persona and Res in Roman Law', provides an interesting critique into the relationship between artificial intelligence and the classical origins of law. By analysing key concepts found in Roman law, Deibel argues that the 'search for accountability of the AI remains within the confines of the duality of persona and res, with its modern conception limited in comparison to the Roman law of slavery and its relation to dominica potestas, a key concept for the organization of Roman society'. This well-argued article offers an insightful contribution to existing debates surrounding the regulation of AI, by examining some of the fundamental concepts of traditional law and the inter-relations between humans and human-made innovations.

Robotics technology has been successfully applied in industries for a very long time. Its application to the agriculture sector, albeit not necessarily new, has shown immense potential and is increasingly being deployed in multiple arenas. In his article 'Robotics technology in agro-food SME clustering after the COVID-19 crisis in Europe', Christos Andrikopoulos points out the importance of identifying innovative solutions to the legal and socio-economic challenges posed by robots that have already transformed modern agriculture, food processing and the food distribution systems. The article examines how the 'agro-food SME clustering can cope with the disruption in the labour market due to the

advent of robots by supporting, through blockchain technology, a job guarantee that preserves the social aspects of work and strengthens the right to work for everyone'. Andrikopoulos advocates a special legal status for robot applications in this context in order to address the issue of liability, which he rightly acknowledges is a concern in light of the increasing use of autonomous devices generally.

In this Issue's book review section, Paul Kimani provides a review of Prof Abbe Brown's research monograph, *Intellectual Property, Climate Change and Technology* (Edward Elgar 2019).

Finally, we introduce a new section to the journal dedicated to reports from relevant conferences, seminars and workshops. Giorgia Spolverato provides a succinct account of the *Human & Artificial Intelligence Systems Online Seminar* organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA) in March 2021.

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