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# Artificial Intelligence (AI), Trade, and the Rule of Law

The Asia-Pacific Europe Law Institutes Alliance (APELIA)

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We have been captivated by Alpha-Go, experiencing driverless cars, considered smart contracts, tempted by crypto currencies, relying on the use of AI robotics in production, distribution, and product delivery; most importantly we are witnessing, with relief, its targeted application in the development of new vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, AI is also challenging scientific, ethical, legal, and regulatory norms. Where are we now and where are we heading as regards AI technologies? Who is responsible for AI's applications? How do we eliminate AI bias? How do we deal with cross-border data flows? What legal status may be most beneficial for stakeholders? Although initiatives on AI are being suggested and promoted by national and international actors, there is still a long way to go to reach a consensus on AI under the combined effect of a technological revolution and international political and trade arm wrestling.

With contribution from scholars of prominent law institutes in Asia-Pacific and Europe, as well as policymakers, judges, AI scientists and entrepreneurs, this multidisciplinary conference will examine and debate those challenges against an international context.

## PROGRAMME

**9:00-9:10** - Opening Remarks

**Professor Spyros Maniatis**, Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, United Kingdom

**9:10-10:10** - Introductory key conversation

Moderator: **Lord Clement-Jones CBE**, Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (2017-18) and Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence, United Kingdom

- **Professor Maria Liakata**, Turing AI Fellow and Associate Professor in Natural Language Processing (NLP) at Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom  
*“Towards creating time sensitive sensors from user generated language and heterogeneous content”*
- **Professor Xiaoyan Song**, Dean of School of Law, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and Vice President of the International Economic Law Research Association of the China Law Society, China  
*“How will Fintech influence the world development?”*
- **Yeong Zee Kin**, Assistant Chief Executive of the Infocomm Media Development Authority and Deputy Commissioner of the Personal Data Protection Commission, Singapore  
*“Smart Regulations: Implementing a responsive regulatory regime”*

**10:10-10:20** - Coffee Break

**10:20-11:20** - Panel A: Artificial Intelligence: Past, Present and Future

Moderator: **Professor Ian Walden**, Director of Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

Panellists:

- **Professor Weidong Ji**, Founding Co-Director of APELIA, and Director of Shanghai Jiaotong University Centre for AI Governance and Law and President of China Institute for Socio-Legal Studies, China  
*“The Domain of Computational Law”*
- **Professor Wolf-Georg Ringe**, University of Hamburg, Germany
- **Alessio Azzutti**, University of Hamburg, Germany  
*“Machine Learning, Market Manipulation and Collusion on Capital Markets: Why the 'Black Box' matters”*
- **Dr Tianxiang He**, City University of Hong Kong, China  
*“Towards A Regulative Framework of AI-Copyright Crisis”*
- **Dr Guan H. Tang**, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom  
*“Artificial Intelligence and Artificial Person: Don't Count Your Chickens Before Your Eggs Have Hatched?”*

**11:20-11:30** - Coffee Break

**11:30-12:30** - Panel B: Artificial Intelligence and Global Cooperation

Moderator: **Professor Feng Lin**, Associate Dean of the School of Law and Director of the Centre for Judicial Education and Research, City University of Hong Kong, China

Panellists:

- **Professor Jan Lieder**, University of Freiburg, Germany

*“From Corporate Governance to Algorithm Governance - Artificial Intelligence as a Challenge for Corporations and Their Executives”*

- **Professor Oreste Pollicino**, Bocconi University, Italy
- **Dr Giovanni De Gregorio**, University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
*“Rule of Law in Digital Transition: The Challenges for Digital Constitutionalism”*
- **Professor Huiqin Jiang**, Zhejiang Sci-Tech University, China
- **Professor Xiaochuan Weng**, University of New South Wales, Australia  
*“The Principle of Levelling the Playing Field for Foreign Investors: Optimising the Business Environment in China”*

**12:30-12:40** - Closing Remarks

**Professor Yuwen Li**, Founding Co-Director of APELIA, and Director of Erasmus University Rotterdam China Law Centre, Netherlands