6th Annual Courts and Justice Conference 2026

The Algorithmic Courtroom: Trust, Accountability and the Future of Justice

Date & Time	Friday 4 December 2026, 08:30 – 15:00
Venue	UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia
Organiser	Procedural Law Unit, School of Law, University of Nicosia
Scientific Coordinators	Dr Nicolas Kyriakides, Assistant Professor, School of Law Yiolanti Maou, Adjunct Faculty, School of Law

Conference Programme

08:30 – 09:00 **Arrival and Registration**

09:00 – 09:45 **Welcome Remarks**

Dr Nicolas Kyriakides, Conference Chair, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia; Director, Procedural Law Unit

Michalis Vorkas, President of the Cyprus Bar Association

Sylvia Efthymiadou, Director, Office of the Attorney-General

Andreas Pasiourtides, Member of Parliament, Member of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs, Justice and Public Order (online)

09:45 – 10:15 **Keynote Address**

Hon. Dr Dory Reiling, former Senior Judge, Amsterdam District Court; Lead Reporter, ELI Principles on the Digitalisation of Civil Justice Systems in Europe

10:15 – 11:15 **Panel I: Capability, reliance and practice – what can judicial AI do, and are courts ready for it?**

Moderators: Dr Nicolas Kyriakides, Assistant Professor, School of Law, UNIC

Speakers:

Dr Michał Jabłoński, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw
'The Readiness Gap: Technical and Legal Preconditions for Artificial Intelligence in Adjudication'

Prof. Frederick Rieländer, Professor, School of Law, Universität Bremen
'Algorithmic and Virtual Justice in the European Judicial Area: The Quest for Common Procedural Standards' (online)

Prof. Rabeea Assy, Professor and Vice Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa
Civil procedure and access to justice, and what AI-assisted adjudication means for litigants' participation.

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:45	**Panel II: Legitimacy and fair trial – can a decision shaped by AI still be a legitimate judicial decision?**
Moderators:	Dr Stella Mala Irakleous, Lecturer, School of Law, UNIC Cleopatra Khattab, PhD Candidate, School of Law, UNIC
Speakers:	**Dr Vagia Polyzoidou**, Associate Professor in Criminal Law, School of Law, University of Nicosia *'Reading the Defendant: AI and the Limits of Judicial Inference'* **Dr Daniel Atasiei**, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași *'The Algorithmic Courtroom Starts Upstream: Rook v. Germany and the AI Act'* **Dr Odysseas Christou**, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia *'The Jurisprudential Opacity of the Algorithmic Courtroom: Trust, Accountability, and AI-Assisted Adjudication'* **Nguyen Hai Yen,** Lecturer, Faculty of Economic Law, Hanoi Law University *'Judicial AI and the Right to Be Heard Before Judgment'*
12:45 – 13:00	**The Quality of the Justice System in Cyprus: IMR Annual Public Survey 2026** **Christina Kokkalou,** Founder and Managing Director, IMR/University of Nicosia
13:00 – 14:00	**Panel III: Human oversight and control of judicial AI – why, how much and by what means?**
Moderators:	Dr Antonis Stylianou, School of Law, UNIC Dr Nicholas Mouttotos, School of Law, UNIC
Speakers:	**Indrė Maculevičienė**, PhD Candidate and Lecturer, Mykolas Romeris University *'The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Shaping a Judge's Inner Conviction – An Invisible Adviser or a Risk of Mechanical Justice?'* **Yiolanti Maou**, Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, UNIC *'Reasoned Adherence by Design: A Judge-and-Clerk Model for Large Language Models in Adjudication'* **Prof. Gina Gioia**, Associate Professor of Civil Procedure, University of Tuscia *'"Ius Dicere" vs "Ius Praedicere": AI Integration, Judicial Independence, and the Limits of Algorithmic Adjudication'* (online)
14:00 – 14:15	**Concluding Remarks** **Dr Nicolas Kyriakides**, Conference Chair, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia; Director, Procedural Law Unit
14:15 – 15:00	**Networking Lunch**