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6th Annual Courts and Justice Conference 2026

(formerly the Procedural Law Unit's Annual Symposium)

Date & Time	Friday 4 December 2026, 08:30 – 15:00
Venue	UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia [google maps]
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

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

08:30 – 09:00 Arrival and Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Welcome Remarks

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

Michalis Vorkas, President of the Cyprus Bar Association

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?

Chair: Dr Nicolas Kyriakides, Assistant Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Dr Michał Jabłoński, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw

Title: The Readiness Gap: Technical and Legal Preconditions for Artificial Intelligence in Adjudication

Prof. David Freeman Engstrom, LSVF Professor in Law, Stanford Law School

To speak on AI and the future of the courts and civil justice in the United States.

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?

Chair: Dr Stella Mala Irakleous, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Dr Nguyen Hai Yen, Lecturer, Faculty of Economic Law, Hanoi Law University

Title: Judicial AI and the Right to Be Heard Before Judgment

Prof. Rabeea Assy, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa

To speak on his work on civil procedure and access to justice, and what AI-assisted adjudication means for litigants' participation.

Dr Daniel Atasiei, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

Title: The Algorithmic Courtroom Starts Upstream: Rook v. Germany and the AI Act

Dr Odysseas Christou, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Title: The Jurisprudential Opacity of the Algorithmic Courtroom: Trust, Accountability, and AI-Assisted Adjudication

12:45 – 14:00 Panel III: Human oversight and control of judicial AI – why, how much and by what means?

Chair: Dr Antonis Stylianou, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Indrė Maculevičienė, PhD Candidate and Lecturer, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius

Title: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Shaping a Judge's Inner Conviction – An Invisible Adviser or a Risk of Mechanical Justice?

Dr Vagia Polyzoidou, Associate Professor in Criminal Law, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Title: Reading the Defendant: AI and the Limits of Judicial Inference

Prof. Gina Gioia, Associate Professor of Civil Procedure, University of Tuscia (online)

Title: "Ius Dicere" vs "Ius Praedicere": AI Integration, Judicial Independence, and the Limits of Algorithmic Adjudication

Yiolanti Maou, Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, University of Nicosia

Title: Reasoned Adherence by Design: A Judge-and-Clerk Model for Large Language Models in Adjudication

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