



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special Issue Tilburg Law Review

#### *'Technology as a Connector of Organizations in a Socially Sustainable World'*

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#### **Theme:**

In an era defined by rapid technological advancements and intricate global networks, Tilburg Law School is excited to announce a call for papers for our special issue of the Tilburg Law Review (TLR) on a vital theme: *'Technology as a Connector of Organizations in a Socially Sustainable World'*. This Special Issue of 2025 delves into the pivotal role of technology in fostering socially sustainable connections among organizations within the complex framework of interconnected activities and globalized relations.

The impact of technology on modern society cannot be overstated. From revolutionizing communication to transforming business practices, supporting effective access to justice and dispute resolution, technology has become an integral force shaping our interconnected world. Such impacts can be traced to various areas such as:

- employment relations — visible, for example, in the use of algorithms and Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the workplace, the booming of the gig economy, and platform work and the impact of robotization on access to employment;
- corporate sustainability and transparency —ranging from, for instance, the use of blockchain for supply chain transparency to data analytics for social impact assessments;
- procedural justice – regarding developments looking to further digitalization and use of AI to support and forward public access to justice and improving the quality of justice services in courts, but also outside via alternative forms of online dispute resolution via private platforms or through certified bodies.

Along with many other challenges in the globalized world, the organizational use of technology raises questions of how to ensure a socially sustainable digital transition. Can technology enable infrastructures, (formal or informal) processes, and stakeholder relationships that support the capacity of future generations to create healthy, livable, equitable, connected, and democratic societies?

Understanding the influence of technology on connecting organizations and fostering social sustainability by putting people first in the development processes of our global economies is paramount. This Special Issue aims to explore the multifaceted dimensions of this influence and the extent to which social inclusion, resilient societies and people's empowerment are being promoted while addressing both its potential and limitations.

We recognize the need to approach this theme from various perspectives and disciplines, and we therefore welcome contributions from diverse fields such as contract law, tax law, consumer law, business law, labor and social security law, private international law, and law and technology. By engaging experts from these fields, we aim to foster a dynamic platform for in-depth discussions,

enriching our understanding of the intersection between technology, law, sustainable connections, and global value chains within the context of this Special Issue.

We welcome papers that address any of the following topics:

- Supply chain due diligence, in particular the implementation of digital tools and data analytics to ensure fair labor practices, combatting tax fraud/avoidance, improving traceability and ethical sourcing, and promoting social sustainability across the supply chain;
- Technology as a facilitator in accessing decent work and worker's rights, such as, worker's information; transparent, predictable and fair working conditions; health and safety at work, and equal treatment;
- Corporate transparency and sustainability reporting, for instance the role of technology in enhancing corporate (tax) transparency, providing transparent insights into workplace conditions and employee well-being, and improving social responsibility;
- The opportunities offered by the digital transition to enhance in the agency and representation of various stakeholders and to enable modern forms of industrial relations in increasingly complex and tiered business structures;
- Digitalization as a catalyst of the circular economy;
- Private international law perspective on digital developments for activities carried out by corporations and platforms;
- Use of technology in offering effective long-term remedies for dispute prevention and dispute resolution for weaker parties in a global society;
- Sustainable designs for procedural justice in court and out-of-court procedures, digitalization of justice procedures, technology developments to foster cooperation between authorities and between authorities and parties in cross-border disputes, platform design for private and public justice solutions;
- Use of technology developments such as AI for supporting and enhancing justice quality.

## Call for Papers:

Maximum length of the paper: 10.000 words, including footnotes.

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Please send inquiries and paper proposals to [submissions.tlr@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:submissions.tlr@tilburguniversity.edu).

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