

**European University of Rome  
Jean Monnet Chair in Digital Transformation and AI Policy**

**“Advanced Studies on the EU Data Act: an  
essential resource for economic growth, competitiveness, innovation”**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Jean Monnet Chair in Digital Transformation and AI Policy at the European University of Rome will hold a series of 6 Friday seminars and lectures – between March and May 2023 – on the following topic:

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Furthermore, a Workshop on [-] 2023 will be held in Rome on the following topic:

**“EU data strategy: a single market for Data, global competitiveness, and data sovereignty”**

In a time of epochal changes, digital transformation and AI profoundly affect today’s social and economic context and are key driver for advancing the European values, identity and active citizenship towards the new technology debate. As stated in the European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles for the Digital Decade, the EU’s approach to digital transformation is a key priority in order to ensure full compliance with fundamental rights, including data protection rules and equal treatment, principles such as technological and net neutrality, inclusiveness, as well as to enhance digital skills and competences and foster a high-performing digital education ecosystem.

While the widespread adoption of digital technologies has generated major innovations, offering new tools to address global societal challenges, the Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the pace of this transformation and increased the digital divide across the European Union, not only between well-connected urban areas and rural and remote territories, but also between those benefitting from an interoperable and secure digital environment and those who cannot.

As widely known, the proposed Regulation on AI is part of the European Union’s strategy for the digital single market, aiming at promoting the development of artificial intelligence, addressing its risks, guaranteeing legal certainty and facilitating investments and innovation in the sector. Its purpose is to define an ecosystem of trust and to propose a uniform legal framework for reliable artificial intelligence.

As a matter of fact, an horizontal, unified and systematic approach is a necessary condition to: a) define a common, reliable and predictable legal framework; b) build a consistent EU strategy and in turn a strategic leadership; c), strengthen Europe’s potential to compete globally.

AI systems are inherently capable of effecting health, safety and fundamental rights, that are key values at EU level. Thus, the AI regulatory framework shall address the interactions and intersections with these personal rights and advance a balanced approach consistent with innovation and competition policies through harmonized rules at EU level.

**SUBMISSION OF PAPERS**

Law and economics scholars, Ph.D. candidates, researchers, as well as industry experts are invited to submit **draft papers** or **extended abstracts** no later than 6 March 2023.

Authors will be informed by 12 March 2023, at the latest, whether they have been selected for the “Seminars and Workshop Series”. Each paper will be evaluated by two independent reviewers.

Authors of selected papers shall finally submit the final version of their contribution - that will be eventually published on the conference website – by 3 April 2023.

Please send your submissions to Prof. Valeria Falce (Valeria.Falce@unier.it) and Dr. Nicola M.F. Faraone (nicolamariafrancesco.faraone.culture@unier.it). You will receive a confirmation of receipt within a few days from submission.