



CLAIR – Centre for Law, AI and Robotics at University of Southern Denmark (SDU) is a research hub dedicated to analysing how artificial intelligence and robotics transform law, legal institutions, legal professions, and legal education.

Denmark holds a unique position to contribute the scholarly conversation: we are a global top 5 in digitalisation (IMD, WDCR 2025) and consistently ranks no. 1 in Rule of Law (WJP Index 2025). In the EU we are leaders in the use of AI. In 2025, 42% of Danish companies used AI technology – the highest share in the EU and almost double the EU average of 19.9% (Eurostat 2026). Likewise, 48.6% of Danes used generative AI in 2025, among the highest shares in the EU (Eurostat 2026). Denmark can make substantial contributions to the global conversation on how the rule of law can, from a legal, normative, and ethical perspective, address and regulate artificial intelligence.

CLAIR was established to investigate precisely this. We seek to contribute with research into how AI challenges, shapes, and is shaped by legal frameworks, and we hope to contribute to understanding and information of AI governance globally.

CLAIR is organised in five pillars, and brings together researchers across private law, public law, criminal law, EU and international law, legal theory and the legal educations.

CLAIR has a specific focus on AI and legal education, which sets CLAIR apart from other research centres on AI and law: we explore and intentionally pursue avenues to understand how law programmes can prepare future lawyers for an AI-enabled profession. We aim to create learning with AI – as an integrated didactic tool and learning about AI – reflections and competencies lawyers need when AI is the new assistant in the legal profession, in public administration, and in businesses.

We are also keen on our research pillar focusing specifically on AI and legal theory and sociology of law, exploring how AI affects the way we understand the very concepts of law and justice and the role of law in society.

Leadership and key expertise include:

- **Natalie Videbæk Munkholm** and **Ole Hammerslev** (chairs), leading research on AI governance, fundamental rights, sociology of law, legal professions, access to justice and legal education.
- **Ayo Næsborg-Andersen** and **Vincenzo Pietrogiovanni**, focusing on AI, robotics, and fundamental rights, liability, and accountability.

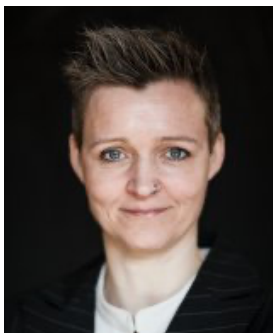
- **Jøren Ullits, Niels Skovmand Rasmussen, Morten Kjær, and Per Andersen**, contributing expertise in administrative law, business law, legal theory, and AI-enhanced legal education.

Together, CLAIR positions SDU as a leading legal research environment in the Nordics for understanding and shaping the role of AI in law and society.

We are actively seeking collaborations with academic and industry partners. Part of our idea is to establish a network between research centres in law and AI across Europe. We share the same concerns, contribute with the same competencies, and we believe that working in collaboration helps accelerate and promote this research field in a critical manner to the benefit of our societies.

Read more: <https://www.sdu.dk/clair>

People of CLAIR:



Professor Natalie Videbæk Munkholm

Chair of CLAIR

Professor Munkholm is a professor of private law, with a strong focus on how digitalisation and AI reshape the workplace. She explores the impact of artificial intelligence on the challenges and advances of algorithmic management, ethical implications of using AI for recruitment and dismissals, and the role of collective bargaining. She is experienced from research projects on digitalisation and the labour market, projects funded by the EU Commission, by the Nordic Council of Ministers, by the Danish Ministry of Employment. Her research focuses on how automation and algorithmic decision-making challenge core principles of public law, data protection, and human rights. Her publications on digitalisation and AI in the labour market are unmatched in the Nordics.



Head of Department, Professor Ole Hammerslev

Co-Chair of CLAIR

Professor Hammerslev is a professor of law whose research focuses on legal professions, legal ethics, and access to justice. His work examines how legal institutions and professional practices shape and is shaped by everyday operations of law, with particular attention to professional responsibility, power, and the organisational conditions under which law is delivered. He has published extensively on legal professions and legal ethics, and on legal aid and the role of law in addressing social marginalisation. His research combines doctrinal analysis with socio-legal and institutional perspectives and is closely connected to empirical studies of legal practice.



Associate Professor Jøren Ullits

Heads the pillar: AI, Robotics and Public Administrative Law

Jøren Ullits is an Associate Professor whose research examines the legal implications of artificial intelligence and automated decision-making within public administration. His academic work, including the publication "The Justification Machine," investigates how AI and decision-supporting algorithms influence legal discretion and the duty to provide reasons in administrative law. Additionally, he leads a specialized summer school on AI and Administrative Law and supervises doctoral projects focused on explainable AI.



Associate professor Ayo Næsborg-Andersen

Associate professor Vincenzo Pietrogiovanni

Head the pillar: AI, Robotics and Fundamental Rights

Ayo Næsborg-Andersen is an Associate Professor of EU and International Law whose research focuses on the intersection of human rights, data protection, and digitalization. Her work includes examining the legal implications of artificial intelligence (AI) on human rights and the potential for illegal outsourcing of legislative power through digital transformation. She is also a prominent expert voice in the media regarding digital surveillance and the legal challenges posed by automated "chat control" technologies.



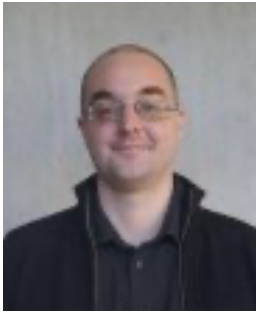
Vincenzo Pietrogiovanni is an Associate Professor specializing in Labour Law with a specific research interest in Labour Law and New Technologies. His work addresses the legal frameworks surrounding the platform economy, investigating the institutional struggles involved in the legalization of platform work. He often collaborates on research concerning European management rights and the legal duties emerging from modern, technology-driven working environments.



Associate professor Niels Skovmand Rasmussen

Heads the pillar: AI, Robotics and Business Law

Niels Skovmand Rasmussen is an Associate Professor who specializes in navigating the "regulatory tsunami" facing the financial industry due to digitalization and modern regulatory reforms. His research focuses on financial innovation, particularly investigating the legal challenges posed by crypto-assets and the evolution of EU payment services regulation. Through his work, grounded in doctrinal legal method, he addresses how legal frameworks can maintain consistency while adapting to a technology-driven and increasingly digital global market. This extends not only across the national–EU divide, but also to the interaction between public and private law within national legal systems.



Associate professor Morten Kjær

Heads the pillar: AI, Robotics and Legal theory

Morten Kjær is an Associate Professor in Legal History and Legal Methodology who investigates how societal changes influence the evolution of the law. While primarily a legal historian, he integrates contemporary developments into his work by researching the relationship between legal methodology and digitalization. His focus in this area examines how modern digital transformations impact traditional legal sources and methods as well as legal theory.



Professor, Deputy Head of Department for Education, Per Andersen

Heads the pillar: AI, Robotics and the legal education

Per Andersen is a Professor of law whose research profile has expanded to include the digitalization of law as a major phenomenon. He explores how artificial intelligence will transform the justice system, specifically addressing whether AI "robots" might eventually be capable of issuing legal judgments. Beyond research, he is dedicated to integrating digital competencies into legal education and teaches courses on digitalization and law. As former pro-dean of Education at Aarhus BSS, he brings his focus on advancing the legal education into play in the new realm of AI in society.