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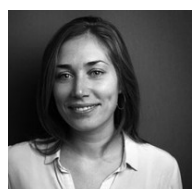


Andrej Savin

Professor of IT Law and Internet Law at Copenhagen Business School

Andrej Savin is Professor of IT Law and Internet Law at CBS LAW, Copenhagen Business School, where he has worked since 2007 and previously served as Director of the department. He holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge, where he was formerly a lecturer. His research focuses on EU internet regulation and policy, telecommunications law, and the interplay between law, management and business strategy in the digital economy. He is the author of EU Internet Law (Edward Elgar) and co-editor of the Research Handbook on EU Internet Law, and acts as a commentator in the conference's panel on automation and surveillance.

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Anja Møller Pedersen

Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Copenhagen

Anja Møller Pedersen is Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Human Rights, Technology and Data Protection Law at the Centre for Law and Security (CERES), Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, and affiliated researcher at the Danish Institute for Human Rights. She defended her PhD in 2023 on the fundamental rights to privacy and data protection in the EU legal order. Her research focuses on the intersections between human rights, technology and data protection law, in particular the digitalisation of policing and intelligence, such as e.g. surveillance technologies and digital investigatory tools. Her conference talk addresses algorithmically generated suspicion in the context of AI and data-driven policing

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Anne Gerdes

Professor at the University of Southern Denmark

Anne Gerdes is Professor at the Department of Design, Media and Educational Science at the University of Southern Denmark, where she also leads the Center for AI Ethics. She researches and teaches in the intersection of applied ethics and computer science. Her research focuses on IT and AI ethics, AI ethics in healthcare, data ethics, AI Ethics by Design, robo-ethics, and privacy. At the conference, she speaks on “Deskilled by Design? AI and the future of judgement in healthcare,” examining what automation does to professional judgment.

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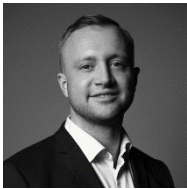
Béatrice Schütte

Assistant Professor of Law and AI at the University of Lapland

Béatrice Schütte is Assistant Professor of Law and AI (a five-year tenure-track PS Fellow position, 2026–2030) at the Faculty of Law, University of Lapland, and a visiting researcher at the University of Helsinki. She received her doctoral degree in law from Aarhus University in 2014 and has since held research positions at Nantes, Lapland and Helsinki. Her research addresses the regulation of AI and digital technologies, liability for harm caused by AI,

emotional AI, automated decision-making and sustainability. At the conference she speaks on civil liability for emotional, agentic AI companions under EU law.

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Casper Laursen

CEO and Co-founder of Pandektes

Casper Laursen is the CEO and co-founder of Pandektes, a Copenhagen-based legal-technology company he founded in 2023 with Søren Brokær. Pandektes develops an AI-powered legal research platform that makes case law, legislation and other legal sources across EU jurisdictions searchable and accessible, with the goal of building a comprehensive European legal database. The company serves law firms, in-house teams and public authorities in Denmark and Germany and raised €2.9 million in seed funding in 2025. At the conference he brings the perspective of AI-driven legal practice to the panel on legal education and the profession.

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Jan Trzaskowski

Professor of Law at Aalborg University

Jan Trzaskowski is a law professor at Aalborg University. Since the mid-1990s, he has specialised in the legal and regulatory aspects of information technology, with a particular focus on data protection law, consumer protection law and fundamental rights. He is the author of the book *Your Privacy Is Important to Us! – Restoring Human Dignity in Data-Driven Marketing* (Ex Tuto 2021; www.ypii.eu). He is currently focusing on the regulation of artificial intelligence (AI) and data-driven business models, including the role of human dignity. He sits on the Danish Radio and Television Board (Radio- og tv-nævnet).

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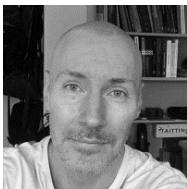


Jesper Løffler Nielsen

Attorney (PhD) at Focus Advokater; External Lecturer at the University of Southern Denmark

Jesper Løffler Nielsen holds a PhD in IT law from the University of Southern Denmark (2016) and is a Certified IT Attorney. He is Associate Partner and Head of the Tech Team at Focus Advokater in Odense, where he advises on the legal aspects of modern technologies — software, cloud, IoT, robots, drones and AI — including IT contracts, data protection, cyber security and the interplay of new EU technology regulations. He is also an external lecturer in IT law and technology law at the University of Southern Denmark, and acts as a commentator in the Day 2 panel.

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Jøren Ullits

Professor of Administrative Law at Roskilde University

Jøren Ullits is Professor of Administrative Law at Roskilde University (RUC). His research sits at the intersection of administrative law and technology, including the use of profiling and algorithmic risk-scoring systems in public enforcement and the legal threshold at which an algorithmic risk score amounts to suspicion in law. He is affiliated with CLAIR – Centre of Law, AI and Robotics at the University of Southern Denmark and is one of the organisers of the conference.

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Lee Bygrave

Professor at the University of Oslo

Lee A. Bygrave is Professor at the Department of Private Law, University of Oslo, and Director of the Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law (NRCCL). Awarded a dr. juris from Oslo in 2000, he has for over three decades researched and advised on the regulation of information and communications technology, acting as expert advisor for bodies including the European Commission and the Norwegian government. Much of his work centres on privacy and data protection law — his books *Data Protection Law* (Kluwer, 2002) and *Data Privacy Law: An International Perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2014) are standard international texts, and he co-edited and co-authored the OUP GDPR Commentary (2020). He currently leads the project ‘Truth, Information, Democracy and Law’ (TIDAL) which examines the interaction of law and information disorder.

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Mareile Kaufmann

Professor at the University of Oslo

Mareile Kaufmann is Professor at the Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo, where she has helped establish and consolidate the field of “digital criminology.” Her research examines data practices in the context of surveillance and crime control, including predictive policing, dataveillance and forensic genetics, using qualitative methods. She holds a PhD in Criminology from the University of Hamburg, was awarded an ERC Starting Grant for her project “Digital DNA” (2020) and received the Radzinowicz Prize in 2019. Her conference talk, “Encoded bodies,” explores how law, psychology and genetics have shaped the prediction of antisocial behaviour.

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Michael Herbing

AI Content Lead at Karnov Group

Michael Herbing is AI Content Lead at Karnov Group, where he has been a key contributor to the development of KAILA (the Karnov AI Legal Assistant), launched in 2024 and used by law firms, authorities and companies across the Nordics. He holds a PhD in law and has been affiliated with the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen as a part-time lecturer since 2019. His work centres on the application of AI to legal research and the role of expert-authored legal content in ensuring reliable legal AI. He joins the panel on legal education and the profession.

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Mika Viljanen

Professor of Private Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Turku

Mika Viljanen is Professor of Private Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Turku. He defended his doctoral dissertation on the quantification of damages in tort and contract in 2008, and his work combines doctrinal private law (contract and torts) with legal theory, socio-legal approaches, regulatory theory and, increasingly, the regulation of AI and autonomous systems. His article “Safety by simulation: theorizing the future of robot regulation” (AI & Society, 2023) informs his conference talk on the future of robot regulation.

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Natalie Videbæk Munkholm

Professor and Director of CLAIR at the University of Southern Denmark

Natalie Videbæk Munkholm is Professor at the Department of Law, University of Southern Denmark, and Director of CLAIR – Centre of Law, AI and Robotics (previously at the Department of Law, Aarhus University). Her research focuses on labour law and industrial relations, comparative and EU labour law, and the impact of digitalisation and new technologies on the workplace and the employment relationship. She has led and participated in numerous international research projects and edited volumes on managers in European law and collective labour relations. At the conference she gives a talk (title to be announced), serves as a commentator and helps facilitate the pre-conference PhD workshop.

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Niels Christian Ellegaard

Partner at Plesner and Ph.D. fellow at the University of Copenhagen

Niels Christian Ellegaard is a partner in the Digital, Tech and Commercial team at the law firm Plesner in Copenhagen, where he advises on IT, telecom, technology and outsourcing, including contracts, regulatory matters, and disputes. A certified IT attorney and former chairman of the board of the Association of Danish IT Attorneys. He is the author of the book *Robots Entering the Legal Profession* (2019) and a sought-after speaker on AI. As of 1 January 2026, he has commenced a Ph.D. project at the University of Copenhagen regarding "AI in legal decision-making - the human machine interface". At the conference he brings the perspective of legal practice to the panel on legal education and the profession.

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Rebecca Schmidt

Associate Professor at Oslo Metropolitan University

Rebecca Schmidt is Associate Professor at Oslo Business School, Oslo Metropolitan University. She holds a PhD from the European University Institute and an LLM from New York University, and was previously a postdoctoral researcher at the Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law, University of Oslo. Her research examines interactions between transnational regulatory actors, standard-setting and the governance of emerging technologies and AI. Her monograph *Regulatory Integration across Borders* is published by Cambridge University Press. At the conference she speaks on "Beyond Academic Integrity," addressing Article 50 of the AI Act and the governance of AI in higher education.

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Sebastian Schwemer

Professor of Law and Technology at BI Norwegian Business School

Sebastian Felix Schwemer is Professor of Law and Technology at BI Norwegian Business School and Associate Professor (on leave) at the Centre for Information and Innovation Law (CIIR) at the University of Copenhagen, where he previously served as Director. His research addresses the regulation of — and by — technology, including digital copyright, platform regulation, content moderation, algorithmic governance and automation. He advised the European Commission on the revision of the e-Commerce Directive (the Digital Services Act) and received the Tietgen Prize in 2018. He is one of the conference organisers.

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Stanley Greenstein

Associate Professor (Docent) at Stockholm University

Stanley Greenstein (Jur. Dr.) is an Associate Professor (Docent) in Law and Information Technology at the Faculty of Law, Stockholm University. He is Chairman of the Board, Swedish Law and Informatics Research Institute (IRI, <<https://irilaw.org/>>) and board member of the Trust for Legal Information (<<https://rattsinfo.se>>) and Trust for Legal Faculty Literature (<<https://www.sjfstockholm.se>>). His main academic focus is the study of the relationship between law and technology, with his research, project participation and teaching reflecting a cross-disciplinary approach. His main area of research focuses on the legal regulation of emerging technologies (artificial intelligence) and the use of emerging technologies in the legislative process. Consequently, themes such as proactive legal design, soft law regulation, ethical considerations, and the rule of law receive special focus.

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Stefan Larsson

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Stefan Larsson is Associate Professor in Technology and Social Change at Lund University, Department of Technology and Society (LTH), where he leads an interdisciplinary research group on AI and Society. He holds dual PhDs — one in Sociology of Law and one in Spatial Planning — and his research focuses on social and normative implications of AI and adaptive technologies in both private and public domains, ranging from the public sector decision-making to mammography screening and social robotics. In addition, he is co-PI for the Swedish WASP-HS research cluster on The AI Welfare State, and was recently a visiting researcher at a lab for human-robot interaction at Kyoto University in Japan.

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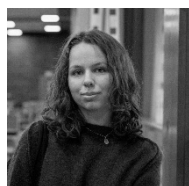


Thomas Hoffmann

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Thomas Hoffmann is Professor of Private Law at TalTech Law School, Tallinn University of Technology, where he was appointed associate professor in 2016 and elected professor in 2019. He obtained his law degree and PhD at the University of Heidelberg and holds an LLM in Polish business law. His research addresses comparative private law — especially contract, consumer and insolvency law — private international law, and the interaction between law and technology, including contracts in digital environments. He is also Of Counsel at bnt attorneys in Tallinn. His conference talk examines “Agentic AI, jailbreaking and scheming under the AI Act.”

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Kaja Øien Hultgren and Maria M. Moen are law students at the University of Oslo and co-authors of JOU 2026:1 on AI in legal education, which they present at the conference.



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