



INFORMATICS COLLOQUIUM

Speaker:

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AI as assistant to judges or their future substitute? Risks of social disruption.

Abstract:

AI may become an assistant to judges, a sparring partner or even a substitute in the role of a judge. How is this possible? What are the limits? And, as a consequence, what are the social disruptive effects of judges using AI at different levels of implication in drafting judgments.

Some framework has been put in place by the EU (e.g. AI Act). One wonders to what extent this will be sufficient to avoid the disruptive effects of AI in the field of the judiciary. This presentation aims at explaining the benefits and risks, as well as the potential course of action, in using AI in the judiciary.

Bio:

Pascal Pichonnaz is currently professor (since 2000) for Swiss contract law, Roman law, as well as European consumer law and comparative contract law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg. Pichonnaz was Dean of the Faculty of Law from 2014–2017 and published several books on various aspects of contract law (Swiss and comparative law), Roman law, as well as unfair competition and family law. Pichonnaz is also a member of several boards of legal periodicals. Since September 2021, he is the President of the European Law Institute, an independent organization, member based, supported by the European Commission, regrouping academics, Supreme court judges, attorneys and many European Associations, to enhance the quality of European law.

He is active as an international commercial arbitrator (ICC, Swiss Rules-SCAI, ad hoc). He has been member of the board and then president in 2008–2009 of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA). He is also currently Chair of the Swiss Federal Commission for Consumers.

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