



CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

The most recent scientific and technological developments are affecting deeply and irreversibly individual and social habits, inter-personal, social, political, and economic relationships, and therefore also the role, action, and organisation of public institutions.

These trends represent a crucial challenge to the core of legal systems, both from a legal theoretical perspective, and from the points of view of rights and duties, and of forms of government (e.g. the role of science and technology in the definition of the legislative, executive, and judicial function; from technical to technological discretion).

In particular, three dimensions appear to be decisive for both present and future scenarios:

Digital technologies. Internet in general, and the internet of things in particular, artificial intelligence, the development of big data, the use of algorithms in public and private decision-making (including blockchain technology) represent important opportunities and at the same time pose radical challenges to public law, concerning administrative, constitutional and judicial decision-making, information law, political participation, and health governance.

Neurosciences. Understanding and predicting in quantitative terms cognitive processes and neuronal activities entails the need to redefine the concept of legal subject, and to re-think key categories such as those of liberties, responsibility, duty, right.

Genomics. The complete mapping of human DNA and the development genetic editing techniques allow for analysis, predictions, and manipulations that question the core of concepts such as those of person and dignity.

On the one hand, these interactions between public law and technology induce to deeply re-think long-standing legal categories, including the public-private divide; on the other hand, they beg the creation of a new multidisciplinary epistemic community, capable of bridging the existing cultural and disciplinary divides.

The second conference of the Italian Chapter of the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S, www.icon-society.org), which will take place in Florence on November 22nd-23rd, 2019, aims at encouraging the engagement with these themes, in the multidisciplinary perspective that characterises ICON-S.

Researchers from all areas of law (public law, constitutional law, administrative law, international law, European Union law, criminal law, corporate and trade law, law and economics, and all related fields) and from sociology, political science, economics, and informatics and computer science, at any stage of their career, are encouraged to participate.

Proposals will be selected on the grounds of the abstracts (max. 800 words) and paper descriptions (max. 1000 words), to be submitted, in Italian or English, by **July 10th, 2019** via the website <http://www.iconsfirenze2019.it/>. Panel proposals can include a maximum of 5



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participants, including the chair/discussant; the composition of each panel must respect the principles of multidisciplinary, intergenerationality and gender equality.

The outcome of the selection procedure will be notified by **September 30th, 2019**.

The final versions of the contributions presented at the conference may be submitted for publication on Forum dei Quaderni Costituzionali, IRPA Working Papers, Italian Journal of Public Law. The best contributions will be considered for publication on Diritto Pubblico. In both cases, proposed contributions will have to go through the ordinary selection procedure.

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