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# New Technologies and International Legal Accountability

*22–23 October 2026*

Perugia, Italy



**22 OCTOBER**

**Palazzo dei Priori**

*Sala dei Notari • Piazza IV Novembre*

**23 OCTOBER**

**Dept. of Political Science**

*University of Perugia • Via Pascoli • Room 1*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Philippa Webb**

University of Oxford  
*Opening Keynote Address*

**Marco Roscini**

University of Westminster  
*Concluding Keynote Address*

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Emanuele Cimiotta

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## INFO & REGISTRATION

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22 October 2026

1:00 PM Welcome Light Lunch

2:00 PM Opening Addresses

Vittoria Ferdinandi, Mayor of Perugia  
Massimiliano Marianelli, Rector, University of Perugia  
Enrico Carloni, Head, Dept. of Political Science

2:15 PM Welcome Remarks

Emanuele Cimiotta, University of Perugia  
Benedetto Ponti, University of Perugia  
Nicholas Tsagourias, University of Sheffield

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

2:30 PM Philippa Webb  
University of Oxford

PANEL 1 International Regulation

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

CHAIR Alessandra Gianelli Sapienza University of Rome

*Law Enforcement and National Security: What Difference in "Cyberspace"*

Pål Wrange  
University of Stockholm

*Securing Accountability for the Use of LAWS: Interpreting 'Context-Appropriate Human Judgment and Control' through the IHL Duty to Take Precautionary Measures*

Eleonora Branca  
University of Verona

*When States are Silent: Transnational Legal Process and the Regulation of AI-driven Cyber Operations in the Absence of Explicit Practice*

Ekaterina Martynova  
HSE University of Moscow – UNIDIR

*Between Naming and Norming: Public Cyber Attribution as Legal Interpretive Practice and Its Impact on International Law Development*

Goran Sandic  
University of Belgrade

4:30 PM COFFEE BREAK

PANEL 2 International Dispute Settlement

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

CHAIR Russell Buchan University of Reading

*Alternative Dispute Resolution and New Technologies*

Antonio Segura-Serrano  
University of Granada

*The ICJ as a Legal Venue for the Governance of Cyberspace: Has the Time Come for a New Advisory Opinion?*

Marco Dimetto  
University of Padua

*Investor-State Arbitration as a Vehicle for State Accountability in Cyberspace: Promises and Pitfalls*

Harriet Moynihan & Daisy Peterson  
University of Oxford

*From Black Box to Bench: Who Judges Cyber War?*

Ramdhass Perumal & Naman Rathore  
University of Bhopal

# 23 October 2026

## PANEL 3 Individual Criminal Responsibility

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**CHAIR** *Marko Milanovic* University of Reading*The Criminal Accountability Gap: Mens Rea and Algorithmic Decision Support***Yuval Shany**

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Artificial Intelligence and Individual Criminal Responsibility: A Paradox or a Possibility?***Milena Sterio**

Cleveland State University

*Disruptive Cyber Operations as War Crimes Under the Rome Statute: Obstacles and Pathways to Prosecution***Giacomo Biggio**

University of Bristol

*Cyber-Enabled Core Crimes Under the Rome Statute: A New (or not) Quiz for Interpretation***Yaroslav Halieiev**

University of Tartu

**10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK**

## PANEL 4 European Union Law

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**CHAIR** *Ramses Wessel* University of Groningen*Attributing Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) Under EU Law: The Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox and Beyond***Johanna Kulesza**

University of Lodz

*AI-Powered Surveillance Systems and EU Data Protection Law: Rethinking the National Security Exception***Maria Tzanou**

University of Sheffield

*Wired at Sea: Subsea Cables and the European Union's Cyber Security***Giovanni Parente**

University College Dublin

*The Limits of the EU AI Act in Addressing Malicious AI Use by Non-State Actors***Francesca Tassinari & Julia Castro John**

University of the Basque Country / Université Panthéon-Assas

### CONCLUDING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**12:30 PM****Marco Roscini**

University of Westminster

**1:00 PM Closing Remarks**

Emanuele Cimiotta (University of Perugia) · Nicholas Tsagourias (University of Sheffield)

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