

Report from the SOLAIR Conference 2019 (Society, Law, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics): Human Centric Artificial Intelligence

On 12–13 September 2019 the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences organized the second international SOLAIR Conference 2019. The main focus of the conference was Human Centric Artificial Intelligence. The conference brought together representatives from the European Commission and its expert groups (High-Level Expert Group on AI, Liability and New Technologies), representatives of Czech authorities, international organizations (UNIDROIT), non-governmental organizations (Access Now), business (Microsoft and IBM) and academia.

The conference was organized under the auspices of the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, the Minister of Industry and Trade and the President of the Czech Academy of Sciences jointly by the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic and Microsoft.

The conference was opened by Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, European Commissioner Věra Jourová, President of the Czech Academy of Sciences Eva Zažímalová, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Petr Očko and Director of the Institute of State and Law Ján Matejka. After the welcome note the first panel focused on EU AI regulatory framework (Irina Orsich from DG CNECT, Mark Coeckelberg and Yann Bonnet from AI HLEG, and Alžběta Krausová from the Institute of State and Law). The second panel discussed mainly AI, liability and international harmonization (Piotr Machnikowski from Uniwersytet Wrocławski, Csaba Gáli from EC – DG JUST, Carlo di Nicola from UNIDROIT and Alex Ivančo from the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic). The third discussion panel focused on global and international rules and AI (Nanna-Louise Wildfang Linde from Microsoft and Guillermo Beltrà from Access Now). The last panel discussed AI and data processing (Tomasz Jadczyk & Przemysław Magaczewski from CardioCube Corp., Zsolt Zódi from National University of Public Service). The second day of the conference focused on new social and legal standards, use of AI for judicial purpose, and on global impacts of AI. The conference concluded that there is a necessity of a coordinated approach to regulation of AI in the future.

The SOLAIR Conference 2020 with the subtitle Fundamental Values and Rights in the Digital Age will be held on 10–11 September 2020 again in Prague, Czech Republic.

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