

Report from the SOLAIR Conference 2020: Fundamental Rights and Values in the Digital Age

On 10–11 September 2020 the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences organized the third international SOLAIR Conference 2020 (Society, Law, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics). The main focus of the conference were Fundamental Rights and Values in the Digital Age from the perspective of use and development of artificial intelligence.

The conference was organized jointly by the Institute of State and Law of the CAS, the United Nation's UNCITRAL, the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, Microsoft, the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Justice of Japan, and the Japan International Dispute Resolution Center. The conference was organized under the auspices of the President of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Justice of the State of Israel and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel. The conference also hosted a special side event – an online workshop titled “Dispute Settlement in the Digital Economy” organized jointly by the UNCITRAL, Israel, Japan and the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The conference was opened by European Commissioner **Věra Jourová**, **Petr Očko** (Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the CR), **Štěpán Pech** (Director of the Department for European Legal and Institutional Support, Office of the Government of the CR), and **Antonín Fejfar** (President of the Council of Sciences of the Czech Academy of Sciences). The keynotes were presented by **Alžběta Krausová** (Institute of State and Law of the CAS), **Yordanka Ivanova** (European Commission), and **Zsuzsanna Matrai** (Microsoft). Within a specialized international panel, **Anna Joubin-Bret** (Secretary of UNCITRAL), **Carlo Di Nicola** (UNIDROIT), and **Karine Perset** (OECD) introduced perspectives of international organizations on future regulation of AI. **Peggy Valcke** (Vice-President CAHAI) introduced activities of Council of Europe later in the day. **Michal Toman** introduced activities in Slovakia. Within a discussion panel, **Rudolf Urbánek** (Microsoft), **Jan Klesla** (Ministry of Industry and Trade), and **Alex Ivančo** (Ministry of Finance) discussed AI from policy and business perspective. **Monika Pauknerová** (UNIDROIT) and **Gabriela Ramos** (UNESCO) both spoke on the second day of the conference. Speakers from academia, namely **Gerald Spindler** (University of Göttingen), **Felix Steffek** (University of Cambridge), **Juraj Sajfert** (VUB), **Kamil Szpyt** (Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Krakow University), **István Böröcz** (VUB), and **Hananel Hazan** (Tuft's University) introduced a number of interesting topics. Legal issues related to online personalized content were introduced among others by **Veronika Žolnerčíková** (Institute of State and Law of the CAS), **Kateřina Turková** (Charles University), and **Miloslav Konopík** (University of West Bohemia).

The next SOLAIR Conference 2021 will be held on 9 – 10 September 2021 in Prague, Czech Republic.

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