

## **ECLAN PhD Seminar 2017**

**16 / 17 November 2017 at the Law Faculty, University of Basel**

**The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice  
Facing the Digital Revolution  
*Harmonization, Approximation or A Completely New Approach?***

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The European Criminal Law Academic Network is proud to announce the 7<sup>th</sup> ECLAN PhD Seminar on European Criminal Justice to be held in Basel on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Seminar will be organized by the Juristische Fakultät of the University of Basel.

The ECLAN PhD seminar will provide a friendly environment in which PhD candidates can gain experience in presenting their research, learn from each other's research and develop contacts with other researchers in their field. This PhD seminar aims to gather together PhD candidates working in the field of EU criminal law and holding a degree in law, political science or international studies.

This seminar is specifically dedicated to the digital revolution that has occurred the past years and its subsequent consequences on the criminal justice system applying within the EU. Technology has had a tremendous impact on the legislation of the EU and the Member States, including in criminal matters. For instance, in February 2017, members of the European Parliament called for EU-wide liability rules for robots and artificial intelligence (AI). The background is a speedy increase of human-robot interactions. MEPs ask for EU-wide rules that could guarantee a standard level of safety, security and privacy, and furthermore would trigger a European debate on the ethical standards for robot and AI use.

Hereafter are potential subjects that could be of interest to the PhD seminar:

- Robots and Criminal Liability: What Way Forward? Harmonization, Approximation or Regulation on National Level?
- Criminal Liability and Law Enforcement in the Digital Age in a Comparative Perspective
- Mutual Recognition of Decisions in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (Quid of Digital Evidence?)
- Privacy as a European Value in the Age of Big Data
- Ethics as a European Challenge Facing AI

The application should encompass:

- A CV with full contact details;
- An indication of the starting date and envisaged end date of the PhD thesis;
- And, a description of maximum 5 pages of the research subject and methodology.

**Application deadline:** 15 September 2017.

Application will be sent to the PhD Seminar Coordinator, Professor Sabine Gless, to the following address: [sabine.gless@unibas.ch](mailto:sabine.gless@unibas.ch).

The selected students will give a presentation of her/his work in front of her/his peers.

Then, discussants will include the members of the ECLAN Management Committee: Prof. Anne Weyembergh (ULB-IEE), Prof. Sabine Gless (University of Basel), Prof. Katalin Ligeti (University of Luxembourg), Prof. Valsamis Mitsilegas (Queen Mary University of London), Prof. Pedro Caeiro (University of Coimbra), Prof. Robert Kert (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and Prof. Jørn Vestergaard (University of Copenhagen).

The floor will be open to debates.

Submitted papers will also be considered for publication in the New Journal of European Criminal Law (N.J.E.C.L.).

**Expenses linked to the participation at the PhD seminar unfortunately cannot be covered.** However, the organizers will provide logistical support to PhD students in order to identify the best means to reach the venue as well as accommodation solutions.

We are looking forward to your papers and to welcoming you in Basel!

Best regards,

*Sabine Gless*

*Anne Weyembergh*