Legal, Social and Cultural Dimensions
of Artificial Intelligence in 2025

Abstract

The year 2025 marks a turning point in the governance of artificial intelligence within the European Union. Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 (the AI Act), Europe has entered a new phase in which innovation must coexist with accountability, transparency, and the protection of fundamental rights.

This panel explores how law, society, and culture interact in shaping the responsible use of AI. It aims to bridge the perspectives of lawyers, ethicists, technologists, economists, and artists, offering a multidisciplinary dialogue on what "human-centred AI" truly means in practice.

The discussion will address four major themes.

1. **Legal accountability and implementation.** How will the AI Act change the responsibilities of businesses, public authorities, and developers? What forms of liability and oversight are emerging for autonomous systems and high-risk AI applications? The debate will focus on legal interpretation, certification mechanisms, and the delicate balance between innovation and regulation.

2. **Social trust and algorithmic ethics.** Building public trust in artificial intelligence requires more than compliance. Speakers will examine how to prevent misinformation, deepfakes, and digital exclusion, and how to promote transparency, fairness, and algorithmic literacy within society.

3. **Art, creativity and human expression.** Artificial intelligence is increasingly becoming not just a tool but a creative partner. The panel will reflect on how AI challenges traditional concepts of authorship, originality, and artistic identity, and how it transforms the cultural landscape of the 21st century.

4. **Accessibility and inclusion.** The responsible use of AI must be inclusive by design. Discussion will focus on practical strategies to ensure that digital transformation supports people with disabilities and promotes equitable access to technological innovation.

Panel goals

The panel seeks to foster an open and interdisciplinary dialogue among legal, social, and technical experts on the human implications of artificial intelligence. It will provide a forum for exchanging experiences and perspectives on the implementation of the EU AI Act, with particular attention to its ethical and societal dimensions. Ultimately, the discussion aims to promote a shared vision of artificial intelligence that is accountable in its governance, inclusive in its design, and culturally aware in its impact on individuals and communities.