Münster Colloquia on EU Law and the Digital Economy

Liability for Robotics and in the Internet of Things

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Organisers

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Thursday, 12th April 2018

12:45  Registration

13:00  I. Introduction

Welcome
Reiner Schulze (University of Münster)

Discussions at EU level on liability for artificial intelligence, autonomous robots and the Internet of Things
Dirk Staudenmayer (European Commission)

13:30  II. Traditional liability requirements and new sources of damages

Robot liability
Gerhard Wagner (Humboldt-University of Berlin)

Is defectiveness an appropriate notion to deal with damage associated with the IoT or artificial intelligence?
Jean-Sébastien Borghetti (Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas)

Product liability and product security: present and future
Cristina Amato (University of Brescia)

14:30  Discussion

15:00  III.1 New Approaches: Basis for liability and addressees

Product liability 2.0: Mere update or new version?
Bernhard Koch (University of Innsbruck)

Liability for Robotics: current rules, challenges and the need for innovative concepts
Ernst Karner (University of Vienna)

15:45  Coffee break

16:15  III.2 New Approaches: Basis for liability and addressees

User liability and strict liability in the Internet of Things and for robots
Gerald Spindler (University of Göttingen)

New liability concepts for autonomous systems: The potential of insurance and liability funds
Georg Borges (Saarland University)

Liability and accountability in the Internet of human era
Giovanni Comandé (University Sant’Anna Pisa)
Friday, 13th April 2018

08:45  Registration

09:00  IV. New Approaches: Form of Liability

  Liability for autonomous systems: Tackling specific risks of modern IT
  Herbert Zech (University of Basel)

  Causation, scope and apportionment of liability in the Internet of Things
  Miquel Martín Casals (University of Girona)

10:00  Discussion

10:30  Coffee break

11:00  V. Discussion Panel

  Dirk Staudenmayer (European Commission) – moderation

  Participants (among others):
  Andreas Christians/Eva Lux (Ministry of Justice, North Rhine-Westphalia)
  Jörgen Gren (European Commission)
  Mady Delvaux-Stehres (European Parliament)

11:45  Discussion

12:30  Concluding Remarks
  Sebastian Lohsse (University of Münster)

13:00  End
The Münster Colloquia on EU Law and the Digital Economy

The year 2018 will feature a number of key developments in shaping the digital single market. Whereas some issues are now in the final stages of the legislative process, other key topics are in their infancy and therefore, in line with the objective of the Münster Colloquia on EU Law and the Digital Economy, require in-depth discussion as to how EU law should react to the challenges and needs of the digital economy.

The 2018 Münster colloquium will focus on an issue central to the digital single market: The "Liability for Robotics and in the Internet of Things". As you may be aware, the European legislator faces the challenge to decide between adapting existing product liability rules or the creation of new concept of objective liability for autonomous systems. The 2018 Münster colloquium will provide a forum for intense discussion of these questions between renowned experts on digital law, representatives from the EU institutions, and from industry.

The volumes of the first three Münster Colloquia on EU Law and the Digital Economy are available from Nomos publishers and have been well received.


Schulze/Staudenmayer/Lohsse (eds.), Contracts for the Supply of Digital Content: Regulatory Challenges and Gaps, Nomos 2017


Registration

There is no conference fee. You can register for the conference via E-Mail (reiner.schulze@uni-muenster.de). On registration you will be provided with further information about accommodation possibilities and tips on travel to Münster.

This program will be updated frequently.