

JEAN MONNET CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AI-2-TRACE-CRIME

Open Debate 2025 Edition

“Criminal Investigations in the Era of New Technologies and AI”

The Jean Monnet Center of Excellence AI-2-TRACE-CRIME at Neapolis University Pafos, Cyprus, is pleased to invite you to its 2025 Open Debate Event titled *"Criminal Investigations in the Era of New Technologies and AI"*. The event is also supported by the NUP UNESCO Chair and the UNITWIN/UNESCO Network “Human Rights and Governance: the Rights, Individuals and Communities faced with the new challenges of a Globalized World in Crisis”.

Date: Wednesday 26 March 2025, 15:30-17:30

Location: Amphitheater, NUP Building, Danaes 2, Pafos

Language: English / Greek

Structure of the event: The keynote speaker for this event will be Associate Professor Georgios Pavlidis, who will deliver a presentation on the theme 'Criminal Investigations in the Era of New Technologies and AI.' His address will be followed by structured short interventions from students of the course NOM258 Criminal Investigations. Organized into two opposing teams, the students will debate key points, presenting arguments both in favor and against specific positions. The session will then open up to a broader discussion and audience Q&A, encouraging active participation and exchange of ideas

Objective of the event: This Open Debate aims to foster critical discussions on the impact of new technologies and AI on criminal investigations, examining their implications for fundamental rights, due process, and law enforcement practices. By bringing together students, legal professionals, academics, and the public, the event seeks to encourage diverse perspectives, promote informed debate, and enhance awareness of the evolving challenges at the intersection of AI, justice, and human rights.

Indicative sub-themes: Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: the presumption of innocence and the rights of the accused persons in the era of new technologies and AI; new developments in forensics; implications of AI on data protection, surveillance, and consent in the digital age; biases in AI systems and their impact on non-discrimination and fairness; the moral responsibilities of developers, users, and institutions in AI implementation; current and emerging frameworks for AI governance from a human rights perspective; the challenges of making AI systems understandable and accountable; the balance between public safety and individual freedoms in AI-driven law enforcement, etc.

