

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

Open Debate 2026 Edition

“Crime Control Futures: Utopia or Dystopia?”

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 “*Crime Control Futures: Utopia or Dystopia*”. 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: Tuesday 24 March 2026, 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 ‘*Crime Control Futures: Utopia or Dystopia*’. 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 discussion and audience Q&A, encouraging active participation and exchange of ideas

Objective of the event: This event seeks to explore whether the increasing reliance on new technologies and AI in the fight against crime leads us closer to an ideal of safer societies or towards a dystopian erosion of rights and freedoms. Participants will critically examine the promises and perils of AI in criminal investigations, its implications for fundamental rights and due process, and its broader impact on law enforcement practices. By bringing together students, legal professionals, academics, and members of the public, the event aims to foster diverse perspectives, encourage discussion, and raise awareness of the challenges at the intersection of technology, justice, and human rights.

