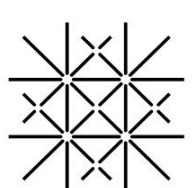




DIGIPUB 2025

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The DigiPub 2025 – the Digital Public Law and Governance Symposium for International Young Researchers (the “Workshop”) is a three-day academic workshop focused on the legal implications of the digitalization of public administrations. It will take place from 3 to 5 September 2025 at the University of Basel and is organized by Nina Laukenmann (University of Basel, Switzerland), Estela Lopes (European University Institute, Italy) and Marc-Olivier Busslinger (University of Geneva, Switzerland).

This academic Workshop focuses on the digitalization of public administrations and their governance, bringing together Swiss and international early-career researchers for a series of group discussions, presentations, and collaborative sessions. The aim is not only to present and receive specialized feedback on our ongoing work, but also to collectively explore and discuss challenging issues related to the digital governance of public administrations. The symposium will also feature keynote speeches from leading scholars in the field.

Beyond the academic program, the Workshop mainly aims to connect researchers working on and/or interested in topics related to the public sector’s digitalization. To this end, the program will also include ample networking opportunities, so that we can get to know each other in a more informal setting and share experiences in our common fields. Our goal is to create a friendly and interactive environment where participants can exchange ideas and build lasting academic relationships.

Ultimately, the event seeks to establish a network of early-stage researchers in the field of digital public law. It intends to foster collaboration beyond national borders and to lay solid foundations for future joint research projects.

In conclusion, the Workshop is a unique opportunity for young researchers to exchange ideas, acquire interdisciplinary knowledge, and establish valuable links in the field of digital public law. With this Workshop, we hope to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in this field while fostering international cooperation among emerging scholars.

Nina Laukenmann, Estela Lopes and Marc-Olivier Busslinger

Wednesday, September 3

University of Basel, Law Faculty, Peter Merian-Weg 8, 4002 Basel

13:00	Arrival at the law faculty of Basel
13:00 - 13:30	Welcome coffee
13:30 - 14:10	Introduction and Speed Dating / Get to Know Each Other / Ice Breaker Games
14:10 - 14:55	EXPERT INSIGHTS #ROUND 1 Introductory Keynote Speech <i>Prof. Dr. Nadja Braun Binder, University of Basel (Switzerland)</i>
14:55 - 15:00	Short Break
15:00 - 15:45	EXPERT INSIGHTS #ROUND 2 Keynote Speech - 'Technologies of Exclusion: How AI embeds structural inequalities' <i>Prof. Sofia Ranchordás, Tilburg Law School (Netherlands) and Luiss Guido Carli University (Italy)</i>
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 - 17:15	EXPERT INSIGHTS #ROUND 3 Inside the Digital State: Swiss Public Sector Digitalization <i>Florian Geering (Lawyer, Canton of Graubünden)</i> <i>Ursulina Kölbener (Commissioner for Digital Administration at the Canton of Appenzell Innerrhoden)</i>
17:30 - 19:00	Basel Guided Tour
From 19:00	Evening program Restaurant: Gannet (Uferstrasse 40, 4057 Basel)

Thursday, September 4

University of Basel, Law Faculty, Peter Merian-Weg 8, 4002 Basel

09:00 - 09:15

Welcome and Agenda

PRESENTATIONS & FEEDBACK #ROUND 1

09:20 - 09:35

Unreasonableness Review as a Contestability Framework for Challenging Administrative Algorithmic Decisions

Kätliin Lember, PhD Candidate, Utrecht University (Netherlands)

09:35 - 09:50

Feedback and Discussion

09:55 - 10:10

AI & the Administrative Process: How to Challenge, in Court, an Act Carried out Through AI?

Beatriz Garcia, PhD Candidate, University of Lisbon (Portugal)

10:10 - 10:25

Feedback and Discussion

10:25 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 11:00

The Oversight of Public Algorithms

Nina Lasbleiz, PhD Candidate, University Paris Nanterre (France)

11:00 - 11:15

Feedback and Discussion

11:20 - 11:35

Limits of the Loop: How Far Can Human Oversight Take Us Towards the Just Governance of AI?

Isabella Banks, PhD Candidate, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

11:35 - 11:50

Feedback and Discussion

11:55 - 12:10

Automated Fairness? The Trade-off between Predictability and Justice in Algorithmic Administration

Charlotte Langer, PhD Candidate, University of Leipzig

12:10 - 12:25

Feedback and Discussion

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 - 14:00

TALK THE WALK #ROUND 1
> Public Values in the Digital State

What are the Public Values at Stake When Governments Use AI, and Whose Values Shape Public-Sector AI?

PRESENTATIONS & FEEDBACK #ROUND 2

14:00 - 14:15

Outsourcing Public Intelligence: Taming AI Development Outsourcing through Laws and Regulations?
Estela Lopes, PhD Candidate, European University Institute (Italy)

14:15 - 14:30

Feedback and Discussion

14:35 - 14:50

Trusting the eGovernment Use of AI: Are the 'Terms of Uses' Adequate and Sufficient?
Marc-Olivier Busslinger, PhD Candidate, University of Geneva

14:50 - 15:05

Feedback and Discussion

15:10 - 15:25

AI in the Judicial System (Topic TBC)
Apollo Dauag, Research Associate, University of Basel (Switzerland)
Julia Ruf, Research Associate, University of Basel (Switzerland)

15:25 - 15:40

Feedback and Discussion

15:45 - 16:00

Recognizing the Situated Judge: A Conceptual Analysis and Critique of Digital Developments in Adjudication Practices
Eva van der Graaf, PhD Candidate, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

16:00 - 16:15

Feedback and Discussions

16:15 - 16:45

Coffee break

16:45 - 18:00

EXPERT INSIGHTS #ROUND 4

Reflections on Socio-Legal Methodological Approaches to Conduct Research on Digital Public Law: A Conversation with Former PhDs

Dr. Hannah van Kolfschooten, Lecturer and Researcher at University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Dr. Thomas Le Goff, Assistant Professor at Télécom Paris (France)

From 18:00

Evening program
Restaurant: Ufer7 (Untere Rheingasse 11 4058 Basel)

Friday, September 5

University of Basel, Law Faculty, Peter Merian-Weg 8, 4002 Basel

08:45 - 09:00

Welcome and Agenda

PRESENTATIONS & FEEDBACK #ROUND 3

09:00 - 09:15

Providing Data Only Once: Data Exchange Between Authorities Using the Once-Only Principle

Isabella Raile, PhD Candidate, University of Graz (Austria)

09:15 - 09:30

Feedback and Discussion

09:35 - 09:50

Legal Considerations Around the Use of AI by Governments for Public Health

Dr. Hannah van Kolfschooten, Lecturer and Researcher, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

09:50 - 10:05

Feedback and Discussion

10:10 - 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 - 10:45

Digital Transition of Social and Housing Services

Dr. Alessandra Mattoscio, Luiss Guido Carli University (Italy)

10:45 - 11:00

Feedback and Discussion

11:05 - 11:20

Environmental Risks of Deploying AI in the Public Sector

Dr. Thomas Le Goff, Assistant Professor, Télécom Paris (France)

11:20 - 11:35

Feedback and Discussion

11:40 - 11:55

Regulatory Sandboxes and Their Use in AI Regulation

Dr. Diego Rodríguez Cembellín, Assistant Professor, University of Oviedo (Spain)

11:55 - 12:10

Feedback and Discussion

12:15 - 13:15

Lunch break

13:15 - 13:45

TALK THE WALK #ROUND 2
> Public Data in the Age of AI

The Governance of Public Data in the Age of AI: Legal Dimensions of Data Use in AI-Driven Public Administrations

PRESENTATIONS & FEEDBACK #ROUND 4

13:45 - 14:00

Digital Platforms and the Reconfiguration of Public Authority: Between Privatization and Cooperation
Jean-Yves André, PhD Candidate, University of Paris Nanterre (France)

14:00 - 14:15

Feedback and Discussion

14:20 - 14:35

The Consultation Procedure in the Digital Age: an Overview of Swiss Practice
Nina Laukenmann, PhD Candidate, University of Basel (Switzerland)

14:35 - 14:50

Feedback and Discussion

14:55 - 15:10

Use of GenAI-Systems in the Legislative Procedure: Transparency Requirements
Marlène Schürch, PhD Candidate, University of Zurich

15:10 - 15:25

Feedback and Discussion

15:25 - 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 - 16:15

EXPERT INSIGHTS #ROUND 5

Concluding Keynote Speech - ‘Constitutional Repurposing in the Automated Administrative State: Market Surveillance as Blueprint for Accountability under the AI Act’
Prof. Filipe Brito Bastos, NOVA School of Law (Portugal)

16:15 - 16:45

Conclusion & Feedback on the Workshop

How to Stay in Touch

End

TRAVEL TO BASEL



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**SOME
RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM A LOCAL**



Basel is a city in northwestern Switzerland on the river Rhine. Basel is Switzerland's third-most-populous city (after Zürich and Geneva), with 177,595 inhabitants within the city municipality limits. The official language of Basel is (the Swiss variety of Standard) German, and the main spoken language is the local Basel German dialect.

Basel is commonly considered to be the cultural capital of Switzerland and the city is famous for its many museums, including the Kunstmuseum, which is the first collection of art accessible to the public in the world (1661) and the largest museum of art in Switzerland, the Fondation Beyeler (located in Riehen), the Museum Tinguely and the Museum of Contemporary Art, which is the first public museum of contemporary art in Europe. Forty museums are spread throughout the city-canton, making Basel one of the largest cultural centres in relation to its size and population in Europe.

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MUSEUMS

- Fondation Beyeler in Riehen
<https://www.fondationbeyeler.ch>
- Kunstmuseum Basel
<https://kunstmuseumbasel.ch/>
- Papiermühle
<https://www.baslerpapiermuehle.ch/>
- Tinguely Museum
(<https://www.tinguely.ch>)
Ask for student reduction =)

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SWIMMING

Bring a waterproof bag (or buy a typical fish-swimming bag from Basel «Wickelfisch») and jump into the Rhine! But be careful: For good swimmers only. Stay close to the border.

Z

ZOO

Basel has a huge and very nice Zoo in the middle of the city center (<https://www.zoobasel.ch/de/>). Two minutes from the Hotel Birsighof. Ask for student reduction =)

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BIKE

Rent a bike (e.g. <https://www.basel.com/de/attraktion/en/guest-bike-basel-90356f5809>) and ride along the River and cross the border to France and Germany within minutes.

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EAT

Brunch/Breakfast

- Avant Gouz (<https://www.avant-gouz.com/>)
- Café Frühling (<https://www.cafe-fruehling.ch/>)
- La manufacture (<https://www.lamanufacture-restaurant.com/index.html>)

Lunch/Dinner

- Klara (<https://www.klarabasel.ch/>)
- Thai Square (<https://www.thaisquare.ch/>)
- Vito Pizza (<https://www.vito.ch/>)
- Burger at La manufacture (<https://www.lamanufacture-restaurant.com/index.html>)
- Food Court: Markthalle (<https://altemarkthalle.ch/>)

All the Bars at the Rhine River also serve food. I recommend you though to get some take away (e.g. from Vito Pizza or MANOR Food (<https://www.manor.ch/de/store-finder/store/bas>)) and enjoy the evening at the Rivers Border. Thats how the locals do! =)



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DRINK

In the summer you will find plenty of nice bars directly at the Rhine Rivers Border:

- Flora Buvette (<https://www.ufer7.ch/de/buvette7-flora-am-rhy/>)
- Walther Buvette (<https://waltherbasel.ch/de>)
- Fähri Bödeli (<https://faehriboedeli.ch/>)
- Hafen (<https://www.basel.com/de/attraktionen/hafen-a55b2a03c5>), not directly in the city center
- Sandoase (<https://www.sandoase.ch/>), not directly in the city center

Rooftop Bars:

- Amber Bar (<https://amber-bar.ch/>)
- Helvetia Bar (<https://www.bl-rooftop.ch/>)

CHILL & TAKE A BREAK

- St. Johann Park (<https://www.stadtgaertnerei.bs.ch/stadtgruen/park-gruenanlagen/st.-johannis-park.html>), they also have a nice Coffeeshop and Snack Bar (Kleiner Wassermann)
- Kannenfeldpark (<https://www.stadtgaertnerei.bs.ch/stadtgruen/park-gruenanlagen/kannenfeldpark.html>)
- Botanischer Garten Basel (<https://botgarten.unibas.ch/de/>)

INFORMATION

Adress:

*University of Basel, Law Faculty
Peter Merian-Weg 8
4002 Basel*

How to get there:

From Basel Main Railway Station

About 10 minutes by foot from Basel Main Railway Station (Basel SBB) or 4 minutes by public transportation.

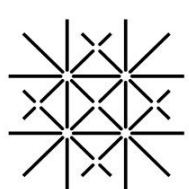
From airport(s)

Closest airport: Basel Euroairport, about 30 minutes

About 1:30 hours from Zurich Airport

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