

XIV AIDP Symposium for Young Penalists

# CRIMINAL LAW IN THE AGE OF TRANSITIONS

BETWEEN SACRED COWS AND CORE VALUES  
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS



Utrecht, 9-10 April 2026

# SCHEDULE

## DAY 1 (9-4-2026)

	AB-zaal	TP-zaal
13.00-13.30	Walk in and registration	
13.30-14.00	Welcome by André Klip (Vice-President of the AIDP) and Michiel Luchtman (Utrecht University)	
14.00-14.30	Keynote speech by Katalin Ligeti (President of the AIDP) <i>A Value-based Approach to the Future of EU Criminal Justice</i>	
14:30-16:00	<b>Panel 9</b>	<b>Panel 2</b>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break	
16:30-18:00	<b>Panel 4</b>	<b>Panel 5</b>
19.00	Dinner - <a href="#">De Rechtbank</a>	

## DAY 2 (10-4-2026)

	AB-zaal	TP-zaal
8.30-9.00	Walk in	
9.00-9.30	Welcome by Nicholas Franssen (Counsellor at Ministry of Justice and Security, Board of the Dutch group of the AIDP), Isabelle Gibson (President of the Young Penalists Committee), and Alice Giannini (President of YOUNGIS)	
9:30-10:45h	<b>Panel 1</b>	<b>Panel 8</b>
10.45-11.00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30h	<b>Panel 7</b>	<b>Panel 12</b>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-14.15	Keynote speech by John Vervaele (former President of the AIDP) <i>Environment and Sustainability in Criminal Justice Systems</i>	
14:15-15:15	<b>Panel 10</b>	<b>Panel 3</b>
15.15-15-30	Coffee break	
15:30-17:00	<b>Panel 6</b>	<b>Panel 11</b>
17.00-18.00	Closing drinks - <a href="#">Hofman</a>	

# PANELS

## Panel 1: **The constitutional foundations of criminal law**

1. **Filip Novaković**, University of Zenica, *From Ultima Ratio to Preventive Justice: Constitutional Challenges of the Expanding Preventive Function in Contemporary Criminal Law.*
2. **Maria Beatriz Seabra Brito**, Portuguese Constitutional Court-NOVA School of Law, *Laws Made to Punish Risk: A Case Against Excessive Punishment.*
3. **Michele Giorgino & Filippo Santarelli**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Milan, *Poenā Naturalis, Penal Populism, and New Personalist Perspectives on Punishment.*
4. **Mar Jiménez Company**, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, *Judicial Lawmaking? Case Law as a Source of Criminal Law in Civil Law System.*
5. **Francesca Celenta**, University of Naples Federico II-Ludwig Maximilian Universität Munich, *Alternative Measures to Short-Term Imprisonment in Italy and in Germany: a Comparative Perspective in the Age of Transition.*

**Chair: Domenico Rosani (Utrecht University)**

## Panel 2: **The constitutional foundations of (EU) criminal law**

6. **Andrea Secco**, University of Trento, *Between “Sacred Cows” and Emerging Legal Interests: the Symbolic and Integrative Function of European Criminal Law.*
7. **Christoph Simon Thun Hohenstein Welsperg**, University of Milan, *Are the EU’s Punitive Powers a Sacred Cow? The Multilevel Sanctioning System Between the Strive for Effectiveness and the Need to Respect the Core Values of Criminal Law.*
8. **Giorgio Ardizzone**, Unitelma Sapienza, *The current scope of the matière pénale.*
9. **Femke Joosten**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, *The preventive approach of money laundering and the revival of the ‘Engel’ jurisprudence: Case study of the newly established European Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA).*
10. **Lorenzo Bernardini**, University of Luxembourg, *Habeas Corpus in an Age of Transitions – How the Erosion of Extrema Ratio Undermines the Foundations of Personal Liberty.*

**Chair: André Klip (Maastricht University)**

## Panel 3: **Discrimination and Gender in Criminal Justice**

11. **Sara Prandi**, University of Turin, *Human Dignity and Equality as Sacred Values (or Sacred Cows?): Criminal Law Facing Discrimination.*
12. **Constance Barrière**, Jean Moulin University Lyon 3, *The Challenges in Criminalizing Gender-based Apartheid.*
13. **Selena Vitti**, University of Milano-Bicocca, *Gender as a Sacred Cow? The Politics of (Non)Definition in the Crimes Against Humanity Convention.*

**Chair: Mojan Samadi (Utrecht University)**

#### **Panel 4: Rethinking criminal justice in times of political, social, and moral change**

14. **Fernando Henrique Silva Cavalcante**, *The McDonaldization of Due Process: How Crimmigration and Penal Populism are Threatening the Presumption of Innocence in the Age of Transitions.*
15. **Juliane Schwarz-Ladach**, University of Rostock, *Law and Emotions and Criminal Law.*
16. **Alexandra Bakker**, Maastricht University, *Immune, Naïve, or Resistant to Change? How the Dutch criminal landscape calls into question what we thought we knew about corruption, domestically and abroad.*
17. **Nicole Visco Comandini**, University of Luxembourg, *Corruption Shall Not Pay, But at What Cost? The Criminalisation of Illicit Enrichment under the New EU Anti-Corruption Package.*
18. **Katarzyna Jakubczak-Fopke**, University of Gdansk, *Chemical and Surgical Castration of Sex Offenders – Therapeutic Measure or Dehumanizing Torture? Legal and Human Rights Standards for the Use of Compulsory Medical Intervention.*

**Chair: Jill Coster van Voorhout (Maastricht University)**

#### **Panel 5: The relationship between levels of governance in criminal justice**

19. **Flora Jung**, University of Luxembourg, *From Prosecutors to Gatekeepers, Reimagining Criminal Law Enforcement through Financial Institutions for Environmental Crime Control.*
20. **Dawid Marko**, University of Gdańsk, *Dancing in the Dark: National Courts and the Direct Effect of Article 82(2) TFEU Directives.*
21. **Charlotte Quaisser**, University of Luxembourg, *Voluntary Detection? Public-private Cooperation in Online Content Moderation Under the New Proposed CSAR.*
22. **Beatrice Fragasso**, University of Milan, *Towards a Diffuse Judicial Review of Disproportionate Penalties? The Direct Application of Article 49(3) of the EU Charter and its Implications for the Separation of Powers.*

**Chair: Aart de Vries (Utrecht University)**

#### **Panel 6: The influence of new technologies on criminal law I**

23. **Gülce Ecem UÇAR**, Ankara University, *Sacrificing the Sacred Cows on the Altar of Artificial Intelligence: The Erosion of the Presumption of Innocence and the Principle of Materiality.*
24. **Giulia Cascone**, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, *The Defendant's Right to Understand the Proceedings Against Him Between "Weak Transparency" and AI Literacy Under the AI Act.*
25. **Chiara Torrente**, University of Genova, *Open Questions on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Evidence.*
26. **Shreya Shankar**, Maples group, *Managing Algorithmic Anxiety Among 'Justice-seekers' as Criminal Justice Systems Embrace AI-based Solutions.*

**Chair: Johan van Banning (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)**

## Panel 7: **The influence of new technologies on criminal law II**

27. **Ivan Vidaković**, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, *Rethinking Privilege Against Self-incrimination in the Context of AI and New Technologies: European perspective.*
28. **Tinica-Ionut Curt**, University of Bucharest, *Reconfiguring Culpability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Between Technological Autonomy and Human Responsibility.*
29. **Paolo Belloni**, Tilburg University, *The Criminal Courtroom between Sacrality and Digitalization.*
30. **Vincenzo Pio Pellegrino**, LLM graduate in European Criminal Justice in a Global Context, *Algorithmic Risk Assessment: Setting the Conditions for a Legitimate Adoption.*
31. **Marco Cecchi**, University of Florence - eCampus University, *Artificial Judgement. What kind of AI Assistance is fair within criminal proceedings?*

**Chair: Joep Lindeman (Utrecht University)**

## Panel 8: **Digital investigations and evidence in criminal procedures**

32. **Javier Escobar Veas**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, *The right against self-incrimination and brain-reading technologies: In favour of the “active collaboration” approach and against the testimonial/real evidence divide.*
33. **Lorenzo Farneti**, University of Bologna, *Tracing on the ledger: blockchain forensics, criminal investigations and fundamental rights in EU-US comparison.*
34. **Maria Caponnetto**, Luiss Guido Carli, *Digital undercover operations in the age of transitions: between investigative needs and the fundamental values of criminal law.*
35. **Kalina Romanowska**, Digital Justice Center University of Wrocław, *Decrypting Databases, Balancing Rights: Encrypted Digital Evidence in Criminal Proceedings.*

**Chair: Celine Taylor Parkins - Ozephius (Utrecht University)**

## Panel 9: **Criminalisation responses to technological developments**

36. **Laurie Ritzen**, Maastricht University, *Autonomy under pressure: Responsibility in the age of cryptocrimes.*
37. **Martina Gandolfi**, University of Milano Statale, *Addressing the ‘Gender’ in Cyberviolence and the ‘Cyber’ in Gender-Based Violence within Criminal Law Frameworks: A Call for Synergistic and Multidimensional Solutions in European States.*
38. **Aleyna Koçak**, Universität Konstanz, *“Social bots” and their role in public opinion forming – Need for criminal law?*
39. **Janine Blocher**, Universität Konstanz, *Data as an object of crime: Rethinking Criminal Law in the Digital Era.*

**Chair: Johannes Keiler (Maastricht University)**

## Panel 10: **Corporate criminal responsibility for the environment**

40. **Anna Cláudia Menezes Lourega Belli - Claudia Voigt Pisconti Machado - Maria José Menezes Lourega Belli**, Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR), *Extending International Criminal Court Jurisdiction to Corporate Ecocide Crimes.*
41. **Luca Franzetti**, University of Milano-Bicocca, *Criminal Liability and Product Sustainability: Rethinking Corporate Accountability for Environmental Harm.*
42. **Nicky Touw**, Vrije Universiteit van Amsterdam, *Corporate Reporting Obligations and Environmental Crimes: A Problematic Relationship?*

**Chair: Nicholas Franssen (GIS/Ministry of Justice and Security)**

## **Panel 11: Theoretical reflections on environment and sustainability in criminal justice**

43. **Matilde Bellingeri**, University of Verona, *Rethinking Criminal law in the Face of Food Security and Climate Challenges*.
44. **Emma Ludovica Breda**, University of Milano Statale, *Communicating Sustainability: Criminal Law Perspectives on Consumer Protection Against Greenwashing*.
45. **Sophie van Dongen**, Radboud University, *The Protective Principle and Serious Environmental Harm: Toward a Modern Interpretation of Vital and Fundamental' State Interests in International Criminal Law?*
46. **Valeria Costa**, Universität Innsbruck - Università degli Studi di Padova, *The extension of EPPO's competence to environmental crimes in light of EU Directive 2024/1203: between the effectiveness of environmental criminal protection in the Union and persisting concerns*.

**Chair: Daan van Uhm (Utrecht University)**

## **Panel 12: International criminal law in the age of transitions**

47. **Federica Gitto**, University of Palermo, *Challenging Traditional Narratives of Victimhood: The Rise of Victim Agency in International Criminal Justice. Lessons from the Inter-American Court and the ICC*.
48. **Maia Czarny**, London School of Economics and Political Science, *Universal Jurisdiction, Divergent Rules: How Much Variation in Victim Participation Is Too Much?*
49. **Kamil Sobański**, Digital Justice Center University of Wrocław, *Is There a Conflict Between Efficiency and Fairness? Remote Testimony of a Witness and the Rights of the Accused at the International Criminal Court*.
50. **Katarzyna Goclik**, University of Wrocław, *Transforming Universal Jurisdiction: How Digital and Biometric Evidence Shapes International Justice*.
51. **Leslie Kassongo Tambu**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, *When Platforms Facilitate Atrocities: Rethinking the Human-Centred Nature of International Criminal Law in the Age of Social Media*.

**Chair: Rebecca Heemskerk (Maastricht University)**