CALL FOR PAPERS

UNA Europa Conference — LIMA Blog Launch Event

Exploring the Future of Crime
5–6 October 2023, KU Leuven

The KU Leuven—Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC), together with the Freie Universität Berlin, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Università di Bologna, and the Université Paris 1, as part of the **Future Crime Project** funded by **UNA Europa**, are pleased to announce the 1st **UNA Cybercrime Conference**. The conference will take place on the 5–6th of October, 2023, at the KU Leuven.

The Conference intends to **explore and discuss the present and future of criminal law enforcement in the context of our digital society**, particularly in relation to the advent of the next wave of transformative technologies (new forms of cryptography and encryption; Artificial Intelligence applications; blockchain; and virtual reality).

To foster this dialogue, we invite scholars to present their research ideas on these issues at the Conference. Contributions that engage in an analysis of the impact of new technologies on crime, crime prevention, investigation, and repression are welcomed.

The Conference will consist of **three panels**, covering the topics of: **(1)** Cybercrime and Cyber-investigations: New Challenges and Compliance with Human Rights; **(2)** AI, Prevention and Repression of Crimes; and **(3)** Digitalization and Human Rights in Criminal Justice. In the attachment are some keywords for each panel to help prospective applicants identify the relevant areas and domains around which each panel discussion is intended to centre.

The **proceeds** of the conference will be published in **three special issues** on the newly-launched **Lawyer-in-the-Middle Attack Blog** (LIMA Blog). The LIMA Blog, dedicated to cybercrime and technology law in the field of criminal justice, is the creation of the sponsoring universities under the lead of KU Leuven. It will provide a digital agora for discussion and aims to become a key instrument in the toolkit of any scholar and practitioner working in the fields of cybercrime and procedure.

Interested researchers are invited to submit an abstract.

Abstracts (**max. 300 words**) should be sent to michele.panzavolta@kuleuven.be or anna.mosna@kuleuven.be no later than **June 11**. Completed papers should be submitted a week before the conference. Acceptance decisions will be communicated by the end of June, so that participants can make the necessary travel arrangements to Leuven. All contributions and presentations should be in **English**. Given the format of the blog, completed papers should be no longer that **4000 words** (footnotes excluded).

Selected researchers will present their papers in person. Unfortunately, travel and accommodation costs cannot be reimbursed.

ATTACHMENT:

Panel Descriptions

PANEL 1

Cybercrime and Cyber-investigations: New Challenges and Compliance with Human Rights

Police (lawful) decryption; cyber-infiltration; interceptions and searches in computer systems; protection of privacy rights; protection of fair trial rights; evidentiary issues; cross-boundary issues; privatization of enforcement.

PANEL 2

AI, Prevention and Repression of Crimes

Forms of AI recognition; predictive justice; predictive policing; (mass) surveillance; profiling and discrimination issues; algorithms and criminal law enforcement; algorithms and criminal liability.

PANEL 3

Digitalization and Human Rights in Criminal Justice

New technologies and procedural rights; use of technologies for strengthening rights; use of technologies in trial/as evidence/for adjudicating purposes; technologies and equality of arms.