Call for Chapters: Digitalisation of Justice

Dr. Benedikt Schmitz (University of Groningen), the editor of an upcoming edited volume called 'Digitalisation of Justice: Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands', has kindly shared this Call for Chapters with us. The volume will be published by Springer.

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We are preparing an edited volume that examines how digitalisation impacts courts and dispute resolution, striking a balance between efficiency and fairness (e.g., remote trials and body language cues). We welcome topics within Private International Law, Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, and Administrative Procedure.

Dutch and German perspectives are central; European angles are also welcome if they discuss how national law is impacted.

Final chapters will have to be submitted by 30 June 2026, after which a peer review will take place. The edited volume will be published by Springer Nature in the first half of 2027.

What we invite

A chapter-length contribution (original, unpublished) on any facet of the digitalisation of justice – conceptual, doctrinal, empirical, comparative, or policy-oriented. The book publication will be preceded by the symposium 'Digitalisation of Justice': Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands, taking place on 29 May 2026 in Groningen, the Netherlands.

This symposium provides a platform for renowned scholars to present their research into the digitalisation of justice. It therefore does not focus on specific

topics, but leaves it up to the speakers to identify important aspects.

Attendance at the symposium is welcome but not required; this invitation is independent of conference presentations.

Length & style

8,000–10,000 words (including footnotes). A style sheet will be provided upon acceptance.

Proposal and deadline

You can find the full Call for Chapters here.

Please email (with the subject line ‘Call for Chapters’) a single PDF containing:

- Working title and a 250-400 word chapter synopsis
- Short bio (?100 words) and affiliation
- Any potential rights/permissions issues (if applicable)

to Dr. Benedikt Schmitz at digitalisation@weakerparties.eu no later than **9 November 2025**. Decisions will be communicated by 16 November 2025.