Registrations now open: “Digitalisation of Justice: Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands”

On Friday 29 May 2026 in Groningen, the Netherlands, Dr. Benedikt Schmitz from the University of Groningen is hosting a larger symposium on the topic of “Digitalisation of Justice: Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands”

Theme

This event brings together leading and upcoming scholars to explore how digital transformation – from AI in adjudication to fully online proceedings – is reshaping our legal systems, while raising important questions about access to justice, procedural fairness, and the rule of law.

Programme

- A keynote by Dr. Benjamin Grimm, Minister of Justice and for Digitalisation (Federal State of Brandenburg, Germany)
- Expert panels on:
    - **Private International Law** (Prof. Dr. Susanne Lilian Gössl, LL.M. (Tulane); Prof. Dr. Frederick Rieländer, LL.M. (Cambridge); Asst.-Prof. Dr. Kirsten Henckel; Asst.-Prof. Dr. Benedikt Schmitz)
    - **Civil Procedure** (Prof. Dr. Gralf-Peter Calliess; Prof. Dr. Pauline Ernste; Patrick Koerts)
    - **Criminal Procedure** (Prof. Dr. Hannah Ofterdinger; Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Dorris de Vocht; Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Laura Peters; Asst.-Prof. Dr. Glenn Thodé)
    - **Administrative Law** (Prof. Dr. Sarah Rachut; Prof. Dr. Sofia

Ranchordas; Asst.-Prof. Dr. Ida Varošanec)

- Elevator pitches by emerging scholars presenting cutting-edge research (Serap Bilgin, Noelle Funk, Sabrina Pölle, Constanze Rothermel, Anne Spijkstra)
- Plenty of time for discussion and networking, including coffee breaks, lunch, poster sessions, and an optional conference dinner

The full programme can be found on the conference website: https://weakerparties.eu/events/digitalisation-of-justice/

Time and Venue

- 29 May 2026, 8.30-17.10 CET
- Venue: House of Connections, Grote Markt 21, Groningen, the Netherlands

Registration

- This event is strictly in-person only.
- Attendance is free of charge.
- Register here: https://weakerparties.eu/events/digitalisation-of-justice/