

Call for Papers

From Gavel to Grid: Reimagining Civil Justice in the Digital Era

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Submission Link:

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Overview

The rapid incorporation of technology – particularly artificial intelligence (AI) – into legal systems is reshaping the administration of civil justice globally. Judges, court staff, court-appointed experts, legal practitioners, and litigants are increasingly utilising digital tools such as e-filing systems, automated case management platforms, AI-driven legal research tools, and algorithmic systems for legal analytics and decision-making purposes. These innovations are redefining procedural norms and fundamentally altering how civil justice is delivered. Among these technological advances, the use of AI-powered systems has emerged as both a significant opportunity and a complex disrupter, raising critical legal and ethical questions that demands rigorous scholarly and practical exploration. This Special Issue seeks to foster scholarly debate within the legal community on the importance of embracing innovation in civil justice systems while also addressing the risks of integrating technology into courts, with a view to ensuring fair and efficient access to civil justice.

This call for papers invites high-quality and original contributions that examine the evolving role of technology – especially AI – in civil justice systems from legal and/or ethical perspectives. Empirical studies and comparative analyses are particularly encouraged.

Relevant topics and sub-topics include, but are not limited to:

- The transformation of civil justice through emerging technologies;
- AI and judicial decision-making;
- AI and online dispute resolution;
- Human-centric AI in civil justice systems;
- Generative AI and access to justice;
- Regulating AI across jurisdictions;
- Ethics, fairness, and accountability in tech-driven justice;
- The role of AI and its intersection with fundamental rights in civil dispute resolution;
- Comparative regulatory approaches to the governance of AI in civil justice systems.

About the Special Issue

This Special Issue aims to feature leading research and emerging perspectives on the intersection of civil justice and digital innovation. It focuses on the transformation of civil proceedings and the evolving landscape of access to justice in the digital age.

Note: This is not a conference. Accepted papers will be published in a peer-reviewed journal special issue.

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline (*approximately 250–500 words*): 30 September 2025
- Manuscript Submission Deadline: 15 January 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: 28 February 2026
- Revised Version Deadline: 15 March 2026
- Publication Date: End of March 2026.

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be original, unpublished, and written in English.
- All papers will undergo a double-blind peer-review process.
- Formatting requirements (for full manuscripts):
 - Summary: Max. 500 characters (including spaces).
 - Keywords: Max. five words.
 - Main Text: Times New Roman, 12 pt; Citations: Times New Roman, 10 pt.
 - Paragraph spacing: 12 pt.
 - Length: 6,000 to 8,000 words (including footnotes).
 - Citation style: [APA 7th Edition](#)
 - References: Full bibliography at the end of the manuscript.
 - Acknowledgements: If applicable, indicate research project code and funding agencies.

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