

CPETL – Conference on the Platform Economy and Transport Law – Antwerp, 21st-22nd September 2023

We are pleased to announce our upcoming conference on 'The Future of Law in the Age of Disruptive Technology – Navigating the Platform Economy and Transport Law'. The conference will address legal responses to disruptive technology in the platform economy, shared mobility, and transport and will take place in person at the University of Antwerp from September 21-22, 2023.

The rapid advancement of disruptive technologies and the rise of new business models facilitated by digital technologies have often outpaced the ability of legislators to provide adequate protection for all stakeholders involved. Nevertheless, the law can be a powerful tool to both promote sustainable growth and simultaneously restrain abuses.

In this context, the CPETL conference calls on scholars and practitioners to share their insights on policy-led regulation of disruptive technologies in transport law and the platform economy. The conference aims to create an agora for academics, researchers, and practitioners to showcase their research and engage in legal and policy-focused discussions. We hope to foster a dialogue on the convergence of law and technological advancements that explores how best to leverage the law to tackle the challenges arising from disruptive technologies.

We welcome abstracts on different topics related to smart urban mobility, autonomous transport, and the platform economy, including but not limited to:

- Sustainable and inclusive urban mobility policy
- Tackling legal challenges in platform-based mobility (e.g. shared mobility, Mobility-as-a-Service)
- Increasing accessibility and 15-minute city concept
- Regulatory hurdles, risks and liabilities for autonomous transport
- Challenges in the contract chain for autonomous transport
- Legal and policy implications of sustainable transport digitalization
- Policy objectives and regulatory responses to platform power
- Challenges for consumer, seller and platform worker protection in a platform ecosystem
- Approaches to making platform and gig work sustainable
- The changing structure of platform contracts and the implications on risk and liability distribution.

Submit an abstract of 500-800 words to **CPETL@uantwerpen.be** to participate in this exciting conference. We look forward to receiving your abstract and hope to see you at the conference!

Important dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: May 31, 2023
- Notification of acceptance: June 30, 2023
- Conference dates: September 21-22, 2023