

Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation - 2026

Event Description:

The "**Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation**" are a series of annual events developed in partnership between the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP), through *the Católica Research Centre for the Future of Law*, and the Law School of Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Rio de Janeiro, through the *Center for Technology and Society*.

The objective of the **Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation** is to analyze global technological evolutions, their impacts on the regulatory systems of the European, American and African continents and the potential synergies between such systems.

The **second edition** of the Dialogues will take place in Rio de Janeiro, on April 29 and 30, 2026, and will be dedicated to five essential themes for the future of technology and regulation: **Digital Sovereignty, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Data Protection, Cybersecurity and Regulation of Digital Platforms**.

The dialogues will have a multisectoral format, promoting high-level multidisciplinary analyses based on the interaction between representatives of academia, the business sector, the public sector and civil society.

The call for papers for the **Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation 2025** will focus on the aforementioned topics. Contributions from all disciplines related to the conference themes, in English or Portuguese, are welcome.

This call for papers accepts authors willing to produce full papers to be published in the official publications of the **Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation**. Papers must be original and submitted exclusively to this process—therefore, they cannot have been submitted to any other publication previously.

Thematic axes and relevant topics:

1. *Digital Sovereignty*

Digital sovereignty presents legal, political, economic, and technological challenges against a backdrop of global interdependence and increasing concentration of power in the hands of large technological players. This axis addresses, in the strict sense, the state, individual and corporate capacity to ensure strategic autonomy over digital infrastructures, data, software, and technological chains, balancing security (national and individual), development and fundamental rights through regulatory instruments, technological development and international cooperation. Among others, topics of interest include:

- National and regional digital sovereignty and industrial policy strategies.
- Governance of critical internet infrastructure and cloud services.
- Data sovereignty: location, portability, regulation of cross-border flows and storage requirements.
- Technological dependency, global supply chains, and geopolitical challenges.

- Data colonialism and socio-environmental impacts.
- Regulation of global digital services and international cooperation models.
- Technological autonomy and innovation policies (hardware, software, semiconductors, telecommunications, emerging technologies).
- Impacts of digital sovereignty on democracy, fundamental rights and sustainable development.
- Case studies on digital sovereignty in electoral, public security and cyber defense contexts.

2. *Artificial intelligence.*

The legal regulation of AI is necessarily based on Ethics. In fact, the definition of a legal framework functionalized to the excellence of technological development and the trust of citizens depends on respect for the applicable ethical principles and values. Therefore, the guidelines that generally structure the ethical approach serve as a reference to the debate on legal regulation. And, of course, the strictly technical-legal options. Thus, among other topics, this axis will deal with:

- Human supervision and control;
- Security, reliability and transparency;
- Privacy and protection of personal data;
- Non-bias and non-discrimination;
- Social responsibility and environmental sustainability;
- Accountability and accountability;
- Governance models;
- Sovereignty in AI;
- Applications in public and domestic security;
- Elections and democracy;
- Impacts of generative AI;
- Agentic AI and AI Agents;
- Technological and economic dependence on the global AI ecosystem;
- The role of corporate lobbying and large platforms in setting regulatory agendas in AI;
- The geopolitics of foundational models and AI infrastructures;
- The relationships between ethical discourse and economic power in AI governance;
- Political economy of AI innovation;
- Technological "progress", AI and hype.

3. *Cybersecurity*

This axis explores the different dimensions of cybersecurity governance and regulation, with particular attention to information and critical infrastructure security, security of political and democratic infrastructures, and cybercrime. Topics of particular interest include, among other topics:

- National approaches to cybersecurity regulation or comparison of such approaches
- Institutional cybersecurity governance arrangements or comparison of such arrangements
- Existing or proposed international instruments for the protection of cybersecurity or cybercrime and their impacts
- Technologies aimed at improving cybersecurity
- Offensive and defensive use of artificial intelligence defensive
- Technical and legal profiles of cyberattack attribution
- Alternative strategies to promote cybersecurity (cybersecurity insurance, etc.)
- Role of technical standardization in cybersecurity governance and compliance
- Case Studies on Cyberattacks and Cyber Defense Governance
- International regulation of cyberwarfare
- Gender and intersectionality perspective in the formulation of cybersecurity policies and strategies;
- Gender-based violence and vulnerability in digital environments and its implications for cybersecurity governance;

- International agreements on cybersecurity, cyberdefense, or cybercrime.

4. *Data protection*

This thematic axis seeks to promote discussions on the legal, ethical, and technological challenges associated with privacy and data protection in an increasingly connected world, as well as the exploration of regulatory strategies that balance innovation and the protection of individual rights. The topics of this axis in particular include, among other topics:

- International data protection laws and regulations (e.g., GDPR, LGPD, CCPA).
- Privacy Architecture in Digital Platforms (e.g. Data anonymization and pseudonymization techniques; Privacy by Design; cryptography; blockchain)
- Impact of data collection on individual freedom and user autonomy
- Conflicts of jurisdiction in cases of privacy violations by global platforms.
- International information sharing agreements and regulatory cooperation.
- Automated decision-making, Internet of Things (IoT) and its implications for data protection.
- Users' rights over their personal data: portability and deletion.
- Tools and resources to give users greater control over their information.

5. *Regulation of Digital Platforms*

This thematic axis deals with the regulation of digital platforms, a complex challenge given the influence of these actors on the economy, politics and daily life. Platforms not only mediate communication and commerce, but also shape public opinion, influence behaviors, and have significant impacts on the inclusion and representation of minority groups. This axis seeks critical analysis of regulatory strategies to deal with these challenges, including among other topics:

- Regulatory strategies to deal with the market power of digital platforms (e.g. DMA etc.);
- Algorithmic transparency: automated decisions, explainability, inferences, data access, and trade secrets (e.g. DSA, etc.);
- Platforms' liability for user-generated content;
- Adultization and hypersexualization of children;
- Anticompetitive practices and digital monopolies;
- Consumer protection and users' rights;
- Protection of children and adolescents;
- Cybersecurity and data protection issues;
- Informational pluralism and the impact of digital platforms on content diversity;
- Freedom of expression, hate speech and participation of minority groups;
- Informational integrity and combating disinformation on digital platforms;
- International cooperation and regulatory harmonization;
- Platform work and platformized workers' rights;
- Attention capture and micro-targeting strategies;
- Systemic risks and duty of care;
- Gaming and betting platforms (*bets*) and damages to consumers.

Organization: FGV Direito Rio & Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Portugal

Scientific Committee: Eduardo Magrani; Filipa Urbano Calvão; Filipe Medon; Henrique Sousa Antunes; Luca Belli; Walter Britto Gaspar; Yasmin Curzi.

Suggested date: April 29 and 30, 2026.

Location: FGV Direito Rio - Praia de Botafogo, 190

Format

Day 1:

Event open to the public with *keynote speakers* and thematic panels with speakers.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Opening of the 1st day - Organizers
10:40 am - 11:10 am	Keynote 1
11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Thematic Panel 1: Artificial Intelligence
12:20 pm - 1:50 pm	Lunch
14:00h - 14:30h	Keynote 2
2:40 pm - 3:40 pm	Thematic Panel 2: Data protection
3:50 pm - 4:50 pm	Thematic Panel 3: Platform Regulation
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thematic Panel 4: Cybersecurity
6:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Closing of the 1st day - Organizers

Day 2:

Closed event with workshops with the participation of researchers to discuss articles in progress submitted to the call for papers.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Opening of the 2nd day - Organizers
10:20 am - 10:50 am	Keynote 3
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Thematic Panel 4: Digital sovereignty
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	1st discussion session (closed) Discussion format of each article: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 15 min: presentation of the article;- 15 min: comments from the reviewer, editors, or audience.

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Interval
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	2nd discussion session (closed) Discussion format of each article: - 15 min: presentation of the article; - 15 min: comments from the reviewer, editors, or audience.
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Closing - Organizers

Target audience

The event is open to researchers from all areas of knowledge, including law, technology, political science, economics, sociology, communication, philosophy, among others.

Requirements for submission of papers

Submitted papers must meet the following requirements:

- To be unpublished;
- Have a minimum of 4000 and a maximum of 6000 words, excluding bibliographic references;
- Be written in Portuguese or English;
- Follow OSCOLA formatting standards, with references in footnotes¹.

Submission procedure

1st stage: submission of abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted electronically, in editable format (.doc or similar), by December 15, 2025, to the electronic address: cts@fgv.br. Abstracts must contain up to 2000 words and present an introduction to the topic addressed, the methods applied and prospective results and discussion. Authors must indicate up to 5 keywords and provide, in the body of the email, a short biography (up to 150 words), full name and affiliation. The file of the abstract and, subsequently, of the final version of the article must be anonymized.

Abstracts will be reviewed and pre-selected by December 20, 2025 by a scientific committee composed of experts in the fields of Technology and regulation. The selection criteria will be as follows:

- Originality and relevance of the theme;
- Consistency of the methodology used;
- Clarity and conciseness of the presentation;
- Internal coherence of the text.

¹ Note: It is recommended to use automated referral management tools, such as [Zotero](#), for the insertion of referrals.

2nd step: submission of the preliminary version

Authors of shortlisted papers must submit the draft version of their papers by February 15, 2026. The scientific committee will communicate the selection of articles by March 10, 2026.

Step 3: Peer review

Each author (or set of co-authors) must review a paper by another participant within 30 days after the event.

Your review should include a recommendation to: **Publish** (no changes or minor changes); **Publication conditioned to substantial revisions**; or **Rejection**. These reviews will be taken into account for the final decision regarding the submitted articles and the comments will be sent (in anonymized format) to the authors of the articles.

The final version of the articles, incorporating the reviewers' comments, must be sent by July 31, 2026.

Event

The selected papers will be presented at the 2026 edition of the **Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation**, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, on April 20 and 21, 2026.

- October 20, 2025: initial announcement of the Call for Papers
- October 30, 2025: second release of the Call for Papers
- 30 November 2025: deadline for submission of extended abstracts (2000 words)
- 15 December 2025: deadline extension for submission of extended abstracts (2000 words)
- December 20, 2025: communication of the pre-selection and opening of the deadline for sending preliminary versions of the articles.
- February 15, 2026: deadline for submission of draft versions (5000 words). Guests for the event will be chosen based on these preliminary releases.
- March 10, 2026: communication of the final selection of articles participating in the event.
- Event on April 29 and 30, 2026.
- Peer review process and submission of feedback on draft releases: as of April 21, 2026.
- Delivery of finalized versions by July 31, 2026.

More information

For more information, contact the event organization by e-mail: cts@fgv.br.