

CALL FOR PAPERS

Global Law of Platforms:

Towards a Governance of Online Sharing Economy?

The Brussels Global Law Week Young Scholar Event

19th May 2017

The massive interconnectivity provided by internet transformed it in a global phenomenon. The broad latitude of the content available on Internet also transformed classical business models. It made possible to individuals to be integrated and visible to a large market, facilitating the emergency of the so-called *sharing* or *collaborative* economy. Online platforms have a special role in this process, simplifying and promoting the encounter between supply and demand.

AirBnb, Uber, Snapgoods and Deliveroo are some of the successful examples of sharing economy platforms. The activities of these platforms, on the one hand, are regulated by layers of multiple national laws; on the other hand, they have themselves a regulatory role, promoting a so-called emergency of global law.

The Young Scholar Event (YSE) is a chance for young scholars from different places to discuss the core issues related to the global emergency of sharing economy platforms. We invite you to discuss aspects linked to:

1. The innovative business and technical model adopted by online platforms;
2. The strategies that online platforms used in order to fit into – or bypass – national or regional legal systems;
3. The responses of States to the new challenges raised by online platforms and if these responses participate to the emergence of a global online platforms law.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of subjects of studies: specific online platforms, social challenges, EU digital single market, comparative analysis of national case-law on online platforms, online platforms business model, algorithmic law, protection of privacy, data protection, ...

Guidelines for Submissions

1. Submission of Proposals

The YSE is opened only to young scholars (lawyers, economists, engineers, ...). Proposals might be submitted by email to YSEBrussels2017@gmail.com **by April, 12th**. Each proposal may contain the following information in order to be accepted:

* An abstract between 400 and 700 words, with theoretical framework, methodology, empirical material (such as laws, private regulation, real cases, data etc.);

* CV.

2. Selection of Papers

The only criterion is the quality of the proposal. Only young scholars will be accepted. Letters of acceptance or rejection will be sent **by April, 15th**.

We encourage participants to submit a draft paper one week before the event. High quality contributions will be considered for publication in a special issue of an academic journal edited by the organizers of the YSE. Manuscripts selected for publication have to be sent **by August, 31st**.

3. Practical Information

Keynotes. (TBC)

The YSE will be held at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, on May 19th, 2017. It is **part of the 3rd Edition of the Brussels Global Law Week**, organized by the Perelman Centre of Legal Philosophy, from the 16th to 20th May 2017, selected participants are also invited to attend to all other conferences and events of the Global Law Week.

For further information on the Young Scholar Event, please email to YSEBrussels2017@gmail.com.

We hope to have you here.

Sincerely,

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