

Law & Technology



MISSION

The research group Law & Technology is embedded in the Department of Interdisciplinary Law, Private Law and Business Law. Its mission is to understand **how technology affects human, children's and consumer rights**, to study whether and how technology-related phenomena should be regulated and to evaluate the potential of technology to facilitate or enrich legal processes.

In our research we adopt **fundamental rights-based, intra/interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder** approaches. We aim to contribute to a **fair and rights-respecting** digital society by formulating recommendations for policymakers, authorities and industry, by including stakeholders in our research and by translating it for citizens in general, and **vulnerable groups** in particular.

RESEARCH

Rights

- Human rights
- Children's rights
- Consumer rights

Technologies

- AI, robotics and algorithms
- Big data analytics
- Smart devices and IoT
- Online and social media
- Gaming

Instruments

- Legislation
- Alternative regulatory instruments (incl. self- and co-regulation)
- Regulatory tools (technology / supporting mechanisms)

Settings and contexts

- Media / news
- Public sector / tax
- Education
- Home

Levels

- International
- National
- Regional
- Local

Actors

- Policymakers
- Public actors
- Industry
- Civil society
- Citizens / users / consumers

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👤 An overview of collaborations inside and outside of the university can be found on [the website of the research group](#).

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY

We are committed to undertake research that is relevant to society and therefore engage in:

- **Participatory research:** co-creation and co-design workshops, for instance with children
- **Engagement with stakeholders:** policy recommendations and advice, roundtables, memberships of advisory boards, ethnographic research stays
- **Science communication:** blogposts, guest lectures, child-friendly information
- **Community-service-learning initiatives:** Legal Clinic 'Company and ICT Law', Street Law 'Law & Technology', Legal Design



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