



FIRST JOINT RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Western Sydney University School of Law & University of Palermo Department of Law *on Intergenerational Fairness*

9–11 SEPTEMBER 2026

DAY 1 — WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

Department of Law – Via Maqueda 172

19:00 Welcome reception

DAY 2 — THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

Sala 'Di Grigoli', Piazza Bologni 8, Palermo

MORNING SESSION

10:00–10:15 Welcome

Professor Armando Plaia, Dean, University of Palermo • Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean, Western Sydney University

10:15–10:30 Workshop framing

Professor Giacomo Pailli, University of Palermo

SESSION I — RIGHTS AND DIGITAL FUTURES | 10:30–13:00

10:30–11:00 Intergenerational Fairness and the Regulation of Social Media Platform Design

Dr Rosalba Potenzano | *Discussant: Dr Armin Alimardani*

11:00–11:30 Should We Disenfranchise the Old in the Name of Intergenerational Fairness?

Professor Catherine Renshaw | *Discussant: Dr Rosalba Potenzano*

11:30–12:00 Forgetting, Remembering, and the Future of Data Privacy

Dr Jacinta Sassine | *Discussant: Professor Guido Smorto*

12:00–12:30 Designing the Future: Vibe Coding and Intergenerational Digital Governance

Dr Armin Alimardani | *Discussant: Professor Guido Smorto*

12:30–13:00 Competition Law and Sustainability in China: Complementary Objectives?

Dr Sophia Bai | *Discussant: Professor Giacomo Pailli*

13:00–14:00 *Light lunch*

AFTERNOON SESSION

SESSION II — SUSTAINABILITY, HERITAGE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE | 14:00–15:30

14:00–14:30 Intergenerational Fairness as a Force for Integrating Cultural Heritage into Sustainable Peace and Development Goals

Dr Diogo Machado | *Discussant: Professor Diego Mauri*

14:30–15:00 Reproductive Rights through an Intergenerational Lens: Regulations, Movements, and the Post-Dobbs Paradigm Shift

Dott.ssa Tamara Roma | *Discussant: Professor Catherine Renshaw*

15:00–15:30 Justice across Generations: Lessons from the Rise and Fall of Drug Prohibition

Dr Rob Mezyk | *Discussant: Professor Giacomo Pailli*

15:30–16:00 *Break*

SESSION III — INTERNATIONAL ORDER, CONFLICT AND ACCOUNTABILITY | 16:00–18:00

16:00–16:30 The Asymmetry of the European Union's Enlargement Policy: A Fair Process?

Dott.ssa Natia Girsishvili | *Discussant: Dr. Rob Mezyk*



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16:30–17:00 Saving Succeeding Generations from the Scourge of (AI-Generated) War: Unintentional Armed Attacks and Putative Self-Defence in the Age of AI

Professor Diego Mauri | *Discussant: Professor Christopher Michaelsen*

17:00–17:30 Preserving Evidence of Atrocity as an Antidote to Administrative Forgetting—‘Law as Memory’ in the Post-Pinochet Memory Landscape

Dr Courtney Curran | *Discussant: Dr Diogo Machado*

17:30–18:00 Historic Wrongs, Modern Conflicts: State Immunity and the Search for Justice for Atrocity Crimes

Professor Christopher Michaelsen | *Discussant: Professor Diego Mauri*

18:00–18:15 Closing remarks

Professor Christopher Michaelsen, Director of Research, Western Sydney University • Professor Guido Smorto, Associate Dean for Research, University of Palermo

20:00 Conference Dinner

DAY 3 — FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

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09:00–11:00 Roundtable Session: Exploring Research Collaboration