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Aula Europa - Sala Affreschi, Department of Management "Valter Cantino", University of Torino, Corso Unione Sovietica 220, Torino (Italy)

The conference focuses on how artificial intelligence is reshaping public contracting across the world, with an eye to ongoing revisions to the EU Directives, the OECD recommendations on public procurement, the UNCITRAL model law and the U.S. Federal Acquisition Regulation. Panelists will address key developments integrating machine learning, algorithmic analysis, and agentic AI architectures into procurement systems at a global level to achieve efficiency, transparency, and innovation, delivering new public value through digital transformation while preserving accountability, integrity and fundamental rights protection.

INTRODUCTION

Gabriella M. Racca – *University of Torino, Italy*

Christopher R. Yukins – *George Washington University, USA*

Session I – *In person*

TRANSNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Caroline Nicholas – *Senior Legal Officer with the International Trade Law Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs* – “Reopening the UNCITRAL Model Law and AI’s impact”

Laurence Folliot-Lalliot – *Université Paris Nanterre, France* – “Public procurement and data -- emerging challenges”

Steven Van Garsse – *Hasselt University, Belgium* – “AI and GDPR and confidentiality issues”

CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION

Stéphane De La Rosa – *Université Paris-Est Créteil, France* – “The interplay between the Digital Market Act (DMA) and the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the use of public procurement platforms as a Gatekeeper”

Tunde Tatrai – *Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary* – “Data utilization, trust, and transparency in the European public procurement”

Andrea Sundstrand – *Stockholm University, Sweden* – “Digital and green qualification of suppliers”

Patricia Valcárcel – *Universidad de Vigo, Spain* – “Buying AI and developing new agentic procurement platforms”

Lunch Break

Session II - *In person and Online (Zoom) ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION* - 16:00 CET (10:00 Eastern US)

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INTERVENTIONS

Jessica Tillipman – *Associate Dean, Government Procurement Law Program, George Washington University Law School*

Luca Martinelli – *Head of Unit, Publications Office, European Union*

OPEN DEBATE

Caroline Nicholas – *UN*, Laurence Folliot-Lalliot – *Université Paris Nanterre, France*, Stéphane De La Rosa – *Université Paris-Est Créteil, France*, Tunde Tatrai – *Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary*, Andrea Sundstrand – *Stockholm University, Sweden*, Patricia Valcárcel – *Universidad de Vigo, Spain*, Anna Maria La Chimia – *University of Nottingham, UK*, Michael Bowsher – *King’s College London, UK*, Ferdy Youta – *Université Bourgogne Europe*, Anna Wójtowicz-Dawid – *University of Rzeszów, Poland*, Eliza Niewiadomska – *EBRD*, Manuela Consito, Silvia Ponzio, Mara Demichelis – *University of Turin*

CONCLUSIONS

Jean-Bernard Auby – *Émérite de Droit Public, Université de SciencePo, France*

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