

Friday  
December 5

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3.00 pm

*Fourth Session*  
**Platforms and consumers in the European and Chinese digital legal framework**

Chair: **Xiong Bingwan** (Renmin University of China)

**Luan Zhibo** (Beijing Foreign Studies University), A reflection on the e-commerce regulatory frameworks in the EU and China: from the perspective of the WTO agreement on electronic commerce

**Matilde Ratti** (University of Bologna), Trader, data subject and consumer

**Federico Ferri** (University of Bologna), Consumer protection and fundamental rights: the evolution of risk-based approach in EU digital law

**Benjamin Farrand** (Newcastle University), Digital/cyber sovereignty and the geopolitics of control: comparative social media regulation in the EU and China

4.30 pm

**Concluding remarks**

Chair: **Giacomo Di Federico** (University of Bologna)

**Antonietta Mira** (University of Insubria)

**Alessandro Amoroso** (University of Bologna)



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# The EU and China investment and trade relations: legal challenges of digital-tech age

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**9.00 am**  
**Welcome remarks**

**Marina Timoteo**, Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Module “ReLaTe”, University of Bologna  
**Marco Martino**, Director of second cycle degree in legal studies, University of Bologna

**9.30 am**  
*First session*  
**Impact of the digital tech age for EU-China investment and trade relations**

Chair: **Renzo Cavalieri** (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)  
**Matthieu Burnay** (Queen Mary University of London), Unilateral turn in EU-China relations: trade, investment, and global supply chains  
**Marina Timoteo** (University of Bologna), The EU-China dialogue. The long path ahead between hard and soft law  
**Elisa Baroncini** (University of Bologna), The EU-China trade relations: the case of critical minerals  
**Ye Bin** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), **Liang Chengxin** (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies), EU mixed legal frameworks regulating FDI in the digital sector from a Chinese perspective

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**11.00 am**  
*Second Session*  
**Data as a new good: regulatory approaches in EU and China**

Chair: **Giacomo Di Federico** (University of Bologna)  
**Giorgio Resta** (Roma Tre University), ‘Consumerism versus producerism’ revisited: unpacking the logic of European data law  
**Wang Yukai** (Tongji University), Market cultivation under rule-based governance: China’s recurrent development path in the data circulation  
**Xiong Bingwan** (Renmin University of China), Data ownership registration as data market infrastructure  
**Ermanno Calzolaio** (University of Macerata), The problem of data ownership: a comparative perspective

**12.30 – 1.30 pm**  
*Lunch break*

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**1.30 pm**  
*Third Session*  
**Building a system of civil liability rules for AI in EU and China**

Chair: **Michele Graziadei** (University of Turin)  
**Giusella Finocchiaro** (University of Bologna), Civil liability rules for AI in EU  
**Wang Lebing** (University of International Business and Economics), The fault in AI tort liability  
**Michel Cannarsa** (Lyon Catholic University), From tangible to intangible and smart: the new EU product liability directive in the digital tech age  
**Vittoria Trifiletti** (University of Turin), Delegating rights? The role of standardisation in protecting fundamental rights under the AI act – a transatlantic perspective

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