



Global Conference on

AI for Sustainability & Sustainability of AI

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**Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Faculty of Law and Criminology
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Tiensestraat 41, Leuven
and Online**

Scientific Committee:

Alberto De Franceschi, Bert Keirsbilck, Evelyne Terryn

Participation is Free of Charge but in Advance Registration is Mandatory

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09:00 - Introduction

Bert Keirsbilck (KU Leuven)

Evelyne Terryn (KU Leuven)

Massimiliano Mazzanti (University of Ferrara)

09:30 I. AI for Sustainability: The Global Framework

Chair: *Alberto De Franceschi (University of Ferrara / KU Leuven)*

Hypergrowth, Degrowth, and Different Growth: Three Scenarios for AI and Sustainability

Frank Pasquale (Cornell Tech, New York and Cornell Law School, Ithaca)

Green AI

Heng Wang (Singapore Management University)

Environmental Ethics of AI

Lode Lauwaert (KU Leuven)

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 II. AI for Sustainability: Political Landscape and The Role of Data Centers

Chair: *Bert Keirsbilck (KU Leuven)*

EU Political landscape for AI and Sustainability- Challenges and opportunities to strengthen Europe's competitiveness

Ornella Cosomati-Koschwitz (Director of Europe Energy & Sustainability Policy - Global Environmental Sustainability Team at Microsoft)

The Role of Data Centers for a Sustainable AI

Sherif Rizkalla (President of the Italian Datacenter Association, Milan)

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 III. The Sustainability of AI

Chair: *Frank Pasquale (Cornell Tech, New York and Cornell Law School, Ithaca)*

Sustainable AI Regulation

Philipp Hacker (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt an der Oder)

AI, Climate, and Regulation: From Data Centers to the AI Act

Kai Ebert (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt an der Oder)

AI, Environment and a Call for Due Diligence

Jason Rudall (University of Leiden)

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 IV. Round Table: The Environmental Challenges of AI

Chair: *Evelyne Terryn (KU Leuven)*

Martin Ulbrich (European Commission – DG Connect) tbc

Paolo Cassinis (Competition and Market Authority, Rome)

Vilma Kaza (EU Sustainability and Climate Policy Lead at Google, Brussels)

Karolina Telejko (Director Sustainability and Government Affairs at SAP, Brussels)

Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University, Milan)

18:00 Conclusions