



We are delighted to announce that [Zé Antonio Magalhães](#) has joined the extended COHUBICOL team as an affiliated researcher. His interests lie in the development of speculative legal theory in close connection to practical problems in the interface of law and technologies. We are looking forward to our future collaboration.

Journal of Cross-disciplinary Research in Computational Law (CRCL)

We have a series of submissions under review, based on the [COHUBICOL seminar on the issue of multi-interpretability in machine learning and its relevance for 'legal technologies'](#). They will be published online first in the course of this year.

Update on staff research

Cohubicol PhD researcher [Emilie van den Hoven](#) is currently dividing her time between work for both the COHUBICOL project as well as her own PhD research. The two endeavours overlap to a great extent. For the former she is currently focusing on how core legal notions like 'legal effect' and 'jurisdiction' can be explained in terms of their mode of existence and their association with particular affordances. This exploration ultimately aims to show how these concepts operate in law-as-we-know-it so that we can investigate how the workings of the law will change when its technological embodiment changes from text to data or code. Her PhD project focuses attention on the international legal domain and explores questions concerning international legal normativity and how it might be transformed by the integration of data- and code-driven computational technologies into the international legal order. Emilie examines issues of intelligibility and contestation in the context of rule of law values, which was also the focus of her first publication that appeared in the CRCL Journal in March 2021 that discussed how computational 'law' can create or entrench so-called 'hermeneutical injustices'. She will further explore some of these themes at the international level and, ultimately, aims at making explicit what a notion of 'international legal protection by design' implies.

Publications

- Mireille Hildebrandt. [Text-Driven Jurisdiction in Cyberspace](#), preprint publication (Open Society Foundation). 2021
- Mireille Hildebrandt. [Understanding Law and the Rule of Law: A Plea to Augment CS Curricula](#), *Communications of the ACM*. 2021
- Emilie van den Hoven. [Hermeneutical injustice and the computational turn in law](#), *Journal of Cross-disciplinary Research in Computational Law*. 2021.

Presentations

Upcoming:

- 12 May 2021. Mireille Hildebrandt speaks in the panel on 'Escaping "the law of everything"'. Should we separate ADM regulation from data protection?' during TILTING2021 Regulating in times of crisis. For programme, click [here](#).

Past:

- 6 May 2021. Mireille Hildebrandt speaks on 'Nabijheid en Recht' (proximity and the law) at the Flemish Association of Lawyers. For slides, click [here](#).
- 7 April 2021. Mireille Hildebrandt gave a lecture at the Spring School 'Judging the Robojudge'. For slides, click [here](#).

Added resources to the website:

Under [bibliography](#) we added (check it out in the Zotero database):

- Futoma et al (2020). [‘The Myth of Generalisability in Clinical Research and Machine Learning in Health Care’](#). This article is highly relevant for the discussion on the quality of dedicated legal technologies. Quoting the article: ‘Generalisability is not a binary concept, and does not have a universally agreed definition.’ It fits one of the core questions of COHUBICOL’s research agenda on the side of CS: what kind of safeguards, proofs, validation is required to ensure that a system does what it claims to do?

Under [key resources](#) we added:

- The [JURI SAYS](#) application that predicts pending cases of the ECtHR, based on the work of [Medvedeva et al](#), see also their [warning against deployment](#)
- The [Reynen Court](#), a commercial platform offering a host of commercial legal technologies, based in US and Europe, mediating between technology vendors and customers (‘the legal industry’)

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