CALL FOR PAPERS

RAILS Best Paper Award
2024

WE ROBOT EUROPE

We invite submissions for the first Salon of the robotics law and policy conference on the European continent—**We Robot Europe**.

The conference will be hosted on **17th October 2024** by the *Robotics and AI Law Society (RAILS)* and the *Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law (NRCCL), University of Oslo* at **Microsoft Atrium in the heart of Berlin**.

The best paper will be rewarded with the **RAILS BEST PAPER AWARD 2024** (1000 €).

Abstracts must be submitted by 15th September; draft papers are due 10th October.

We Robot has become a renowned conference in North America in the field of technology, law, and ethics. It fosters conversations between the people designing, building, and deploying robots and the people who shape or influence the legal and social structures in which robots operate. The conference has been hosted over the years by the *law schools of Miami, Washington, Yale, Stanford, Seattle and Ottawa*.

We Robot Europe will bring together leading experts from North America and Europe from diverse disciplines to explore the potential role and impact of robotics on society and different regulatory spheres.

We Robot Europe **seeks contributions in the form of (previously unpublished) scholarly papers** that can cover a range of topics related to the legal, policy, ethical, economic, social, or cultural aspects of robotics (i.e. a combination of software- and hardware-components that moves in the real world). Papers can cover, or should at least touch upon, regulatory, ethical, or societal challenges of robots in general or their responsible use in specific sectors (e.g. health care, transportation, manufacturing, law enforcement, entertainment etc.). **Authors** can be from the fields of *academia, public policy, legislation, think tanks, civil society organizations, standardization or industrial research*. **Our review committee particularly encourages papers with co-authors from different fields** (e.g. engineering, computer science, behavioural sciences, social sciences, history, public policy, journalism, law, or philosophy).

For the first appearance of We Robot in Europe, we **specifically welcome papers** that focus or at least touch on **the regulatory framework of the European Union** for digital products, product safety, Artificial Intelligence, machinery, data protection, and/or its potential to be further specified or harmonized by new legislation in regards to robotics (e.g. in the form of a EU Robotics Act). Papers focusing on **other legislative frameworks** are also potentially relevant.

HOW TO PROPOSE A PAPER

Papers should be submitted via e-mail to werobot@ai-laws.org with the subject "Call for Papers". Proposers will need to provide:

1. Title of the proposed paper and an abstract of a maximum of 1200 words. In addition (not counted in the word limit) please provide a list of up to 5 key references that you refer to in the paper that will help us understand how to situate your paper in the literature on robotics;

2. A CV of all authors of the paper, including a publication list.

The members of the Review Committee will be published on the conference website. Questions regarding this Call for Papers can be sent to callforpapers@ai-laws.org.

KEY DATES

Abstracts due
15th September, 23:59 CET

Decisions by Review Committee
25th September

Final papers due
7th October 2024, 23:59 CET