

Call for proposals

The Hadar Jabotinsky Center for Interdisciplinary Research of Financial Markets, Crises and Technology and the Institute of Law & Economics, Faculty of Law, University of Hamburg (Germany) invite submissions for its:

AI, Sustainability, and Corporate Accountability Symposium – Israel – 2026

which will take place on: **September 02, 2026,**
at **Beit HaMukhtar, HaMeyasdim 44, Zichron Yaakov, Israel**

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The Hadar Jabotinsky Center and the Institute of Law and Economics are pleased to announce a one-day symposium on AI, Sustainability, and Corporate Accountability. Following the success of previous conferences, this conference will explore the critical intersection between artificial intelligence governance and corporate sustainability obligations. The rapid integration of AI into corporate decision-making, supply chains, financial markets, and environmental management systems raises important legal, economic, and ethical questions. As firms increasingly rely on AI-driven tools to optimize production, allocate capital, monitor environmental impact, and report ESG performance, regulators and scholars must confront a new reality: sustainability and corporate accountability can no longer be meaningfully discussed without addressing algorithmic governance.
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This symposium seeks to examine how emerging AI technologies reshape corporate duties, regulatory design, and enforcement mechanisms in the sustainability domain. How should existing frameworks of corporate law, securities regulation, and environmental law adapt to automated decision-making systems? Can AI enhance transparency and compliance, or does it risk deepening opacity, greenwashing, and accountability gaps? What standards of explainability, auditability, and human oversight are appropriate when AI systems materially affect environmental and social outcomes? We invite submissions that shed light on the intersection of AI governance and sustainability frameworks, including but not limited to:

- AI-driven ESG reporting and disclosure obligations
- Algorithmic bias and environmental justice
- Corporate governance and board oversight of AI systems
- Sustainable finance, AI, and fiduciary duties
- Regulatory approaches to AI in climate risk assessment and carbon markets
- Liability frameworks for AI-enabled environmental harm
- The role of AI in supply chain monitoring and human rights compliance
- Comparative and international perspectives on AI and sustainability regulation

The symposium is open to any methodology (e.g., doctrinal work, empirical analysis, or experiments) and welcomes interdisciplinary work, as well as more traditional perspectives. We encourage submissions from academic researchers, practitioners, regulatory authorities, and corporate compliance officers. The goal of the symposium is to bring together scholars, practitioners, and interested parties to explore the

implications of managing dual compliance requirements under the EU's digital and sustainability transformation agenda.

Submission Guidelines

- Please submit an abstract (or a full paper if you already have one ready) of at least 500 words as a word/pdf file, by using the following QR-code:
- You can also access the submission platform directly here:
<https://www.conferences.uni-hamburg.de/event/759/>



Please note: abstract submission takes place via the system “Indico”, which requires registration before submission but unfortunately does not name all possible institutions. If your institution is not listed, simply click on the blue link “indico account” that appears under “—or connect with—”, below the gray button “University Login”). You can enter your institution there. We apologize for any inconvenience.

- The submission deadline is **July 01st 2026 at 23:59 CET**

The symposium will include expert presentations on the intersection of AI and sustainability, in a workshop format, as well as detailed discussions.

Fees and Registration

There is no registration fee. Attendance is by invitation only (either an accepted presenter or a registered participant who has been approved by the organizers). There may be limited funds available for selected presenters to cover their travel costs and accommodation costs in Zichron Yaakov. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact us in due time through the email specified below.

Additional details:

The symposium will be conducted in English and will include a complimentary meal for registered participants (registration is limited to ~50 participants). In addition, speakers will be invited to a funded conference dinner at a local restaurant in Zichron.

If Your Proposal is Accepted

- Your paper will be assigned a discussant
- You may be asked to serve as a discussant for another paper
- You will be asked to submit an updated abstract or, preferably, a full manuscript, by **August 1st 2026**.

Important dates

- **July 1st, 2026** - Submission Deadline (23:59 CET)
- **Late July, 2026** - Notification on whether or not your proposal was accepted
- **August 1st, 2026**- Updated Manuscript/abstract Submission Deadline
- **September 02, 2026** - Symposium Date at Beit HaMukhtar, Zichron Yaakov, Israel.

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