



Vulnerable Groups in the Digital World

Consumer protection, finances and e-platforms examined

Call for Papers

The Széchenyi István University Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of in cooperation with the Tech-Augmented Legal Environment (TALE) Research Group and the Civil Law Subcommittee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Section IX, cordially invite you to their next conference.

The conference will focus on vulnerable groups of digital transformation: what are the chances for young people, the elderly, less prepared consumers to understand complex, sometimes invisible structures in the 21st century? Is the metaverse the future or is it just a next disappointment on the digital marketplaces? Is e-banking the future, or are we being pushed back towards cash (and gold) by increasing catastrophic events (especially war)? Or are crypto assets the solution? In the flood of fake news on social media, where do we get reliable information? Can a private individual be cyber-attacked or is it only the state and economic operators who need to fear this? How many thousands of pages of standard terms and conditions should a 21st century consumer read if he wants to make responsible choices? The aim of the conference is to try to answer these questions, or at least to examine what is expected from the legislator, so that vulnerable groups can feel more secure in the brave new digital world.

With a desired departure from the classical disciplinary structures, we invite not only legal scholars, but also representatives of social and economic sciences, information technology and other experts of engineering, who have academic or practical experience in the field of digital services, finance and/or digital challenges in consumer protection.

Conference date: 22nd February, 2024.

Venue: Széchenyi István University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, H-9026 Győr, Áldozat u. 12.



Important deadlines:

- **30th January 2024:** send your presentation title and abstract of 500-1000 characters to the following email addresses: gjudit@ga.sze.hu and szabo.tamas1@sze.hu. We kindly ask you to send the application to BOTH email addresses! (application form attached to the CFP)
- **10th February 2024:** notification of acceptance of the paper
- The written papers of the presentations will be published in an open access edited book (not a conference proceeding!). Deadline for full-paper submission: **31st March 2024**. Please note that the submitted manuscripts will not be automatically included in the proceedings! However, the editors will make every effort to help publishing the papers in one of the Faculty's platforms.

Topics covered at the conference will include, but are not limited to the followings:

- **Financial Awareness and Challenges in the 21st Century** - We invite applications from all those researching areas of the relationship between digitalization and the financial world (e.g.: crypto-transactions, digital banking, financial consumer protection, cross-border financial disputes, recent financial legislative texts and case law of the European Union or other relevant international court decision).
- **New Challenges in Consumer Protection** - This section is open to those with research on any of the new consumer protection rules that will enter into force on 1 January 2024 in Hungary, or on domestic and international consumer protection trends and challenges in general, in particular (but not exclusively) on challenges related to digitalization, alternative dispute resolution.
- **Digital Services and Their Challenges** - This section is open to all those with research findings on any aspect of the DMA and DSA regulation adopted by the European Union. The section also welcomes experts in cybersecurity and challenges in digital services and platforms in general, as well as practitioners to present case studies and exchange professional experiences.
- **Information, Disinformation and Social "burn-out"** - this section is open to all those who have research findings on the somewhat hopeless situation of citizens and companies who want to (but cannot?) navigate the information society. In



addition to the current issues of GDPR and AI regulation, the session will reflect on fake news, artificially generated content and the ubiquitous social media phenomenon and the theoretical and practical issues related to them.

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact the conference organizers:

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Győr, December 2023.