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HUMAN AND THINGS

AN INSIGHT ON SIGNS, SCIENCE AND LAW

The second edition of *Human and Things* conference emerges from an urgent need to rethink the paradigms through which we understand the world, in light of ecological crisis and rapid technological transformation. Bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives, the conference questions the anthropocentric and deterministic assumptions of modernity, challenging the idea of a fully knowable and controllable reality. As artificial intelligence, algorithmic systems and digital infrastructures increasingly shape how we perceive, act and decide, the boundary between humans and things becomes more fluid. In this shifting landscape, the traditional divide subject/object begins to fade, opening space for a more nuanced and interconnected way of thinking about our shared world. Drawing on insights from quantum physics, law and the humanities, the conference explores a different understanding of reality, where knowledge, control and agency appear less stable and more open-ended.

28.05.2026 - 9:30-16:00
University of Trento - Faculty of Law
Sala Conferenze "Fulvio Zuelli"
Via Giuseppe Verdi, 53 - Trento

II Session

Virtual Identity, Data and Agency in the Digital Age

Introduced and moderated by
Andrea Pradi - Faculty of Law UNITN

- **Ugo Mattei** - Faculty of Law UNITO
 KEYNOTE *The Metaverse and the End of Law?*
- **Sara Hejazi** - Center for Sensors and Devices FBK
From Love to Entanglement: AI and the Reconfiguration of Human-Thing Relations
- **Ugo Malvagna** - Faculty of Law UNITN
From Subject to Asset: Blockchain and the Reversal of Property Relations

Coffee Break

- **Emanuele Ariano** - Faculty of Law UNITO
Code Rewriting: Legal Discourse in the Age of Technocracy
- **Giorgia Bincoletto** - Faculty of Law UNITN
The Human Being and Identity: When the Self Becomes Data

Q&A

Lunch Break

III session - Concluding Section

Introduced and moderated by
Sara Hejazi - Center for Sensors and Devices FBK

- **Federica Mantegazzini** - Center for Sensors and Devices FBK
The Boundary of Knowledge: A Classical Observer in the Quantum Realm
- **Andrea Rossato** - Dept. of Psychology and Cognitive Science UNITN
Artificial Domains Reloaded: AI, Algorithms, Determinism and Unpredictability
- **Pier Giuseppe Monateri** - Faculty of Law UNITO
 (Concluding Reflections) *Human, Things and the Limits of the Law*

Q&A

27.05.2026 - 14:30-19:00
Fondazione Bruno Kessler - FBK
Sala Grande
Via Santa Croce, 77 - Trento

Welcome address

I session - Reframing Modernity through Quantum, Legal and Anthropological Lenses

Introduced and moderated by
Davide Gianti - Faculty of Law UNITO

- **Massimo Leone** - Center for Religious Studies FBK
 KEYNOTE *The Rebellion of Things in the Digital and Quantum Age*
- **Federico Laudisa** - Dept. of Humanities and Philosophy UNITN
The Conceptual Challenges of Quantum Mechanics: Potentialities and Limits
- **Richard Hall-Wilton** - Center for Sensors and Devices FBK
Objects & Things?
- **Elena Ioriatti** - Faculty of Law UNITN
Modern Physics and Comparative Law: Methodological Convergences in a Global Perspective

Coffee Break

- **Stefano Borgo** - Laboratory of Applied Ontology CNR
Processes and Interactions with limited ontological commitments
- **Andrea Pradi** - Faculty of Law UNITN
Beyond Dominion: Rethinking Property in an Entangled World
- **Luca Pes** - Faculty of Law UNITN
Human, Things and African Law: Alternative Forms of Ownership
- **Gianmatteo Sabatino** - Faculty of Law UNITN
Law, Governance and Property in Contemporary China

Q&A

Scientific Committee:

Richard Hall-Wilton (FBK), Sara Hejazi (FBK), Elena Ioriatti (UNITN), Massimo Leone (FBK), Ugo Malvagna (UNITN), Andrea Pradi (UNITN)

Attendance is possible both in person and online. For online attendance please fill in the form on the event webpage on www.giurisprudenza.unitn.it.