

The 9th Petar Šarčević
International Scientific
Conference

**“Automated Vehicles at
the Crossroads: Law,
Policy and Deployment
in Transition”**





PROGRAMME

Thursday, 13 Nov 2025

9:30 **WELCOME ADDRESSES** on Behalf of Organisers and Patron

Moderator: **Ivana Kunda**, President of the Programme and Organising Committee

Senka Maćešić, Vice-Rector of the University of Rijeka

Vesna Tomljenović, President of the Croatian Comparative Law Association, former Judge at the General Court of the EU

Karlynn Stanely, Senior Policy Researcher at RAND Corp

Damir Habijan, Minister of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation of the Republic of Croatia

SESSION Legal and Regulatory Framework for Automated Vehicles

Moderator: **Jane Lappin**, Partner, Blue Door Strategy and Research, LLC

10:00 **Maria Cristina Galassi**, Digital Team Leader, European Commission DG GROW *Accelerating the Future: Regulatory Strategies for Driving Automation Deployment in the EU*

10:20 **Oliver Carsten**, Professor, University of Leeds, Institute for Transport Studies *Developing an International Regulation on Automated Driving Systems*

10:40 **Bryant Walker Smith**, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina Joseph F Rice School of Law, *The Trustworthy Automated Driving Company*

11:00 **Jack Stilgoe**, Professor, University College London *How Should We Build the Test for Automated Vehicles?*

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION R&D Framework for Automated Vehicles Operations in Europe

Moderator: **Jane Lappin**, Partner, Blue Door Strategy and Research, LLC

11:30 **Andrea de Candido**, Policy Officer, Connected Cooperative and Automated Mobility (CCAM), European Commission DG RTD *Moving towards Automated Mobility at European Level through Research*

11:50 **Christian Merkt**, Director at BMW and Chair of CCAM, *The EU Connected, Cooperative, and Automated Mobility (CCAM) Consortium*

12:10 **Carmen Frigerio**, Project Communications & Events Manager, PAVE Europe, *Are We Ready for AVs? Lessons from Public Engagement and Stakeholder Dialogue*

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 **IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** European Industry Voices

Moderator: Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law

Lovro Nobilo, Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager, Project 3 Mobility d.o.o. *Journey to the Future of Mobility: Policy Pathways to Autonomous Passenger Transport*

Jonas Wigger, Senior Public Affairs Manager, MOIA *Autonomous On-Demand Mobility for the Common Good*

SESSION Worldwide Reports on Automated Vehicles: Human Factors, Ethical Norms and Pathways to Deployment

Moderator: Karlyn Stanley, Senior Policy Researcher, RAND Corp

14:20 Yee Mun Lee, Associate Professor, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds *How should Automated Vehicles Be Designed to Ensure Smooth Interactions with Pedestrians?*

14:40 Antonio Costa, Research Scientist, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland *Acceptance and Expectations of Automated Driving: Insights from the Hi-Drive Global Surveys*

15:00 Jasmina Mutabžija, Senior Lecturer, University of Applied Sciences PAR Rijeka *Beyond Safety: The Case for Normative Legal Intervention in Ethical Decision-Making of Autonomous Vehicles*

15:20 COFFEE BREAK

15:50 Elsa Lanaud, In charge of autonomous and innovative vehicle approvals, National type-approval authority, Ministry for Transport, the French Republic *Paving the Way for the Deployment of Automated Road Transport Services: a French Case Study*

16:10 Jane Lappin, Partner, Blue Door Strategy and Research, LLC, *The U.S. AV Commercial and Regulatory Perspective*

16:30 Sven A. Beiker, Managing Director, Silicon Valley Mobility, *Learning for Deployment of Robotaxis at Scale*

16:50 **QUICK PREVIEW** of the Second Day of Conference

Ivana Kunda, Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law



Friday, 14 Nov 2025

SESSION Liability and Insurance in Automated Driving Systems

Moderator: Ivana Kunda, Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law

9:00 Mike Nelson, Partner, Nelson Law LLC *Strategic Law for Disruptive Technologies*

9:20 Giles Pillet, Professor, ESCP Business School Paris *Civil Liability and Autonomous Vehicles in the EU: Updating Traditional Norms or Building a New Regime?*

9:40 Saša Nikšić, Professor, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law *Autonomous Vehicles and Croatian Civil Liability Law*

10:00 Stefan Martinić, Attorney at Law, Zagreb *Driving Without a Driver: Can (and Should) Criminal Law Keep Its Hands on the Wheel?*

10:20 Hrvoje Pauković, President, Croatian Association of Insurance Law *Rethinking Motor Liability Insurance for Autonomous Vehicles: Croatia and the EU Context*

10:40 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION Trust, Data and Consumer Protection in the Age of Automated Mobility

Moderator: Karlyn Stanley, Senior Policy Researcher, RAND Corp

11:10 Emilia Miščenić, Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law *Consumer Vulnerability and Autonomowashing: I Don't Want to Lose Control*

11:30 Danijela Vrbljanac, Associate Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law *Driven by Data: Safeguarding Personal Data in Autonomous Vehicles Systems*

11:50 Richárd Rudolf Rák, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law *Driving the Data Economy: How the Common European Mobility Data Space Can Accelerate Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Amid Legal Challenges*

12:10 Ivana Kunda, Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law *Who Do We Trust When No One Is Driving? Rethinking Trustworthiness in Automated Vehicles*

12:30 **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Jane Lapin, Partner, Blue Door Strategy and Research, LLC

Ivana Kunda, Professor, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law

12:30 LUNCH

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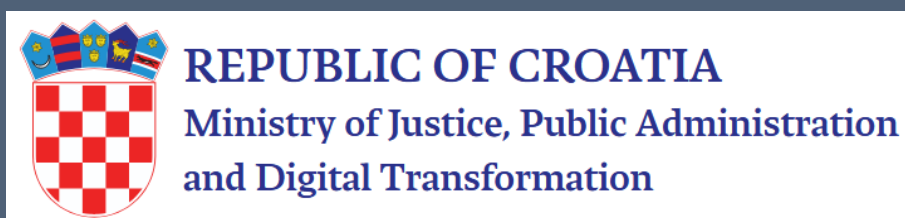
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