First day 19 February 2020

9:00 Arrival and coffee

9:30 Welcome
Jörg Monar, Rector, College of Europe
Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Director, Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.), Ghent University

9:50 Scene-setter
Paul Nemitz, Principal Adviser on Justice Policy, EU Commission and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

SESSION I – THE OLD VS THE NEW?

Chaired by Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

10:30 Democracy and Digitalization: Old Challenges and New Opportunities?
Deirdre Curtin, Professor of European Law and Head of the Department of Law at the European University Institute

10:50 Fundamental Rights: Static Instruments in a Dynamic World?
Elise Muir, Head of the Institute for European Law, KU Leuven and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

11:10 Accountability of Non-Governmental Actors: a Theoretical Framework
Mark Dawson, Professor, Hertie School of Governance

11:30 Online Platforms, Social Networks and Search: Disrupting Democracy or Democratizing Disruption?
Jeremias Prassl, Professor of Law, University of Oxford

11:50 Panel-lead discussion by
Joris Van Hoboken, Professor of Law, VUB
Riikka Koulu, Assistant Professor of Law and Digitalization, University of Helsinki
Ben Smulders, Head of Cabinet of the First Vice-President, European Commission and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

12:30 – 14:00 Sandwich lunch for all participants

SESSION II – FROM ETHICS CODES TO REGULATION: A RENAISSANCE OF THE LAW?

Chaired by Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Director, Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.), Ghent University

14:00 How Technology Challenges the Law
Thibault Schrepel, Assistant Professor, Utrecht University

14:20 The Impact of Digital Technologies on Self-Regulatory Systems
Virginia Haufler, Associate Professor in the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland

14:40 Confronting Digital Challenges to Media Pluralism: Regulation vs. Self-Regulation
Urška Umek, Council of Europe, Secretariat of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society

15:00 Panel-led discussion by
Freddy Drexler, Director-General European Parliament Legal Service
Maria Jepsen, Deputy Director, Eurofound
Jens-Henrik Jeppesen, Center for Democracy & Technology, Brussels Office
Martynas Barysas, Director, Internal Market Department, BusinessEurope

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

SESSION III – THE GENERAL VS THE SPECIFIC

Chaired by Orla Lynskey, Associate Professor of Law, LSE, Visiting Professor, College of Europe

16:10 Technology Neutrality and other Principles for EU-law making in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
Angela Daly, Senior Lecturer, University of Strathclyde

16:30 Regulating the Platform Economy
Vassilis Hatzopoulos, Visiting Professor, College of Europe

16:50 Digital Innovation, Regulation and Competitiveness: An Assessment of the EU's Current Policies
Andrea Renda, Google Chair, College of Europe

17:10 Competition Law as a Tool to Regulate the EU Digital Economy?
Nicolas Petit, Professor, EUI and Visiting Professor, College of Europe

17:30 Panel-led discussion by
László Andor, Secretary-General of FEPS, former EU Commissioner
Philip Boucher, European Parliament Think-Tank
Irene Roche Laguna, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Communications Networks, Visiting Professor, College of Europe

19:00 Dinner for speakers and panelists

Second day 20 February 2020

9:00 Scene-setter
Orla Lynskey, Associate Professor of Law, London School of Economics and Political Science, Visiting Professor, College of Europe

SESSION IV – EU RIGHTS IN A DIGITAL SOCIETY

Chaired by Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe and Director, Ghent European Law Institute (G.E.L.I.), Ghent University

9:40 Social Rights in a Digital Economy
Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

10:00 The Fundamental Right to Data Protection
Michele Finck, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition and Lecturer in EU law at Keble College, University of Oxford

10:20 The Right to (Intellectual) Property in the Digital Age
Josef Drexl, Professor, Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 Freedom of Expression and the Internet
Andreas Wiebe, Chair for Civil Law, Competition and Intellectual Property Law, Media and Information Law, Göttingen University

11:20 Digital Technology and Democracy
Dirk Helbing, Professor of Computational Social Science, ETH Zurich

11:40 Panel-led discussion by
Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman
Diego Naranjo, Head of Policy, European Digital Rights (EDRi)
Karen Banks, Deputy Director-General, European Commission Legal Service
Allan Rosas, Judge, Court of Justice of the EU
Petra de Sutter, MEP (Verts)

13:00 Conclusions and next steps
Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe

13:15 – 14.00 Closing sandwich lunch for all participants

END OF THE CONFERENCE