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# CALL *for* PAPERS

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The third conference in the context of the project **'Digital Vulnerability in European Private Law' (DiVE)**, funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research as PRIN project 2020XBFME2, will be held on **April 2025** (very likely on April 10-11) at the **University of Trieste**, and will be centered on **'Remedies to Digital Vulnerability in European Law'**.

In the inaugural conference, held in June 2023 at the University of Ferrara, we delved into the current legal status of digital vulnerability within domestic and European private law. In the second conference, held in May 2024 at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, we investigated from an interdisciplinary perspective human vulnerability in its interactions with artificial intelligence. Building on previous findings, the third conference will take for granted that many people, if not all, are vulnerable in the digital world. The questions we will discuss at the conference therefore are: what can be done? How can digital vulnerability be remedied? What measures can be adopted, ex ante or ex post, to avoid and/or limit its exploitation?

As the above makes clear, we adopt the notion of **'remediating vulnerability'** in the broadest possible sense. One may set forth proposals for new interpretations of current norms (e.g., on personal capacity, contractual and/or tortious liability, restitution, data protection, competition) by courts and/or independent authorities. One may suggest ways to deal with evidentiary problems and procedural/enforcement issues, for instance looking at the procedural mechanisms that may help deal with asymmetry of power (such as class/representative actions and pilot cases). One may inquire into the possibilities open up by technical standards, best practices and corporate self-regulation. One may envisage statutory reforms and/or educational campaigns.



If you are interested in participating as a speaker, please submit an abstract no longer than 500 words to **digital.vulnerability@gmail.com** by **January 15, 2025**; if you are currently pursuing your PhD please specify it, since there will be a special session for PhD students' presentations. In principle, abstracts should focus on the remedies for digital vulnerability under domestic and/or European law, but proposals from other disciplines and jurisdictions are welcome. The DiVE Project Team and the members of the International Advisory Board of the DiVE project will evaluate proposals and provide feedback by February 15, 2025. Please note that we are not able to provide funding for travel and stay expenses. Selected speakers will have a 20-minute presentation slot, followed by Q&A and a general discussion. They will also be invited to submit papers for publication in the conference volume.

If you wish to know more about the 'Digital Vulnerability in European Private Law' project, please visit our website at **<https://prindive.weebly.com/>**. On the website you will also find some useful materials and bibliography.

We look forward to receiving your papers and welcoming you to our Trieste conference.

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