Artificial Intelligence and Legal Decision-Making

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In this seminar, Professor Dr Maxi Scherer explores the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in arbitral or judicial decision-making from a holistic point of view. She discusses the technical aspects of AI, its practical limitations, and its theoretical and methodological implications for decision-making as a whole.

While Professor Scherer takes the angle of international arbitration, she looks at examples and studies from a wide range of legal areas. Among other things, she discusses whether a blind deferential attitude towards algorithmic objectivity and infallibility is misplaced, because AI models might perpetuate existing biases. Looking at existing legal theories, she explains why the use of AI and its reliance on probabilistic inferences could constitute a significant paradigm shift for judicial decision-making.

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