



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

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Robot Law and Artificial Intelligence

Course Code	R_RLAI
Credits	6
Period	P1
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Law
Course Coordinator	M. van der Werf
Examiner	M. van der Werf
Teaching Staff	Z.B. Cooper, I. Bratu, prof. mr. A.R. Lodder
Teaching method(s)	Study Group, Tutorial, Lecture

Course Objective

Robot Law and Artificial Intelligence focuses on the societal impact of technological constructs such as intelligent software and robots. The student will learn and understand the profound influence that the autonomous and intelligent technological constructs may have on society, as well as the ethical consequences and legal implications thereof. The student will be able to develop an academic, sound judgement on the future of a robotic society from an ethical and legal perspective. The student will be able to analyze and critically evaluate the legal-ethical dimensions of issues relating to the use of intelligent software and robots.

Course objectives:

At the end of the course, students are:

- aware of the contextual demands (not to stifle technological development by enacting restrictive legislation, while at the same time protecting fundamental rights and freedoms of a democratic society) law has to deal with;
- able to assess the legal and societal aspects of a problem in an integrated way and critically reflect on possible approaches and solutions;
- able to formulate their own well-founded opinion on the challenges posed by particular applications of robots and AI.

Eindtermen: 3, 4 en 15.

Course Content

Robots and Artificial Intelligence used to belong to science fiction movies and stories. Also, they were discussed in theoretical academic and popular articles. In recent years both Robots and Artificial Intelligence gradually but strongly are moving away from theory and entering our daily lives. This course focuses on those practical developments, and what role law and ethics play. We do not limit ourselves to present technology, but include prophecies on how society may change in the future and what we can and should do about it.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures and tutorials.

Method of Assessment

Assignment plus exam

Literature

Made available via Canvas

Additional Information Target Audience

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:
Students from other universities/faculties
Contractor (students who pay for one course).