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WORKSHOP

DIGITAL DICTATORSHIP OR DIGITAL REPUBLIC? LAW AND ETHICS OF CHINA'S SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM

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■ INTRODUCTION

China's effort to build and implement its so-called Social Credit System (SCS) offers a fascinating case of a technological ecosystem designed for social control. Driven by public-private partnerships, it combines public policy and law making with data-driven solutions to monitor and control citizens' actions and identities. Underlying systems such as the SCS are notions of 'good citizens', the type of citizen that optimally contributes to a flourishing political community, and of 'civic virtues', the state of character that contributes to a desirable kind of civic life.

The workshop will examine China's emerging SCS from different disciplines: political theory, social science, legal jurisprudence, and moral philosophy. It aims at improving our understanding of the system—examining its functions, goals, and feasibility—investigating the ethics of the social credit system, and exploring its legal implications and the regulatory regimes that should govern it.

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■ PROGRAMME

09.00 - 09.15	Registration
09.15 - 09.30	Welcoming Remarks Liav Orgad European University Institute, WZB, IDC Wessel Reijers European University Institute
09.30 - 10.45	Keynote Address Rogier Creemers Leiden University
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.45	Session I: Contours of the SCS: Present and Future Chair: Johanna Hase WZB Martina Francesca Ferracane European University Institute Adam Knight University of Oxford Igor Rogelja European University Institute
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.45	Session II: The Ethics of the SCS Chair: Jelena Dzankic European University Institute Liav Orgad European University Institute Wessel Reijers European University Institute Jens Van 't Klooster European University Institute
15.45 - 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.45	Session III: The SCS as a New Legal Paradigm Chair: Athina Sachoulidou European University Institute Joshua Fairfield Wilfrid Laurier University and EUI Giovanni Sartor European University Institute Mathias Siems European University Institute
17.45 - 18.00	Coffee Break
18.00 - 18.45	Roundtable