



To predict or not to predict? Re-thinking the field of automatic court decision classification

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The interest in predicting outcomes of court decisions is at its peak, and many researchers are demonstrating promising results and high accuracies. But how do they do it, and what are they actually predicting? Should we do it and what for? In her talk [Masha Medvedeva](#) (University of Groningen) will discuss the potential and limitations of predicting court judgements. Masha will draw a distinction between forecasting, classifying and identifying judicial decisions, discuss how each can be done with or without machine learning, and how it can be useful in legal research. We will take a dive into how the modern predictive systems work and I will demonstrate how our newest robot JURI (not a robojudge!) forecasts future decisions of the European Court of Human Rights.

Pre-reading

- [Using machine learning to predict decisions of the European Court of Human Rights](#)
- [JURI SAYS: An Automatic Judgement Prediction System for the European Court of Human Rights](#)

Schedule

- 1.00pm - 1.30pm: Online networking (feel free to bring your own refreshments)
- 1.30pm - 2.15pm: Opening talk
- 2.15pm - 2.45pm: Q&A
- 2.45pm - 3.00pm: Open discussion

To attend this event, please register below.