Law, Society and Digital Pasts, Presents and Futures

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The 2023 RCSL conference sets out to explore the latest concepts and practices of digital societies. It asks how digitalization reconfigures law, citizenship/denizenship, democracy, markets, identity, and everyday forms of life and resistance. In doing so, the conference discusses how socio-legal methods are more relevant than ever to examine how digital technologies impact and take form after states, markets, law and citizens/denizens. Digitalisation takes many forms, such as platform-based markets, robots, non-fungible tokens (NFTs), digital fencing and sensing by machines in border creation, and city planning, as well as automated state decision-making and digitization of legal archives, courts and other dispute resolution fora. With this focus we aim to show how past, present and future societies are mediated through digital technologies and law. The broader aim is to consider the role of socio-legal scholars when engaging with digital technologies. We hope to spark renewed discussion of sociology and law in a time where an increasing number of national and global actors pose challenges to democracy and the rule of law.

Apart from paper proposals related to the conference theme, the RCSL Working Groups are encouraged to submit sessions. Individual paper proposals on socio-legal subjects are also welcome.

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