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Law via the Internet 2023 (LVI2023)
Mon 6 to Wed 8 November 2023, Vienna, Austria

University of Vienna, Faculty of Law, Juridicum, Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik (ARI)
(Centre for Computers and Law)
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Call for Papers, Abstracts and Demonstrations

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Legal Information Institute Austria

<http://lii-austria.org>

*** Free Legal Information for Austria ***

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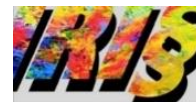
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WELCOME TO LVI 2023

The RVI2023 will be in the same week and place as the ReMeP2023 (Research Meets Practice) of Stefan Eder.

It is planned to hold a joint Get2gether at a Heuriger – the last conference social event for RVI2023 and the first of ReMeP2023. The main topic of ReMeP2023 will be decided very soon. See <https://remep.net>.



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Since it began in 1997, the Law via the Internet conference has been established as the foremost international conference aiming at bringing together the various communities involved in all aspects of free access to law. It is organized annually under the auspices of the [Free Access to Law Movement \(FALM\)](#), a consortium of more than 60 non-profit institutions dedicated to providing free and open access to the world's law. After the COVID-19 break, it is a re-start this year, the last conference was in 2020.

This year the Conference, organized in Vienna by the Centre for Computers and Law, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, the Austrian Legal Information Institute LII-Austria and Cybly Law Tech, a provider of free legal information for Austria with its RIS App.

LIIs were - among others - very successful in developing and enlarging authoritative legal text corpora for the various jurisdictions. Still, a lot of work has to be done, in particular in emerging economies and developing countries. The leading topic of the conference will be:

Challenges and opportunities for free access to law, including those posed by generative AI/large language models

As usual, the other topics of free access to legal information will be also properly included in the programme.

Large Linguistic Models like ChatGTP are heavily discussed in all scientific fora these days. As legal publishers consider LLMs as the next step in the improvement of legal research, we would like to explore and discuss its options in this regards. The FALM has a strong potential due to its experience with large legal text corpora but also its competence in languages and different character sets. Free access to law may be improved by better information retrieval but also summarizing relevant research results.

Topics of Papers

Authors are invited to submit abstracts on a broad spectrum of research topics that include, but are not restricted to:

Leading topic – generative AI & advanced legal IR:

- Generative AI
- Advanced legal information retrieval
- Business cases of re-use of LII data
- Completeness of legal text corpora
- Indexing of legal text (multimedia) corpora
- Standards of meta data for LIIs
- Knowledge acquisition techniques for the legal domain (natural language processing, argument and data mining)
- Legal knowledge representation
- Automatic legal text classification and summarisation
- Big data and data analytics for and in the legal domain
- Communicating legal information: Visual law for improving public access to the law
- Interactive and „intelligent“ legal services and knowledge-based tools



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Open Data and freedom of information:

- Open data policies
- Policy issues on the publication of case law
- Challenges facing free access to public legal information throughout the world
- Open access to legal scholarship
- Restrictions of openness
- Sustainable business model for free law
- Global interoperability and Linked Open Data in the legal domain

Legal information and e-government, e-democracy and e-participation:

- Free access to law by government and non-state actors
- Facilitating community access to legal information
- E-government, e-democracy and e-justice
- Global development and state of implementation of legal standards
- E-government and access to legal information
- E-democracy and access to legal information
- Tools for supporting democratic participation and opportunities for digital democracy

Legal information for e-business and the legal professionals:

- Legal issues of open data and law & society
- Freedom of information
- Open data
- Data protection & privacy
- Data Governance
- IP law
- Data sovereignty
- Responsibility and liability for the quality of data
- Digital preservation for legal documents
- Privacy and data protection, access to and dissemination of legal information

Abstracts presenting innovative projects, experience, initiatives or services with a strong collaborative cross-border or international dimension are preferred.

Programme Committee

Chairs: Erich Schweighofer & Stefan Eder

Members: see website

Local Chairs

Erich Schweighofer, University of Vienna and Stefan Eder, Benn-Ibler Law Firm & Cybly LawTech & Team of the Arbeitsgruppe Rechtsinformatik

Dates

Submission of abstracts & papers – 1st phase: 30 September 2023, 2nd phase: 15 October 2023

Reviews: ongoing

Notification of acceptance – 1st phase: 10 October 2023, 2nd phase: 25 October 2023

Draft papers: 5 November 2023, final papers: 30 November 2023



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The venue – City of Vienna

Vienna is Austria's most populous city with nearly 2 million inhabitants. Besides being the capital of Austria, after the fall of the Iron Curtain it has regained its previous position as the most important metropolitan area in Central Europe and the Danube river area.

Well-known for its very high living quality, its UNESCO heritage sights, its many world class monuments and sights, its musical legacy, its painters and writers, the high reputation of its universities etc. It is one of the most important cities to visit in Europe, in particular the historic centre of Vienna, rich in architecture (Baroque palaces and gardens, and late-19th-century Ringstraße with the City Hall, the University, the Burgtheater, New Hofburg, Museums, Palaces, the Parliament etc. etc.

Vienna is the centre of a very prosperous economic region (in very close vicinity to Bratislava), host of major international organisations, including the United Nations, OPEC and the OSCE. It is also a very im

Organisers

Erich Schweighofer is professor of Legal Informatics, European and International Law (on leave) at the University of Vienna, president of Legal Information Institute Austria (LII-Austria) (<http://lii-austria.org>) and the Wiener Zentrum für Rechtsinformatik (WZRI) (Vienna Centre for Legal Informatics), including its suborganisations, trustee of the International Legal Informatics Conference IRI§ (“owner”) and a well-known top-level expert in the field of legal informatics. Presently, he is working for the European Commission in Brussels (no affiliation whatsoever with this conference).

Stefan Eder is co-owner of the law firm Benn-Ibler Rechtsanwälte GmbH and of Cybly GmbH, the best-visited commercial legal information system with its well known RIS app, offered free of charge for all. He has a long standing practice as a lawyer and manager in a law firm and is co-managing the free legal information system LawThek of Cybly.

Both co-organisers hold degrees in law and computer science.

University of Vienna: Facts and figures

- A university steeped in history and knowledge creator of a global city
- Founded by Duke Rudolph IV in 1365 as the Alma Mater Rudolphina Vindobonensis
- One of the oldest and largest universities in Europe
- Opening of the historic Main Building of the University in the heart of Vienna's city centre in 1884
- More than 60 locations in Vienna
- Host of more than 1,000 events and 350 international conferences

More info: [University of Vienna \(univie.ac.at\)](http://univie.ac.at)

Juridicum: The Juridicum is the law faculty of the University of Vienna. It is the oldest and largest law faculty in the German-speaking area. Law has been researched and taught here for over six centuries. More than 10,000 students are now looked after by around 600 employees.

More info (in German): [Fakultät \(univie.ac.at\)](http://Fakultät.univie.ac.at)