# NEWSLETTER

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### **EVENTS**

On behalf of the project on future law, ethics, and smart technologies, it is planned to have public discussions on the 21st of September and the 5th of October. The discussions offer a great opportunity to learn more about the project and the related topics by being a part of the audience. To keep yourself up-to-date, please keep track of the main website of the cluster as well as the Facebook page.

#### **New Member**

At the end of last June, dr. Ausrine Pasvenskiene from VMU's law department has become a member of the Research Cluster for Applied Ethics. Dr. Pasvenskiene is the vicedean for international relations and marketing at VMU and is a qualified expert at civil law and education law.

#### **Research Stay**

Prof. Gordon has recently completed his research stay at Maynooth University in Ireland. During his stay (2018. 15. 7 - 15. 8) prof. Gordon has further advanced his research on moral expertise.

#### **International Collaboration**

The Research Cluster for Applied Ethics now collaborates with the department of philosophy at Maynooth University.

#### **Publication: Electronic Personality**

Prof. Gruodyte is currently exploring the possibility of applying criminal responsibility to electronic personality as such in preparation for the part of her article that deals with electronic personality.

# "Future Law, Ethics, and Smart Technologies" - Project News:

Starting with the current issue, the newsletter will now cover the project "Integrity Study of Future Law, Ethics, and Smart Technologies". The mentioned project is funded by the Lithuanian Research Council and involves a number of researchers from the RCAE and their colleagues from the faculties of law and informatics.

## Smart Technologies and Fundamental Rights

On the 15th and 16th of June, an international

conference "Smart Technologies and Fundamental Rights" took place at the University of Stockholm. In the mentioned conference, presentations have been given by prof. Julija Kirsiene (on AI and privacy issues) and Kestutis Mosakas (on researching machine rights), who are both involved in the project on future law, ethics, and smart technologies.

### Special Issue: Al and Law - Ethical, Legal, and Socio-Political Implications

Prof. Gordon has been selected as the guest editor for a special issue on AI and Law - Ethical, Legal, and Socio-Political implications. The special issue, to be published by AI & Society, which is one of the leading international journals in the field, will contain a set of scholarly articles dealing with significant legal and ethical concerns that have been brought into being by the rapid technological development and utilization of smart technologies.

### Philosophy in Lithuania:

# International Conference: Phenomenology and Emotions

On the 12th and 13th of October, an international conference "Phenomenology and Emotions" is taking place in Kaunas. The conference, organized by Vytautas Magnus University, will be focused on phenomenological philosophy of the 20th century with particular emphasis on emotional aspects (bodily feelings, affects, empathy, pain, etc.). The conference will feature speakers from universities in the United States, Spain, France, Germany, as well as Hong Kong. For more information, see the link below:

https://philevents.org/event/show/38722

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