

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Universidade de Lisboa

Foundations of Evidence Law in Criminal Procedure – Part Two
Technology and Evidence in Criminal Proceedings
FINAL SEMINAR

Organizers: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Kai Ambos / Prof. Dr. Paulo de Sousa Mendes / Prof. Rui Soares Pereira

Date: Thursday 4th December 2025

Venue: University of Lisbon, Alameda da Universidade, Lisboa, Portugal

Language: English

Methodology: The Seminar consists of five sub-topics for each of which there will be a main paper to be discussed by a specifically assigned commentator and, afterwards, by the whole group. The (draft) paper will be circulated at least 10 days before the seminar. The author of the paper can either give a short introduction of his/her paper (max 10 min) or waive this right and instead react later to the commentator (max. 10 min) and/or other comments during the debate (max 60 min.). Each section will take max. 80 min.

Program*

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Evening reception at the Hotel NH, Campo Grande

Thursday 4th December 2025

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Introduction

1. Is evidential reasoning computable?

09:15 – 09:25: Main paper by Liat Levanon (King's College London, UK)

09:25 – 09:35: Comment by Paul Roberts (University of Nottingham, UK)

* Portuguese time.

09:35 – 10:35: Debate

2. Special Criteria for the Admission of Scientific Evidence? A Comparative Perspective

10:35 – 10:45: Main paper by Paul Roberts (University of Nottingham, UK)

10:45 – 10:55: Comment by Carole McCartney (University of Leicester, UK)

10:55 – 11:55: Debate

3. Artificial Intelligence: Facial Recognition and Judicial Evidence

11:55 – 12:05: Main paper by Rui Soares Pereira (Universidade de Lisboa)

12:05 – 12:15: Comment by João Marques Martins (Universidade de Lisboa)

12:15 – 13:15: Debate

13:15 – 14:30: Lunch break

4. Can good Science be bad Evidence? On the Problems of DNA Evidence

14:30 – 14:40: Main paper by Ezequiel Malarino (Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina)

14:40 – 14:50: Comment by Kai Ambos (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany)

14:50 – 15:50: Debate

5. Artificial Intelligence: Predictive Coding and Judicial Evidence

15:50 – 16:00: Main paper by Paulo de Sousa Mendes (Universidade de Lisboa)

16:00 – 16:10: Comment by José Ignacio Solar Cayón (Universidad de Cantabria , Spain)

16:10 – 17:10: Discussion

17:10 – 17:40: Conclusions and closure

Friday 5th December 2025

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