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Programme

Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Justice

13 October 2026, Maison Française d'Oxford

9.45am – 10am | Opening remarks

- HE Hélène Duchêne, French Ambassador to the United Kingdom
- Stéphane Van Damme, Director of the Maison Française d'Oxford

10am – 10.45am | Roundtable 1: Definitions and Current State of Legal AI

- Moderator: Anne-Thida Norodom, Professor of Public Law at the University of Paris-Panthéon-Assas and researcher at the Institute of Advanced International Studies (IHEI)
- Mélanie Vay, Doctor of Political Science and Research and Studies Officer at the Robert Badinter Institute
- Jonathan Williams, Head of Community at Legora

10.45am – 11.30am | Roundtable 2: Presentation and Implementation of National AI Strategies – Policy Aspects

- Moderator: Vanessa Moracchini, Legal Officer to the French Liaison Judge for the United Kingdom and Ireland at the French Embassy in the United Kingdom
- Elise Farge di Maria, Director of the Artificial Intelligence Programme at the French Ministry of Justice
- Franziska Hasford, Director of Justice AI Unit and Chief AI Officer at the Ministry of Justice (UK)

11.30am – 11.45am | Coffee Break

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11.45am – 1.15pm | Roundtable 3: Presentation and Implementation of National AI Strategies – Operational Aspects

- Moderator: Lise Jaulin, French Liaison Judge for the United Kingdom and Ireland at the French Embassy in the United Kingdom
- Steve O'Connor, Chief Digital and Information Officer (CDIO) at the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)
- Joanna Smith DBE, Judge of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales, Judge of the Technology and Construction Court, and member of the Judicial AI Working Group
- Emmanuelle Wachenheim, Judge at the Paris Court of Appeal, Secretary General to the Chief Judge, and Alexandre Verney, Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Meaux Judicial Court, for a demonstration of an AI tool in use
- Edouard Rottier, Judge-Rapporteur at the Criminal Chamber of the French *Cour de Cassation* and former Deputy Director of the Documentation, Research, and Reporting Service, in charge of AI and Open Data matters

1.15pm – 2.15pm | Standing Lunch Reception

2.15pm – 3.45pm | Roundtable 4: The Future for Legal Professionals and Opportunities and Risks for Litigants

- Moderator: Mélanie Vay, Doctor of Political Science and Research and Studies Officer at the Robert Badinter Institute
- Géraldine Vial, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Master's Program in Justice, Trials, and Procedures at the University of Grenoble Alpes, Co-holder of the AI - LegalTools chair (MIAI Cluster)
- Lodovica Raparelli, Head of Research and Projects at the Oxford Institute of Technology and Justice
- Emmanuelle Masson, Deputy Director of the Civil Affairs and Seals Directorate (DACS) at the French Ministry of Justice
- Shobana Iyer, Barrister at Swan Chambers; Vice Chair of the Legal Services Committee, and member of the IT and ADR Panels, Bar Council of England and Wales

3.45pm – 4pm | Closing Remarks