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April 23 – 25, 2026 | Berlin, Germany**



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## We Robot 2026

**Conference: 24-25 April**

**Location:** [buM – Place for Solidarity](#) at the heart of urban Berlin  
Paul-Lincke-Ufer 21, 10999 Berlin

Across two enriching days, the conference programme is structured around individual paper presentations and panel discussions, designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue and foster engagement across disciplinary boundaries. And because the best conversations don't always happen in the conference room, join us for the conference dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup> where the energy, ideas, and good company keep flowing long into the evening.

### Day 1- 24 April 2026

09:00-09:30 | Welcome

09:30-10:30 | Paper Session

- From Limited Risk to Prohibited Use: Mapping the EU AI Act's Risk Framework onto Robotic Public Safety Systems.

**Author: Irmak Erdogan (KU Leuven Centre for IT & IP Law)**

**Discussant: Hannah Ruschemeier (University of Osnabrueck)**

10:30-11:00 | Break

11:00-13:00 | Panel: Building Systems That Last: Law, Technology, and Long-Term Thinking

- The Charge of Green Robots: From Environmental Robot Ethics to an Environmental Rule of Law for Robotics

**Authors: Jacopo Ciani, Ugo Pagallo, Massimo Durante and Ludovica Paseri (Department of Law, University of Turin)**

- When Right to Repair Meets AI: Reinterpreting the Right to Repair through Individuation

**Author: Ryota Akasaka (The University of Osaka)**

- Robotic Imposters with Human Helpers: An anthropologically informed study of sociotechnical imaginaries around social robots in staged and unstaged settings in Japan

**Authors: Elsa Concas (Stockholm University), Laetitia Tanqueray (Department of Technology and Society, Lund University) and Stefan Larsson (Department of Technology and Society, Lund University)**

**Discussant: Helena Webb (University of Nottingham)**

13:00-14:00 | Lunch

14:00-15:00 | Paper Session

- The New Three Laws of Robotics: Field-Derived Ethics for Human-Robot Coexistence  
**Authors: Tomomi Ota (Shiga University) and Rikiya Yamamoto (Robot Friendly Project)**  
**Discussant: Ajung Moon (McGill University)**

15:00-15:30 | Break

15:30-17:30 | Panel: Reimagining Accountability: Who Answers When Systems Fail?

- Intention, But Hybrid: A New Test for Posthuman Agents  
**Author: Janko Munjić (Appellate Court in Kragujevac; Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac)**
- AI Risk Bonds: A Market-Based Mechanism for Governing Liability  
**Authors: Gleb Papyshv (Lingnan University), Sara Migliorini (University of Macau) and Keith Jin Deng Chan (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)**
- Curated Information Frameworks: Contextual Transparency and Governance for Dynamic AI  
**Author: Emily LaRosa (Michigan State University)**  
**Discussant: Stanisław Tosza (University of Luxembourg)**

**Day 2 – 25 April 2026**

09:30-10:30 | Paper Session

- Rethinking Robot Ownership: Comparing Public, Corporate, and Private Ownership Models.  
**Authors: Isaac Sheidlower, Tomo Lazovich, Harini Suresh, and Serena Booth (Brown University)**  
**Discussant: Ryan Calo (University of Washington)**

10:30-11:00 | Break

11:00-13:00 | Panel: AI Safety and assurance: Technological foundations, standards and audits

- Shadows Work & Protocols: A Contingent Case for Negligence in Agentic AI  
**Authors: Veronica Paternolli (University of Verona) and Ryan Calo (University of Washington)**
- Revealing AI's Latent Rulebook  
**Authors: David Atkinson (Georgetown) and Paul Ohm (Georgetown Law)**
- A Scoping Review of System Integration Audits: Towards a New Class of Artificial Intelligence Evaluation  
**Authors: Leah Davis (McGill University), Ajung Moon (McGill University) and Dominic Martin (Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM))**  
**Discussant: Woodrow Hartzog (Boston University)**

13:00-14:00 | Lunch

14:00-15:00 | Paper Session

- From Rejection to Regulation: Mapping the Landscape of AI Resistance  
**Authors: Ayse Gizem Yasar (École normale supérieure Paris) and Can Simsek (Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society)**  
**Discussant: Vance Ricks (Northeastern University)**

15:00-15:30 | Break

15:30-17:30 | Panel: Deep Fakes and Deeper Problems: AI's Problem with Nuances

- LLMs and the Collapse of Legal Indeterminacy  
**Author: Shira Gur-Arieh (Harvard Law School)**
- How Much Is My Voice Worth to an Algorithm? Synthetic Voices, Embodied Agents, and the Right to Freedom from Vocal Identity Confusion  
**Author: Maddalena Castellani (Attorney-at-law and Independent Researcher)**  
**Discussant: Neil Richards (Washington University in St. Louis)**

If you have any questions, please email [orga@werobot2026.eu](mailto:orga@werobot2026.eu). We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

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