

SYMPOSIUM

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# AGENTIC AI

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## PROGRAMME

The rise of agentic AI systems – with their ability to make independent decisions and plan and execute complex tasks with minimal human intervention – raises questions over how they should be effectively governed. Agentic AI holds the promise of reducing manual and repetitive tasks, improving cybersecurity through greater adaptivity, and enabling users to access more professional services in different sectors through real-time management of complex questions.

However, agentic AI raises questions over sufficient control and accountability, with specific concerns over prompt injection, data poisoning, emergent behavior, bias amplification, accuracy, uncertainty quantification, explainability, liability attribution, and sustainability – in addition to potential broader negative socioeconomic impacts such as job displacement.

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# DAY 1 6 MAY

Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon  
Room Exposições

## 9:00–9:15 **OPENING SESSION**

### 9:15–9:45 **KEYNOTE. INTRODUCTION TO AGENTIC AI: CURRENT AND TRAJECTORY**

– Ana Paiva and Arlindo Oliveira

### 9:45–11:15 **SESSION 1. CENTRAL DILEMMAS IN GOVERNING AGENTIC AI**

CHAIR: *Martin Ebers*

– *Malcolm Langford and Eduardo Gill Pedro*

**Governing Agentic AI: Lessons from Corporations as Agents**

– *Maria do Céu Patrão Neves*

**The Ethics of Agentic AI**

– *William Hasselberger*

**Outsourcing Agency: Human Mastery and Dependence with Agentic AI**

– *Guy I Seidman*

**Double the Agency, Tripple the Risk**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

## 11:15–11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

### 11:30–13:00 **SESSION 2. EMBEDDED GOVERNANCE**

CHAIR: *Henrique Sousa Antunes*

– *Hui Song and Gencer Erdogan*

**Trusted Execution Environment and Communication Channel for AI Agents – A Research Roadmap**

– *Brian Harrington and Steve Joordens*

**Internalizing Control: Cognitively Agentic AI as a Framework for Integrated Self-Governance**

– *Shiliang Zhang and Sabita Maharjan*

**Security, Privacy, and Agentic AI in a Regulatory View**

– *Kelly McConvey, Jacquelyn Burkell, Yuntian Deng, Maura Grossman, Jaleh Mahdavi Mahdavimoghaddam, Vered Schwartz, Maksym Taranukhin, Wentao Zhang and Ebrahim Bagheri*

**Datasets, Detection Methods, and Evaluation Strategies for Managing Synthetic Evidence in the Judicial System**

GENERAL DISCUSSION

## 13:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

## 14:30-16:00 **SESSION 3. HOW IS AGENTIC AI LEGALLY GOVERNED?**

CHAIR: *Giovanni de Gregorio*

- *Samson Yoseph Esayas, Tobias Mahler and Emily Weitzenboeck*  
**Mapping the Regulatory Landscape for Agentic AI: Legal Gaps, Emergence and Future Directions**
  - *Vera Lúcia Raposo*  
**Human Oversight and Agentic AI - Who Is Really Pulling the Strings?**
  - *Sebastian Schwemer*  
**Round Pegs in Square Holes?  
EU Platform Governance After the Agentic Turn**
  - *Hans Jørgen Gåsemyr*  
**Chinese Approaches to Governing Agentic AI**
- GENERAL DISCUSSION

## 16:00-16:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

## 16:15-17:45 **SESSION 4. COLLINGRIDGE LAB FOR AGENTIC AI GOVERNANCE**

CHAIR: *Malcolm Langford*

- Introduction to Anticipatory Governance Theory  
*Facilitated group session on:*
  - 1) **Forecasting Agentic AI Trajectories**
  - 2) **Stress-Testing Existing (and possible) Governance Approaches**

# DAY 2 7 MAY

Abreu Advogados, Lisbon

## 9:30-11:00 **SESSION 5. WHAT TYPES OF GOVERNANCE REFORMS ARE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS AGENTIC AI?**

CHAIR: *Luís Barreto Xavier*

- *Beth Coleman and Peter Lewis*  
**Modeling Agentic Governance: Multi-Objective Mechanisms in Public Services Delivery**
  - *Heng Wang and Dirk Hartung*  
**Governing Agentic AI: Uncertainties and Adaptive Governance**
  - *Leonor Gambôa Machado and Jorge Silva Martins*  
**When Intended Purpose No Longer Holds: Governing Agentic AI**
  - *Tobias Mahler, Samson Esayas, Sebastian Schwemer and Malcolm Langford*  
**Policy Options for Agentic AI in the Context of the AIA**
- GENERAL DISCUSSION

11:00-11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:15-12:45 **SESSION 6. GOVERNING AGENTIC AI - CONTRACT AND LIABILITY LAW**

CHAIR: *Tito Rendas*

- *Emily Weitzenboeck, Samson Yoseph Esayas and Tobias Mahler*  
**Agentic AI and Contract Law: Regulatory Issues and Recent Developments**
  - *Fabrizio Esposito and Etye Steinberg*  
**From Trust to Code: AI and the New Governance of Assistance**
  - *Filipe José Medon Affonso and Henrique Sousa Antunes*  
**Civil Liability for Damages Caused by Social AI Companions: A Comparative Study**
  - *Florian Gamper*  
**AI Agents and the Question of Intentionality**
- GENERAL DISCUSSION

12:45 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00-15:45 **SESSION 7. GOVERNING AGENTIC AI - SPECIFIC ISSUES**

CHAIR: *Benedita Menezes Queiroz*

- *Dirk Hartung and Heng Wang*  
**Agentic AI and Environmental Governance: Regulatory Gaps in EU Law and a Market-Based Response**
  - *Anna Su and Sue Anne Teo*  
**Can AI Agents have Rights? A Typology**
  - *Diogo R. Soares*  
**Data Protection**
  - *Etye Steinberg*  
**Agentic AI, Data Privacy, and Strong Control**
  - *Pedro Garcia Marques*  
**What Does AI Systems Ability to Lie and Deceive Say About EU AI Act Ethical Risk Classification Method?**
  - *Clara Martins Pereira*  
**Artificial Intelligence and The Future of Financial Stability: Regulatory and Supervisory Gaps**
- GENERAL DISCUSSION

15:45-16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00-16:45 **PERSPECTIVES ON GOVERNING AGENTIC AI**

- Reflections from *Martin Ebers*

GENERAL DISCUSSION

16:45-17:00 **CLOSING**