

Call for Papers

Workshop on

EVIDENCE & PROOF: EMPIRICAL AND THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE CURRENT FRONTIERS OF INTERPRETATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

as part of the 2nd Michele Taruffo Girona Evidence Week 2025 (2–6 June)

Aims and format of the workshop

The aim of this half-day* workshop is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of recurring challenges to expert evidence from a multidisciplinary, theoretical and practical perspective, with a particular focus on the frontiers of evidential assessment and its conceptual and practical consequences in legal proceedings across legal systems. In line with the general theme of the 2nd MTGEW 2025, this workshop will emphasise an analytical approach to evidential legal reasoning.

This workshop will feature presentations by the workshop coordinators, invited speakers and participants selected through a call for papers, with the aim of stimulating discussion among the presenters and the wider workshop audience.

Call for papers, themes and topics of interest

We welcome submissions from evidence law scholars, legal practitioners, philosophers of science, historians of science, and other scholars interested in the interdisciplinary study of issues related to the interpretation of scientific evidence and the broader field of Evidence & Proof. The main themes and topics should relate to the following questions:

- What are the (common) characteristics of cases in which the use of expert evidence is inappropriately extended beyond what is warranted by the underlying methodology?
- How can the limit(s) of interpretation of scientific evidence be defined, theoretically and practically, and how can transgressions of the limits of warranted interpretation of scientific evidence be articulated, monitored, and amended?
- How can, and should, theoretical and practical accounts of evidence assessment (Evidence & Proof) address the “problem” of unwarranted use of scientific evidence?
- What lessons can experts and fact-finders learn from cases where scientific evidence has been misused?

Submission guidelines

Proposals for workshop contributions should include the name and affiliation of the speaker and an abstract (250 words) and should be submitted to kyriakos.kotsoglou@northumbria.ac.uk. The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2024. Please note that for organisational reasons, each 2nd MTGEW Conference delegate may be a presenter in a maximum of two workshops.

Workshop coordinators

This workshop is coordinated by Alex Biedermann (University of Lausanne, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration, Lausanne, Switzerland), Kyriakos N. Kotsoglou (University of Northumbria School of Law, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK), Paul Roberts (University of Nottingham School of Law, Nottingham, UK) and Henry Zhuhao Wang (Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, USA).

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*The exact date and time will be determined by the organisers of the 2nd MTGEW Conference.