



Call for Chapters

'Digitalisation of Justice: Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands'

We are preparing an edited volume that examines how digitalisation impacts courts and dispute resolution, striking a balance between efficiency and fairness (e.g., remote trials and body language cues). We welcome topics within Private International Law, Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, and Administrative Procedure. Dutch and German perspectives are central; **European angles are also welcome** if they discuss how national law is impacted.

Final chapters will have to be submitted by 30 June 2026, after which a peer review will take place. The edited volume will be published by Springer Nature in the first half of 2027.

What we invite

A chapter-length contribution (original, unpublished) on any facet of the digitalisation of justice - conceptual, doctrinal, empirical, comparative, or policy-oriented. The book publication will be preceded by the symposium '[Digitalisation of Justice': Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands, taking place on 29 May 2026 in Groningen, the Netherlands](#)'. This symposium provides a platform for renowned scholars to present their research into the digitalisation of justice. It therefore does not focus on specific topics, but leaves it up to the speakers to identify important aspects. Attendance at the symposium is welcome but not required; this invitation is independent of conference presentations.

Length & style

8,000-10,000 words (including footnotes). A style sheet will be provided upon acceptance.

Proposal

Please email (with the subject line 'Call for Chapters') a single PDF containing:

- Working title and a 250-400 word chapter synopsis
- Short author bio (≤100 words) and affiliation
- Any potential rights/permissions issues (if applicable)

to Dr. Benedikt Schmitz at digitalisation@weakerparties.eu no later than **9 November 2025**.



Symposium 'Digitalisation of Justice': Perspectives from Germany and the Netherlands



Timetable

- Deadline for the Chapter proposal: **9 November 2025**
- Decision/commissioning: **16 November 2025**
- Full chapter due: **30 June 2026**
- Editorial/peer review: **July - mid September 2026**
- Revised chapter due: **1 November 2026**

Review & quality

Submissions will undergo editorial screening and external peer review focused on originality, methodological clarity, engagement with practice/policy, and fit within the volume's balance of Dutch/German perspectives and broader European/international relevance.

Ethics, transparency & rights

Chapters must be original and not under consideration elsewhere. Authors are responsible for third-party permissions (figures/data). Please disclose ethics approvals where relevant and note any use of generative tools.

Questions?

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the editor Dr. Benedikt Schmitz (Assistant Professor of Private International Law and Comparative Contract Law, University of Groningen) at digitalisation@weakerparties.eu.