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The George Washington University proudly organizes a one-day conference at the European Parliament in Brussels on September 23, 2025. This conference is a bold, boundary-pushing exploration of the AI Act, redefining the future of technology, competition, and global collaboration.

This conference will enable transformative discussions shaping the future of AI regulation. Connect with the brightest minds in policy and innovation, and be part of the conversation that's defining the next era of technology.



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Zweig Visitor Centre, Room 12
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Brussels, Belgium

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AGENDA

8:30–9:00 Registration

9:00–9:15 Welcoming Remarks

9:15–9:45 Opening Keynote

- Irina Orssich (DG Connect)

9:45–11:15 Session 1 – AI Act: Towards Regulatory Coordination

- **Chair:** Kristina Nordlander (GWU Lab Fellow)
- **Panelists:** Oscar Borgogno (Banca d'Italia; GWU), Jan De Bruyne (KU Leuven), Gloria Gonzalez Fuster (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Alexandru Voica (Synthesia), Orestis Trasanidis (eitdigital)

11:15–11:45 Coffee Break

11:45–1:15 Session 2 – AI Governance and International Trade: A Transatlantic Perspective

- **Chair:** Oscar Borgogno (Banca d'Italia; GWU)
- **Panelists:** Mathias Hanson (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Bertin Martens (Bruegel Senior Fellow), Olivier Proust (Fieldfisher), Henri van Soest (Rand Europe), Simone Skovshoved (Head of Policy, Danish Entrepreneurs), Andrew Stivers (Managing Director NERA), Nicholas Vonortas (GWU)



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1:15–2:30 Lunch Break

2:30–4:00 Session 3: AI Market Concentration and Competition Policy

- **Chair:** Aurelien Portuese (GWU)
- **Panelists:** Alexandre De Streel (Academic Director, CERRE and Professor, University of Namur), Thomas Kramler (Head of Unit in DG COMP), Katie Curry (RBB), Beatrice Dumont (College of Europe), Bernd Meyring (Linklaters), Rita Wezenbeek (Director, European Commission), Friso Boestoen (Tilburg University)

4:00–4:30 Keynote by Brando Benifei (MEP; AI Act Rapporteur)

- “Towards AI Governance: Lessons from the AI Act Negotiations”

4:30–4:40 Closing Remarks

- Oscar Borgogno (Banca d'Italia; GWU), Brando Benifei (Member of the European Parliament; AI Act Co-Rapporteur), Aurelien Portuese (GWU)