

INVITATION

Debate “Regulating artificial intelligence and Big Tech: could EU’s digital trade agenda derail it?”

Date: 3 May

Time: 15:00-18:30

Place: European Parliament (Spinelli 1G2), Brussels (*also [webstreaming](#) but we encourage in person attendance*)

Organised by: The Left in the European Parliament



Interpretation available:
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The EU has started to recognise the urgent need to regulate Big Tech’s and the fast advancing artificial intelligence. With legislation such as the Artificial Intelligence Act and the Data Act, the EU

is taking some steps towards ensuring that the digital sector operates under the same framework of fair play and the public interest as the rest of the economy. The same EU is, in parallel, negotiating digital trade rules with countries across the globe that enable Big Tech companies to maintain control over data and to keep their algorithms or source codes secret. The event will explore how the EU’s global digital trade agenda interacts with EU’s efforts to regulate artificial intelligence and Big tech.

PROGRAMME

15:00 - 16:00 - **Public Debate**

Panellists

- **DG Trade, European Commission**
- **Kristina Irion**, Professor Information Law, University of Amsterdam
- **Kris Shrishak**, Senior Fellow, Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- **Deborah James**, Director of International Programs, Center for Economic and Policy Research, US

Moderator: Dave Keating, journalist

16:15 - 18:20 - **Round Table**

Panellists

- **Helmut Scholz**, MEP, Die Linke, The Left
- **Fu Xiuolan**, Professor of Technology and International Development, Oxford University
- **Daniel Leufer**, Senior Policy Analyst, Access Now
- **Richard Hill**, digital trade expert, former senior official at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- **Benjamin White**, Researcher at Centre for Intellectual Property Policy and Management, Bournemouth University
- **Sanya Reid Smith**, legal adviser and senior researcher, Third World Network
- **Deborah James**, Director of International Programs, Center for Economic and Policy Research, US

18:20-18:30 – **Closing by Helmut Scholz**, MEP, Die Linke, The Left