

# **The Digitalised World and the Transformation of Private Law: Cybernetic Avatars and Beyond**

## **Agenda**

**Date:** 10:00 – 16:30, June 13, 2025

**Location:** Sala Rodinò, Headquarters of UNIDROIT, Rome, Italy

- **10:00 – 10:10**

### **Opening Remarks**

Prof. Ignacio Tirado, Secretary General, UNIDROIT

- **10:10 – 10:20**

### **Background of the Project**

Prof. Souichirou Kozuka, Gakushuin University [online]

- **10:20 – 10:40**

### **Lecture “UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law and Its Implications in Asia”**

Speaker: Prof. Hideki Kanda, Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University [online]

- **10:40 – 12:10**

### **Panel 1: Personhood in the Metaverse**

Moderator: Prof. Megumi Hara, Chuo University

Speakers:

- Prof. Takayuki Matsuo, Partner, Momo-o, Matsuo & Namba and Project Associate Professor (Tokunin Jun Kyoju) at Keio University [online]

“Avatar and Personhood: A Japanese Law Perspective”

- Prof. Andrea Guaccero, Roma III University

“Metaverse-based Corporations”

- Prof. Eliza Mik, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

“From Avatars to Agents: Questions of Liability and Attribution”

- **12:10 – 13:30**

**Lunch Break**

- **13:30 – 15:00**

**Panel 2: Finance and AI Agents (Cybernetic Avatars)**

Moderator: Prof. Ignacio Tirado, Secretary General, UNIDROIT

Speakers:

- Prof. Yang Dong, Renmin University of China  
"Legal Nature and Status of AI Agent in Metaverse"
- Prof. Yachiko Yamada, Chuo University  
"From Tools to Agents: Legal and Ethical Challenges of Avatars in Financial Interfaces"
- Dr. Jin Hui, Dean, Beijing Borui Opening-up Policy Research Institute  
"Legal Issues Discussion: EBL Financing and Beijing Internet Court's AI-Related Ruling"

- **15:00 – 16:00**

**Panel 3: Things in Metaverse**

Moderator: Prof. Meiling Huang, Principal Legal Officer, UNIDROIT

Speakers:

- Prof. Kelvin Low, Hong Kong University & Prof. Megumi Hara, Chuo University  
"Between Libertarianism and the Rule of Law: Cryptoassets are Neither Here Nor There"
- Prof. Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, University Carlos III of Madrid  
"The Emergence of Uniform Principles on digital assets and their value for Things and Trade in Metaverse "

- **16:00 – 16:30**

**Lecture "The Metaverse of Things: The Way Forward"**

Speaker: Prof. Alberto De Franceschi, University of Ferrara

**Note:** Each speaker in the panel discussions will have approximately 20 minutes for their presentation, followed by 20 minutes for Q&A.