

Economics of liability and new risks

Call for a special issue of the *Revue Economique*

Project description:

The development of cyber-attacks, the emergence of tools and objects using artificial intelligence, and the increase in the frequency of extreme climatic events are all major upheavals that have affected our societies in recent years. They are a source of new risks, the management of which requires the adaptation of existing tools and/or the design of new ones. Among existing tools, civil and/or criminal liability is one of the most widely used solutions studied by economic analysis: it has the advantage of offering a solution for repairing damage, while providing incentives to prevent it.

However, risks of a new nature challenge the implementation of liability: the relative ignorance of these risks, of the underlying phenomena (e.g., opacity of the functioning of new technologies), or their global nature (e.g., the cross-border nature of digital activities, environmental impacts, etc.), clash with a number of constraints inherent in the implementation of liability, such as the scope of jurisdictions or the establishment of causality and fault. In this context, the question arises as to the adaptation of liability rules, their relevance and their effectiveness.

The aim of this special issue is to bring together original theoretical and empirical contributions from economists, lawyers, actuaries and researchers from other social sciences who examine the role of legal liability in relation to emerging risks, as well as its articulation with other risk management tools, including the most innovative ones, such as the use of derivative instruments, collaborative insurance and captives. These risks include, but are not limited to, digital platforms, the environment, artificial intelligence, genome-editing technologies, blockchain, competition policy, etc.

Submission process:

Contributions to this special issue of the *Revue Economique* should be original work that has not been previously published and is not being submitted simultaneously for publication to another journal (French or foreign).

Articles should not exceed 25 pages. Authors must comply with the journal's language policy, i.e. it is possible to submit an article in English if at least one of the co-authors is not French-speaking (<http://revecos.hypotheses.org/comment-soumettre-un-article>).

Articles should be submitted no later than **August 28, 2023** via this platform: <https://reco.manuscriptmanager.net>

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