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Artificial Intelligence in the Age of Terrorism:

A Tipping Point for Constitutional Law

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The tension between human rights and security needs is at the core of counter-terrorism law. To what extent is it possible to limit rights in the name of national security? Is it feasible to guarantee security to people without violating the very essence of human rights or breaching the proportionality principle? These crucial questions, which have traditionally been a real conundrum for lawmakers, scholars and practitioners, become even trickier if one considers that the most advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), are increasingly being used in the fight against terrorism. Prof. Vedaschi addresses in her research the challenges stemming from the application of AI and ML to counter-terrorism measures in a constitutional law perspective. On the one hand, she will analyse human rights concerns related to the use of cutting-edge technologies in counter-terrorism measures. On the other hand, she will try to envisage whether and how carrying on the fight against terrorism through AI implies a revision of well-established standards to which domestic and supranational courts resorted to in order to adjudicate terrorism cases and, ultimately, of the very understanding of constitutional principles and rights.



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Prof. Vedaschi is the Coordinator of the Research Group on Constitutional Responses to Terrorism, established within the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL), and a member of the Europol Platform for Experts. She is also the Vice-Director of the law review *Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo* as well as the Secretary-General of the National Association of Comparative Public Law (*Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo*).