Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort: Relevancy for Policymaking

Annual report 2019
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1. Key Facts of 2019

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- Ten PhD students defended their thesis.
- Five scholars visited BACT.
- Ten BACT seminars took place.
2. Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort

The Research Programme
The Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort: Relevance for Policymaking (BACT) research programme started in 2008.

The aim of the programme is to explicate what expectations related to human behaviour are embedded in legal instruments, in what ways these expectations are met or not met, and how behavioural insights can be incorporated in ameliorating legal instruments.

The overarching research question of the programme is how individual and/or group behaviour is affected by legal rules. The legal rules can pertain to contract and tort, as well as combined public and private legal instruments.

The central research question is addressed through different legal and behavioural approaches, primarily focusing on empirical and policy-relevant research. Some of the behavioural approaches aim to test the tenability of presumptions of human behaviour underlying legal instruments. Other behavioural approaches use assumptions on human behaviour in order to predict how parties behave in legal settings.

The methodological approach of the research programme is interdisciplinary, and the research team includes legal scholars specialising in contract, tort, property and corporate law, and civil procedure, as well as scholars specialising in law and economics, and sociology or psychology of law. For a full description of the research programme, please visit www.eur.nl/esi/bact.
Organisation of BACT

Directors
Since 2013, professors Peter Mascini and Michael Faure lead the programme. Since 2015, associate professor Pieter Desmet complements the team of directors, as does professor Siewert Lindenbergh since 2016. Together with Marianne Breijer, they are responsible for management and strategic decision-making.

Coordinator BACT Research Excellence Initiative (REI)
The EUR Research Excellence Initiative project 'Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States: Privatisation of Work-Related Risk Control' started in 2015. This interdisciplinary project brings together researchers from ESL and ESSB to provide a multidisciplinary perspective on the project’s theme. Michael Faure, Peter Mascini and Romke van der Veen lead the programme. As the coordinator of this project, Chris Reinders Folmer is tasked with progress reports and organising meetings and symposia.

Secretarial support team
In 2019, the secretarial support team consisted of Ipek Ören, Sanne Nordbjorn and Femke Ruitenbeek-Bart. The BACT support team is responsible for compiling the newsletters and the annual reports, and they announce and facilitate the BACT meetings and seminars.

The BACT secretariat can be reached via info.bact@law.eur.nl or by telephone at (+31) (0)10 408 2360.

BACT seminars
In BACT seminars, researchers from both BACT as well as from other institutions and universities present their work and ideas to BACT’s interdisciplinary group of researchers as well as other interested scholars.
BACT’s connection to other institutes

BACT started in 2008 as a collaborative initiative between the Rotterdam Institute of Private Law and the Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics. From its inception, the programme was composed of civil lawyers and lawyer-economists. Since then, the programme has broadened its scope by recruiting empirical scholars with psychological and sociological backgrounds as well.

Established in 2000, the Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics (RILE) is set to carry out the task of promoting and furthering the development of Law and Economics both throughout the Netherlands and worldwide. A comprehensive training programme is offered to scholars ranging from undergraduate level to specialised teaching and the option of PhD studies. Furthermore, RILE aims to promulgate academic discourse on Law and Economics through organising conferences and workshops and through publications in books and leading journals. Currently, areas of study cover both Old Law and Economics (competition law and economic regulation) and New Law and Economics (constitutional law, contract law, tort law, insurance law and corporate law). Besides the analysis of rules of substantive law, there is also a focus on methodological problems of Law and Economics.

The European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE) is one of the largest doctorate programmes in the field of Law and Economics. It is a joint doctorate programme involving the Universities of Bologna, Hamburg and, Rotterdam. In 2019 Rennes1 joined the programme. The stipend-based programme aims at addressing a new class of outstanding PhD researchers from all over the world. The Rotterdam team consists of Michael Faure (managing director of the programme), Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko (academic coordinator and confidential counsellor) and Marianne Breijer (programme coordinator).

The RILE is also the leading partner in the European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) programme, a consortium of well-known partner universities from across Europe and the world. In addition to RILE, the EMLE consortium includes the Aix-Marseille University, the University of Pompeu Fabra Barcelona (since 2018), the University of Ghent, Haifa University, Hamburg University, the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research Mumbai, LUMSA University Rome, the University of Vienna and the Warsaw School of Economics. The programme prepares economists and lawyers for an academic career in an important research field, or for positions of responsibility in government, research organisations, and international law and consulting firms. Wicher Schreuders is the Erasmus Mundus coordinator. Professor Louis Visscher is the current Director.

The Rotterdam Institute of Private Law (RIPL) is committed to in-depth research performed by researchers from Erasmus School of Law in the broad field of private law. The Institute fosters the research programme BACT as well as ESL’s ‘Lex Mercatonia’. The Institute’s Board consists of professors Siewert Lindenbergh (chair of Civil Law), Kid Schwarz (chair of Commercial Law), and Filip De Ly (chair of International Private and Comparative Private Law). The research input of the Institute is represented by staff members of the entire ESL Department of Private Law.
The Erasmus China Law Centre (ECLC) is part of Erasmus School of Law. Erasmus School of Law has been engaged in a number of research and educational activities with Chinese law schools and other institutions for many years. In order to further structuralise and strengthen these relations, the Erasmus China Law Centre expands the capacity of teaching and research on Chinese law, increases our competitiveness in initiating Chinese law-related projects, and strengthens the advisory work to the government and business community. The Board consists of professors Fabian Amtenbrink, Michael Faure and Yuwen Li. Professor Yuwen Li is director of the ECLC.
3. People

BACT researchers in 2019

**Professors**
- Prof. C.W. Engel, Chair of Experimental Legal Studies
- Prof. L.F.H. Enneking, Chair of Comparative Private Law and Economics
- Prof. M.G. Faure, Chair of Law and Economics
- Prof. J.M. Klick, Chair of Empirical Legal Studies
- Prof. X.E. Kramer, Chair of European Civil Procedure
- Prof. P.C. Leyens, Chair of Empirical Legal Studies
- Prof. S.D. Lindenbergh, Chair of Private Law
- Prof. P. Mascini, Chair of Empirical Legal Studies
- Prof. S. Oded, Chair of Corporate Compliance and Enforcement
- Prof. N.J. Philipsen, Chair of Shifts in Private and Public Regulation
- Prof. J.J. Rachliniski, Chair of Empirical Legal Studies
- Prof. H.N. Schelhaas, Chair of Private Law
- Prof. M.W. Scheltema, Chair of Private Law
- Prof. L.T. Visscher, Chair of Legal Economic Analysis of Tort and Damages
- Prof. K. Broekhuizen, Chair Law and Regulation of Financial Markets
- Prof. C.A. Schwarz, Chair of Company Law

**Associate Professors**
- Dr. P.T.M. Desmet
- Dr. A.M.I.B. Vandenberghe
- Dr. R. Westrik

**Assistant Professors**
- Dr. E. Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Dr. K.K.E.C.T. Swinnen
- Dr. A. Oțanaru
- Dr. I. Tillema
- Dr. M. Hebly (as of March 2019)
Postdocs
Dr. A.P.G.C.F. Biard (until December 2019)
Dr. J. Hoevenaars
Dr. C.P. Reinders Folmer (until August 2019)
Dr. E. Themeli
Dr. B.F.H. Nieuwesteeg

BACT PhD candidates in 2019

Georgia Antonopoulou (RIPL)  International Commercial Courts. A study on the London Commercial Court, the Netherlands Commercial Court and the German Chambers for International Commercial Disputes

Paul Aubrecht (EDLE)  The Arbitrability of Tort Claims: A Comparative Law and Economics Analysis

Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi (EDLE)  Challenges for antitrust policy in Brazil: a comparative study of vertical agreements

Lucas Chacha (EDLE)  Measuring enforcement shock impact on deterring corruption in Brazil

Yong-Fu Chang (EGSL)  Constitutional Environmental Protection and Its Implementation: A Law and Economics Analysis

Evelien Engelhard (RIPL)  Improvement initiatives to the personal injury claims process in different jurisdictions. A search for success factors

Jan Essink (EDLE)  The Law and Economics of European Asylum and External Border Policy

Emma van Gelder (RIPL)  Online dispute resolution (ODR) against the background of access to justice

Melissa de Groot (RIPL)  Costs of care as a loss: private or public compensation?

Martin Holderied (EDLE)  Interest Theories on the Regulation of Sharing Economy Markets

Mrinmayi Katdare (EDLE)  Precautionary Principle – Redundant of Misunderstood?

Anna Kovács (EDLE)  Framing international climate change agreements: The nexus of legislation, political psychology and political economy
Shu Li (EDLE/CSC)  Law and Economic Analysis of 3D Printing: Perspectives from Intellectual Property and Product Safety

Wanli Ma (ECLC)  Building Legitimacy through Resolving Controversies over Jurisdiction in Investor-State Arbitration

Edoardo Martino (EDLE)  Law and Economics of Bail-in and the Corporate Governance of Banks

Cintia Bezerra de Melo Pereira Nunes (EDLE/EM)  Administered Contracts for Petroleum Extraction in Brazil

Sarah van Os (RIPL)  Diversity in Justice? A Comparative, Interdisciplinary and Empirical Study into Legal Culture

Priskila P. Penathihika (RIPL)  The challenges in applying choice of law clauses in international commercial contracts: The study of Indonesia

Kuan-Jung Peng (EDLE)  Law and Economic Analysis of Financial Technology

Alberto Quintavalla (EGSL)  Building a New Water Policy: giving Water its Full Value

Renny Reyes (EDLE)  Regulatory Governance Cycle: The proposal for Latin-American Countries

Joë Rieff (EDLE)  Increased Fiscal Coordination between European Member States: A necessity to further market integration?

Alexandre Ruggieri Kosbiau (EDLE)  Positive Financial Regulation through Law and Behavioural Economics: the cases of the Euro Zone and the Brazilian Financial System

Femke Ruitenbeek-Bart (RIPL)  But what about the tortfeasor? Understanding the missing link in relational restoration of personal injury victims

Shashank Sharma (EDLE)  Essays on Antitrust Analysis of Multi-sided Platforms

Melanie Theisinger (TTIP)  Institutional Inertia and Changing Regulator Preferences in Trade and Investment Regimes

Heleen Tiemersma (RIPL)  The potential of the financial sector to contribute to realizing human rights: how can financial institutions expand and exercise their leverage on corporate clients and business partners?

Hilde Verweij-Hoogendijk (RIPL)  Liability of parents towards their children

Josje de Vogel (RIPL)  Private services-based mobility and Consumer Protection

Xiao Xun (ECLC)  Director’s Duties and Liabilities in Corporate Law in China

Liam Wells (EDLE)  Risk, Cultural Cognition, and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals: Explaining differences in
social regulation across the United States and the European Union using cultural cognition theory

Nan Yu (EDLE/EM)  
Mandatory Dividend Regulations in the Stock Market: A Comparative Law and Economics Analysis

Anran Zhang (ECLC)  
Legal Status of Controlled Entities in International Investment Arbitration

Jinyue Zhang (ECLC)  
The Application of Law in Cross-Border Issuing and Trading of Securities between Europe and China

Yayi Zhang (ECLC)  
Non-public Bribery, Public Enforcement: A Comparative Study of Commercial Bribery among China, the United Kingdom and the United States

Other EDLE PhD candidates

- Danny Blaustein (EDLE, Bologna), Corporate Governance of Start-ups
- Mulugeta Asefa Bogale (EDLE, Hamburg), Labor Regulation, Informality and Economic Growth in SSA: An Empirical Analysis
- Kan-Hsueh Chiang (EDLE, Haifa), Does Information Cost lead to Medical Moral Hazard? Evidence from Taiwan National Health Insurance
- Salvini Datta (EDLE, Bologna), Ex ante regulation and ex post liability in the pharmaceutical industry
- Maria De Campos (EDLE, Hamburg) Nudging – Long-term effectiveness and viability
- Ayman Fouda (EDLE, Bologna), The Diffusion of Innovation in Healthcare: Economic and Regulatory Perspectives
- Chiara Natalie Focacci (EDLE, Bologna), Do Active Labour Market Policies Work?
- Elena Ghibellini (EDLE, Bologna), Bank Crises Resolution Rules: What Impact on the Structure of the EU Banking Market?
- Damiano Giacometti (EDLE, Bologna), Essays on the Law and Economics of Credence Goods Markets
- Laurenz Goldhahn (EDLE, Hamburg), The Effects of Regulating Executive Compensation on Corporate Social Responsibility
- Cihat Gürkan (EDLE, Hamburg) The Role of Banks for Corporate Governance
- Dirk Heine (EDLE, Hamburg), The general role of the Finance Ministry in environmental policy: Optimal institutional setup for environmental fiscal policy considering interaction effects with environmental law pursued by other, non-fiscal institutions
- Jian Jiang (EDLE, Haifa), Vulnerabilities, Cybersecurity and the Role of Law and Regulation herein
- Francesca Leucci (EDLE, Bologna), *The Law and Economics of Landscape*
- Ekaterine Lomtatidze (EDLE, Hamburg), *Constitutionalizing Social Rights: Public Choice Analysis*
- Peng Peng (EDLE, Bologna) *Platform Competition in the Internet Industry*
- Evangelia Nissioti (EDLE, Hamburg), *Law and Economics of Mediation*
- Eman Rashwan (EDLE, Hamburg), *The Impact of Political Transformations on Constitutional Reforms after Arab Spring: Case Study of Egypt and Tunisia*
- Carlos Riquelme Ruz (EDLE, Hamburg) *Equalities and inequalities in sovereign debt restructuring: A law and economics perspective*
- Maria Pia Sacco (EDLE, Bologna), *The Role of Intermediaries in International Corporate Bribery – Efficient Liability Standards from A Law and Economics Perspective*
- Alessandro Venti (EDLE, Bologna), *Payment for Forest Ecosystem Services, Environmental Quality and Climate Change*
- Denard Veshi (EDLE, Haifa), *The European management of refugees’ movement*
- Karol Zdybel (EDLE, Hamburg), *Survival of Informal Law*
- Antonella Zara (EDLE, Hamburg), *The Regulatory Implications of Algorithms: A Law and Economics perspective*

**Visitors**

**Fatih Deyneli (March and August 2019)**

![Fatih Deyneli](image)

Visiting researcher on the Efficiency of Judiciary: Comparative analysis between Turkey and the Netherlands. Associate Professor Department of Public Finance Faculty of Economics, Pamukkale University, Denizli, Turkey.

During his visit, he researched the efficiency of the Dutch legal system. First, he conducted a literature search about the Dutch judiciary. Subsequently, he gathered data about the efficiency, quality and budget of the judiciary. Furthermore, he discussed his work with several members and he contacted officials at the Dutch Council of the Judiciary.

**Franziska Weber (March 2019)**

![Franziska Weber](image)

Franziska Weber is currently a junior professor in Civil Law and Law and economics at the University of Hamburg. Thanks to KNAW she was able to come to Erasmus University Rotterdam as a visiting professor. Franziska Weber was here to advance her ongoing research projects but also to explore the potential for new research collaborations in consumer or competition law and behavioural law and economics.
Aleksandar Stojanović (March 2019)

Aleksandar Stojanović is currently completing his doctorate in economics in Turin and law in Ghent and visited the institute in March 2019. He is working on property law and development as well as on the challenges of interdisciplinarity law and economics. The opportunity to discuss research and potential collaboration was greatly appreciated.

Sivan Shlomo Agon (13–17 May 2019)

Sivan teaches and researches in the fields of international economic law, international trade, international courts, dispute settlement, global governance, and empirical legal studies. She was an Emile Noël Fellow at the Jean Monnet Centre for International and Regional Economic Law at New York University and a visiting scholar at the World Trade Organization.

Kitti Mezei (12–18 June 2019)

Kitti Mezei is a Junior Research Fellow at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, HAS Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies. She is also a PhD candidate at the University of Pécs, Faculty of Law. Her research field is cybersecurity and cybercrime-related legal challenges, especially with regard to criminal law.
Nir Kedar (30 June–7 July 2019)

Nir Kedar is a professor of law and history at Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law. He is the elected Vice President for Academic Affairs of Sapir Academic College in Israel, where he formerly served as Dean of the Law School. He graduated from Tel Aviv University (history and law) magna cum laude (1994), clerked for Israel’s Chief Justice Aharon Barak (1995), and received his S.J.D. from Harvard Law School (2000).

His main fields of interest are modern legal history, legal and political theory, comparative law and Israeli history. In these fields he has published five books and numerous articles. His recent book Blue and White Law: Identity and Law in Israel, A Century-Long Debate (Hebrew) won an Honorable Mention for 2017 from the Association for Israel Studies (AIS). His overall objectives are improving the quality of higher education, exchanging methods and perceptions on legal education and sharing knowledge and information on scholarly developments. During his stay he had several meetings with staff and students about Erasmus+ staff exchange with Bar-Ilan University.
4. Output and Activities

News

Joint Seminar – The Future of Law and Economics
Michael Faure and Marianne Breijer organised the 11th Annual Joint Seminar, The Future of Law and Economics, on 21 and 22 March, this time in Rotterdam. The Future of Law and Economics is a seminar for PhD students from the Universities of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), Paris Nanterre, Maastricht, Rotterdam and the EDLE programme, organised at each of the participating universities in turn. This year, a number of PhD students from Hasselt, Louvain and Turin also participated.

During two full days the seminar offers PhD students a unique opportunity to present their work in an informal setting, receive feedback from a senior discussant (from one of the partner universities) and to expand their network.

The Joint Seminar is traditionally also the last in the EDLE Seminar Series, after which the second-year EDLE PhDs return to their home university to further work on and finish their PhD.

Workshop on Experiments at the Crossroads of Law and Economics
On 27 March 2019 Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko, Christoph Engel and Robert Dur organised the Workshop on Experiments at the Crossroads of Law and Economics. The following papers were presented:

- Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko (ESL) To Follow or Not to Follow the Herd? Transparency and Social Norm Nudges
- Niels J. van Doesum (Social and Organisational Psychology, Leiden University) Social Mindfulness
- Christoph Engel and Xandra Kramer (ESL) How Do Laypeople Navigate the Maze of the Law? A Vignette Study
- Sophie van der Zee (ESE) Technology-Enabled Lie Detection

The seminar is part of a valuable tradition that brings together experimental researchers bridging the disciplines of law and economics.

Annual Lucerne Conference on Law and Economics
29-30 March 2019: Ann-Sophie Vandenberghhe participated in the conference Consumer Law and Economics organised by Professor Klaus Mathis at the Law Faculty of the University of Lucerne, the youngest law faculty of Switzerland. The title of her presentation was: Unfair terms in standard form contracts in Europe: a comparative law and economics approach. Key note speeches were delivered by Omri Ben-Shahar (author of the book: More Than you Wanted to Know: The Failure of Mandated Disclosure), Avishalom Tor (The (Somewhat) Hidden Costs of Behavioral Interventions) and Florencia Marotta-Wurgler (Regulating Information Privacy Through Fine Print). During this two-day conference, legal scholars discussed various aspects of European consumer law using insights from law and economics. European consumer law is not doing very well. Europe’s claim to offer
consumers the best protection in the world has been contradicted by VW Dieselgate; a New Deal for Consumers has been proposed by the EU, but it is highly questionable whether objectives will be met. Contributions will be published in the book series Economic Analysis of Law in European Legal Scholarship (by Springer). The Lucerne Conference on Law and Economics is an annually recurring event. Next year’s theme is Law and Economics of Regulation (27-28 March 2020).

Conference: “E” meets Justice
On 2–3 May 2019 Xandra Kramer’s ERC Team organised the conference “E” meets Justice. At this conference, held in Lisbon, academics, IT and legal professionals met to discuss how to improve the collaboration between these communities in cross-border civil procedures. The aim of the conference was to offer a platform for different stakeholders to meet, engage in discussions and exchange ideas in order to find a meeting point between the legal world and the digital world, arriving at “e-Justice”. Focusing on e-CODEX as a potential tool to improve the current situation, participants were encouraged to propose ideas, engage in discussions and develop a mindset to foster the future of e-Justice in the EU.

The diverse and dynamic mix of speakers and panellists presented myriad views on e-justice: optimistic, critical, visionary and pragmatic. The two-day conference concluded with a symbolic visit to the helipad on the roof of the Polícia Judiciária, offering participants a stunning 360-degree view of Lisbon as well as the e-Justice landscape. The common denominator of the conference was expressed by Hrvoje Grubisic, Secretary of the European Judicial Network at the European Commission: “e-Justice is the future of EU justice.”

Together with Professor Kramer, BACT members Jos Hoevenaars, Emma van Gelder and Erlis Themeli participated as well. Kramer acted as host of the event together with Ernst Steigenga from the Netherlands Ministry of Justice. Jos Hoevenaars chaired the panel on Perspectives on the Collaboration Between Academia, the Tech Community and Practitioners Regarding Cross-border EU Procedures. Emma van Gelder and Erlis Themeli contributed as speakers in panels focused on consumers and the technical issues of justice respectively.

Private Law Consortium annual meeting
The annual meeting of the Private Law Consortium took place on 3-4 June 2019 in Tel Aviv, Israel. The first day of the conference focused on Relational Private Law and Network Theory, the second day was more general: Studies in Private Law.

The four participants from ESL gave the following (paper) presentations:

- Martin de Jong, Updating Legal Transplantation Theory based on Insights from Political Geography, Institutionalism and Policy Networks
- Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko, The Price of Creativity: An Experimental Investigation of Authors’ Remuneration Models (together with Jaroslaw Kantorowicz and Yifat Nahmias).
The Private Law Consortium is an annual meeting bringing together scholars from a number of leading international law schools, including Bar-Ilan Law Faculty, Durham Law School, Erasmus School of Law, National University of Singapore Law School, and Trento Law School. The primary goal of the project is to produce high-quality scholarship by facilitating the exchange of ideas and criticisms in the area of private law. Its secondary goal is to create and maintain a scholarly community committed to the study of private law and to strengthen the ties between the member schools.

The consortium supports investigation of all areas of private law, including its traditional main categories of property, contracts, torts, and unjust enrichment, as well as other related topics such as intellectual property, commercial litigation, trusts and remedies. It will also consider related topics such as private ordering and private norm-making. The consortium aims to advance the study of these fields and of private law as a whole. It also encourages comparative and interdisciplinary work.

**Cass Sunstein lecture**

On 4 June 2019, our research programme had the honour of welcoming the most cited legal scholar in the world, Cass Sunstein. The Harvard Professor and founding father of Nudge-theory gave a lecture on unanticipated social movement in an event that was moderated by Pieter Desmet. The Erasmus Pavilion was filled to capacity when Cass Sunstein laid out his vision on how revolutions take place and how sudden social movements like #metoo can be so successful.

Talking about preference falsification and the existence of different thresholds, he explained how social cascades can emerge, resulting in rapid social change. The inspiring lecture sparked a vibrant discussion that lasted almost as long as the lecture itself.

**International Conference on Day Fines**

On 26 June 2019 the first international conference on day fines took place at Erasmus School of Law, organised by Michael Faure, Elena-Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Marianne Breijer. The conference, Taking Wealth Seriously: European Practice with Day Fines, included expert speakers from ten different European countries. Half of the European countries are currently applying a unique model of fines, which systematically accounts for the offender’s income. Consequently, the nominal amount of the fine depends not only on the severity of the offence, but also on the income of the offender in these jurisdictions. This type of fine has great potential in terms of improved deterrence and a fairer system of pecuniary sanctions. However, not much is known about this system. Besides the fascinating experiences of the countries involved, the conference included a philosophical discussion on the fairness of day fines. The conference was organised with financial aid from BACT, RILE, the Erasmus Initiative Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity, and the Erasmus Trustfonds.
Annual Summit: Compliance and Enforcement—2030
On 3 September 2019 ESL-BACT in association with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP organised an annual summit: Compliance and Enforcement – 2030. The event focused on the upcoming developments in the landscape of enforcement and compliance in the next decade. The programme was well attended by 108 participants from academia, in-house counsel from international organisations, practitioners, NGOs and policymakers. The reactions to the event by participants were very positive, and they specifically flagged up the multidisciplinary approach and the deep discussion of current and upcoming challenges. The event was hosted at the Rosarium in Amstelpark, Amsterdam.

The event was opened by Sharon Oded (ESL and Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP), who set the stage by covering the recent developments in the area of compliance and enforcement in the globalised world. The keynote speeches were delivered by Hui Chen and Eugene Soltes. Hui Chen – founder of HuiChenEthics.com and former Compliance Counsel Expert, US Department of Justice Fraud Section – discussed the upcoming challenges in relation to corporate compliance and enforcement, emphasising the need to embed ethics into compliance as a key compass for corporate behaviour. Eugene Soltes – Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School – discussed ongoing academic research on the combination of technology, corporate culture and compliance.

The event also included two panel discussions: The first was on multijurisdictional enforcement – where are we heading? in which public prosecutors from the Netherlands (Daniëlle Goudriaan, Public Prosecutor, Fraud Division, Dutch Public Prosecutor Office (OM)) and the UK (John Carroll, Head of Strategy and Policy, UK Serious Fraud Office), discussed developments in enforcement policies against white-collar corporate crime. The second panel discussed dealing with practical upcoming challenges in a new world of enforcement, led by global practitioners in the area of corporate enforcement (Orlando Vidal, Partner Norton Rose Fulbright, Dubai, former Assistant US Attorney General, US Department of Justice (DOJ), and William (Bill) Leone, Partner Norton Rose Fulbright, New York, former Public Prosecutor, US DOJ).

Xandra Kramer Installed as Member of KNAW
Following the election as a member to the Royal Netherlands Society of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) earlier this year, Xandra Kramer was installed at a ceremony on 17 September 2019 along with 21 other Dutch and foreign scholars. After giving a short speech, focusing on the importance of access to civil justice and research spearheads, the sound of the chime confirmed the installation.

Xandra was elected for her work in the area of European civil justice and private international law. The Royal Academy is the forum, conscience and voice of the arts and sciences in the Netherlands. The Academy promotes the quality of scientific and scholarly work and strives to ensure that Dutch scholars and scientists make the best possible contribution to the cultural, social and economic development of Dutch society. The Royal Academy currently has around 500 Dutch members and a selection of foreign members, elected for life, representing all arts and sciences.
Symposium: Compensation for Crime Damage – Solidarity, Insurance, Liability

On 24 September 2019 the Erasmus School of Law organised the symposium Compensation for Crime Damage – Solidarity, Insurance, Liability (in Dutch). The symposium was facilitated by the Ministry of Justice and Security, and the Dutch Violent Offences Compensation Fund, and was attended by policymakers, lawyers, judges, scientists and ESL students.

The symposium started with Siewert Lindenbergh (ESL) outlining the general theme. He noted that in recent decades the focus has been on the “emancipation” of crime victims, but that “big questions” remain unanswered. Who bears which damage and who should bear which damage? What compensation is received on the victim’s side and how much damage remains unpaid? What damage is actually paid by perpetrators? And what damage is – ultimately – borne by society? Is crime damage efficiently compensated with the available resources?

Subsequently, interactive workshops took place around three themes: solidarity, insurance and liability. Marnix Hebly (ESL) and Renée Kool, Associate Professor of Criminal (Procedural) Law at the Utrecht Centre for Accountability and Liability Law (Ucall) and the Willem Pompe Institute (Utrecht University) approached the theme from the perspective of (civil) liability. They discussed, among other things, the question of whether the possibilities of civil redress through criminal proceedings should be further expanded, or whether there is just cause to take a closer look at the material claim of the injured party. What do we think about the fact that the government ultimately guarantees a large part of the damage through the so-called advance payment scheme?

Louis Visscher (ESL) and Arlette Schijns (personal injury lawyer and researcher at the Amsterdam Centre for Comprehensive Law of VU Amsterdam) approached the problem of crime damage from the insurance perspective. Which insurance law instruments best improve the recovery of victims? Visscher and Schijns involved a legal-economic perspective: which goal is being pursued, and which instrument is most suitable? If damage spreading is the main objective, which system should be chosen?

Siewert Lindenbergh and Gerdjan Hoekendijk (policy adviser at the Victim Policy Department of the Ministry of Justice and Security) approached the central theme from the perspective of (public) solidarity. Based on the idea of solidarity, the question arises to what extent victims of crime have a special position in relation to other “unfortunate people” in society, what role the government has for victims of crime, and on what grounds is it based. Lindenbergh and Hoekendijk discussed questions of compensation (is it more about recognition or financial compensation?) and questions of recourse (does solidarity need individual recourse on the perpetrator?).

Conference: Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States

On 26–27 September 2019 BACT and ESSB organised the conference Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States:

The Privatisation of Work-Related Risk Control and its Impact on Inclusion.
The conference was organised at the end of the Research Excellence Initiative (REI) grant that was awarded by the board of Erasmus University in 2014. The aim of the REI was to better understand the real or alleged transition of European countries from welfare to social investment states. The overall goal of this programme was to analyse from a multidisciplinary, international comparative perspective the shift in the allocation of responsibilities between public and private actors and its impact on social inclusion.

The privatisation of work-related risk control and its impact on inclusion was discussed in two plenary lectures – an introduction to the conference themes by Romke van der Veen (ESSB) and a presentation on the shortcomings of labour law by Ruben Houweling (ESL), and five thematic sessions – responsibilisation in social welfare and labour market policy, retrenchment, insurance, workers and the responsibilisation of vulnerable groups. The conference brought together scholars from all over Europe. From multiple disciplines – law and economics, sociology, law – researchers presented case studies from different European countries as well as comparative studies. Several BACT members – Michael Faure, Chiara Focacci, Peter Mascini, Niels Philipsen, Chris Reinders Folmer and Ann-Sophie Vandenbergh presented their research at the conference.

The conference was concluded with a panel discussion, moderated by Michael Faure. The panellists consisted of Jet Bussemaker, former Minister of Education, Harold Herbert, Member of the Board of the Dutch Association of Insurers, Hester Houwving, Policy Adviser of the Dutch National Federation of Christian Trade Unions, Hans Naudts MSc., European Semesters Officer, Economic Counsellor at the European Commission at The Hague and Daniel Waagmeester MSc., head of the Directorate of Labour Market and Social-Economic Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs. The panel reflected upon the consequences of the privatisation of work-related risk control and discussed the viability of this trend in view of the rapidly changing labour market and production processes.

The conference initiated the special issue for the Journal of Social Policy Research / Zeitschrift für Sozialreform. It offered scholars the opportunity to present and discuss their work and to meet colleagues with a shared research interest. The conference also helped clarify links between papers, explore common research themes and generate ideas about how to focus the special issue.

Socio-legal seminar with Linda Mulcahy

On 27 September 2019 the VSR and the ESL-research programme Rethinking the Rule of Law organised a socio-legal seminar at Erasmus University Rotterdam. During this meeting Linda Mulcahy (Professor of Socio-Legal Studies and the Director of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford) presented her research titled The Democratic Courthouse? Unravelling the complex relationship between design, due process and dignity in English courts.

Xandra Kramer (Professor of Private Law at Erasmus School of Law and Professor of Private International Law at Utrecht University) discussed Professor Mulcahy’s work.

Additionally, Jos Hoevenaars (Postdoctoral Researcher at the Erasmus School of Law) presented the results of his doctoral research titled A people’s court? A bottom-up approach to litigation before the European Court of Justice. This presentation was discussed by Jasper Krommenndijk (Associate Professor of International and European Law at Radboud University Nijmegen). Subsequently, Paulien de Winter (Lecturer and Researcher at University of Groningen) presented her recently defended doctoral research Between the rules, a socio-legal study of the enforcement of social security law in the Netherlands. Nadine Raaphorst
(Assistant Professor at the Institute of Public Administration at Leiden University) was the discussant of her presentation.

Conference: Discretion: The Quest for Controlled Freedom

On 11 October 2019 the international conference Discretion: The Quest for Controlled Freedom took place in the Dutch Senate in The Hague.

Where the pursuit of public goals is concerned, full freedom as well as total control seem illusory. The continuous quest for a dynamic equilibrium in the tension between total control and full freedom, forms the essence of discretion. What are the meta-conditions in the public sphere for appropriate action, in terms of accountable ways of dealing with freedom when acting towards public goals? Exploring these conditions was the aim of this conference, which was organised by Peter Hupe (University of Leuven and Birmingham), Peter Mascini (BACT) and Marianne Breijer (BACT) in the Dutch Senate in The Hague. The topic was inspired by the launch of a new book, Discretion and the Quest for Controlled Freedom, edited by Tony Evans and Peter Hupe (Palgrave Macmillan).

The conference, hosted by senator Ferd Crone and chaired by Mirko Noordegraaf (Professor of Public Management, Utrecht University) consisted of three keynote lectures, each followed by a panel discussion on the theme that was addressed in the lecture. Tony Evans (Professor of Social Work, University of London) gave a presentation on the theme Discretion and the Ethics of Obedience and Resistance. In his presentation, Evans addressed the question of how obedience to organisational standards, professional codes of conduct and personal ethics of care for constituents compare, and what is the room and responsibility for resistance to compliance with formal rules? This theme was also discussed in a panel consisting of Tony Evans (keynote speaker), Mark Hardy (University of York), Peter Hupe and Suzanne Rutz (ESHPM) and moderated by Antoinette de Bont (ESHPM).

This panel discussed the following two statements: “Against what standards should the use or non-use of discretion be assessed?” and “Should discretion be presumed and any limitation justified or should there be a presumption against discretion with any exercise of it requiring justification?”

Keith Hawkins (Professor Emeritus of Law and Society, Oxford University) gave a keynote speech on the theme Discretion and Accountability. His presentation dealt with the multifaceted character of discretion as well as its collective dimension. This theme was further discussed in a panel with Keith Hawkins (keynote speaker), Victor Bekkers (Dean ESSB), Tony Evans and Peter Hupe and moderated by Peter Mascini. The panellists discussed the question “What do discretion and accountability mean for the legal process when we regard legal decision-making as collective behaviour?”

Herman van Gunsteren (Professor Emeritus of Political Theories and Philosophy of Law, Leiden University) gave a presentation on the theme Control through Hierarchy and Beyond. He commented on the book that was launched by comparing it with his own book The Quest for Control: A Critique of the Rational-Central-Rule Approach in Public Affairs. This theme was discussed by a panel consisting of Herman van Gunsteren (keynote speaker), Greg Marston (University of Queensland), Kirstine Zinck Pedersen (Copenhagen Business School) and Dirk Wolfson (ESSB) and moderated by Arthur Ringeling (ESSB). This panel first discussed the statement: “Abandoning the legal rules-discretion scheme is not a wise move after all.”
Not every freedom to decide involves discretionary authority. Discretion attaches to offices, to official positions in a hierarchy in which in the end the law trumps other considerations”. The panel continued by discussing the second statement: "What can be abandoned is the view of discretion as a necessary evil. The positive aspects of discretion – creativity, professional expertise, personal contact and ethical awareness – can be appreciated if control is used to organise and facilitate freedom, including the freedom of officeholders we call discretion”.

During the conference the phenomenon of discretion was discussed from many different perspectives and against the backdrop of a rapidly changing social context.

The conference was organised with a financial aid from BACT, DPAS, the Erasmus Initiative Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity, and the Erasmus Trustfonds.

Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law

On 18 October 2019 the Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law took place. The first encounter was in February 2018 in Madrid. This time the Private Law Department of Carlos III University visited Rotterdam. Organised by Consuelo Carrasco and Tammo Wallinga, both departments joined in a symposium in which they presented their current research activities. Together with Consuelo Carrasco, Tammo Wallinga gave a historical overview of Delictual responsibility from Roman Law to the Código Civil and the Burgerlijk Wetboek.

BACT members Marnix Hebly, Melissa de Groot and Josje de Vogel presented their PhD research (respectively on Damage Assessment and Time, Compensation for Costs of Care and Private Lease). Koen Swinnen presented his current research on Ownership of Data and Harriet Schelhaas gave a presentation on Interpretation of Judical Acts. This once again inspiring encounter between the two private law sections of the universities ended with dinner in the Hotel New York.

Symposium: Synergy between ELS and classic legal research

On 22 November 2019 Leiden University, Utrecht University and Erasmus School of Law jointly organised a symposium on empirical legal studies. This symposium is one of the initiatives flowing from the sectoral research line empirical legal studies, as set out in the nationwide sector plan for Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH).

The symposium offered PhD students of several Dutch universities the opportunity to present their empirical legal research project and receive feedback from experienced researchers, such as Peter Mascini and Pieter Desmet, in the field of ELS. Among the presenting PhDs was Femke Ruitenbeek-Bart, who presented her qualitative research regarding tortfeasors in personal injury cases.
Sharon Oded speaks at the OECD Annual Consultation with External Stakeholders

On 10 December 2019 the OECD Working Group on Bribery (WGB) held its annual consultation with external stakeholders, including academia, business, trade unions and civil society. In these consultations, the WGB receives inputs from all the stakeholders that have an interest in its work programme. Prof. Sharon Oded (RILE, ESL) has participated in the consultation, along with the International Bar Association (IBA) delegation, and presented to the OECD WGB the importance of dealing with non-trial resolutions in foreign bribery and corruption cases. The WGB was referred to the recommendations on International Guidelines for Non-Trial Resolutions for Foreign Bribery Cases drafted by a consultation committee composed of academics, lawyers, corporate officers, NGOs (of which Prof. Oded was a member).

Biannual Workshop: On the Crossroads of Law and Economics

On 11 December 2019 the biannual workshop On the Crossroads of Law and Economics took place. This edition of the workshop was organised by Jurjen Kamphorst (ESE), Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Christoph Engel. Presenters came from different fields (law, economics, psychology and others) who discussed their work as it is relevant to legal questions. Each presentation was then followed by a discussion. The following presentations were given and discussed: 1. Olivier Marie (ESE) (with Ilka van de Werve, VU and TI) Job Loss and Crime: What’s income got to do with it? 2. Christoph Engel (with Nina Grgić-Hlacă and Krishna Gummadi) Human Decision Making with Machine Assistance: An Experiment on Bailing and Jailing. 3. Jurjen Kamphorst (ESE) (with Christophe Bravard, Jacques Durieu, Sebastian Roché and Stéphan Sémirat, Université Grenoble Alpes) Loyalty Incentives in Criminal Organisations. It proved to be yet another inspiring edition of the workshop series On the Crossroads of Law and Economics.

Symposium: Permanent Court of Arbitration

On 12 December 2019 The Hague Rules on Business Human Rights was officially launched at a well-attended symposium hosted by the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Peace Palace in The Hague. The Secretary General of the Permanent Court delivered the opening remarks. Chair of the drafting team of the rules Bruno Simma handed over the first copies to Dr Bahia Tahzib-Lie, Human Rights Ambassador at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ms Saskia Bruines, Alderman of the City of The Hague. The drafting team included members from different backgrounds and had a global spread. The Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights entails a new, consensual and flexible remedy mechanism for vulnerable people and businesses. This is in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business Human Rights, based corporate responsibility to respect human rights globally through a new set of customised arbitration rules, which may contribute to filling the judicial remedy gap. The launch represented the culmination of years of work. BACT researcher Martijn Scheltema was member of the drafting team of The Hague Rules on Business Human Rights.
BACT research seminars and guest lectures

In 2019 the following speakers held a seminar within our group:

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PhD Defences

Ilja Tillema (RIPL), 18 January 2019
*Entrepreneurial Mass Litigation: Balancing the Building Blocks*
Promotors: prof. S. Lindenbergh and prof. W. van Boom

Filippo Roda (EDLE), 25 January 2019
*The Economic Analysis of the One-way Fee-shifting Rule in Litigation*
Promotors: Prof. L. Visscher and Prof. E. Carbonara

Mostafa El Far (EDLE), 31 January 2019
*International Investment Law and Domestic Legislations in MENA: Egypt, Jordan and Morocco*
Promotors: Prof. M. Faure and Prof. S. Oeter

Ifrah Jameel (EDLE), 31 January 2019
*The Impact of Capital Regulation on Bank Involvement in Securitized Banking*
Promotors: Prof. N. Philipson and Prof. A. Pacces

Stephen Billion (EDLE), 31 January 2019
*Regulating Retirement Savings: An evolutionary psychology approach*
Promotor: Prof. M. Faure and co-promotors: Dr. P. Desmet and Dr. A. Miller

Gemelee Hirang (EDLE), 28 February 2019
*The Persistence of Non-Tariff Measures in ASEAN*
Promotors: Prof. M. Faure and Prof. E. Carbonara

Bryan Khan (EDLE), 28 February 2019
*An Economic Analysis of the Intellectual Property Rights of Broadcasting Organisations*
Promotors: Prof. H.H. Trute and Prof. L. Visscher, co-promotor Dr. C. van Noortwijk

Chih-Ching Lan (EDLE), 24 May 2019
*A Law and Economics Analysis of Policy Instruments to Prevent Deforestation and Forest Degradation in the Tropics’*
Promotors: Prof. M. Faure and Prof. S. Oded
Marnix Hebly, 27 June 2019

*Schadevastelling en Tijd (Damage Assessment and Time)*

Promotors: Prof. S. Lindenbergh and Prof. H. Schelhaas

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Akiva Weiss (EDLE), 12 September 2019

*Allocation & Integration: Institutional solutions to the European Union’s refugee crisis*

Promotors: Prof. K. Heine and Prof. S. Voigt

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Awards, Distinctions and Other Evidence of Reputation

**Georgia Antonopoulou**
- Awarded an EGSL grant of € 5,000 for the ‘Call for Ideas 2019’, to produce a podcast series named ‘Law Out Loud’, in which EGSL PhD candidates will discuss their research with a senior academic. Together with Sophia Paulini, Josje de Vogel and Liam Wells.

**Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi**
- Award EGSL Call for Ideas 2018/2019: on the project “Building the Brand ‘you’: How to get your PhD published?” (€ 5,000)

**Pieter Desmet**
- Research on volumes and public costs of compensation of damage caused by criminal offences (Commissioned by the WODC (Research and Documentation Centre) of the Ministry of Justice and Security and funded with € 77,040.10). Together with Marnix Hebly, Siewert Lindenbergh and Louis Visscher.

**Christoph Engel**
- June 2019: The Pope has appointed Christoph Engel as a member of the Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences.

**Michael Faure**
- February: Michael Faure Executed contract research jointly with Ecologic for the (german) Umweltbundesamt on the effectiveness of environmental criminal law in Germany.
- Michael Faure and Niels Philipseen were involved in a project funded by the Royal Academy of Sciences (KNAW) on smart mixes to Remedy Transboundary Environmental Harm.
- Michael Faure did a project for the Dutch council for government policy (WRR) on the compensation for victims for disaster.
Marnix Hebly
• Research on volumes and public costs of compensation of damage caused by criminal offences (Commissioned by the WODC (Research and Documentation Centre) of the Ministry of Justice and Security and funded with € 77,040.10). Together with Pieter Desmet, Siewert Lindenbergh and Louis Visscher.
• Research on a code of conduct concerning workers’ claims for industrial diseases, Commissioned by the Personal Injury Council and in 2019 funded with € 125,000 by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Together with Siewert Lindenbergh.

Klaus Heine
• Since September 2019 Director Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance.
• Director Erasmus Graduate School of Law. Erasmus School of Law Rotterdam.

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
• Winner of the EUR Fellowship (€ 135,000) for the project ‘Don’t Mess with My Mind: Improving the Use of Behavioural Insights in Policy Making
• External expert consultant in a project on alternative sanctions to imprisonment. Israeli Ministry of Finance.

Xandra Kramer
• Appointed on the chair Private International Law. Utrecht University, Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, Law Department (2016-2021).
• April 2019: Xandra Kramer was appointed as member of the KNAW, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (Link to KNAW-announcement).
• Summer 2019: appointed as an external scientific fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law in Luxembourg.

Siewert Lindenbergh
• Research on volumes and public costs of compensation of damage caused by criminal offences (Commissioned by the WODC (Research and Documentation Centre) of the Ministry of Justice and Security and funded with € 77,040.10). Together with Pieter Desmet, Marnix Hebly and Louis Visscher.
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Edoardo Martino
• Erasmus + Funds for visiting Oxford University (€ 3,000).
• BACT Visit Grant for visiting Oxford University (€ 500).

Peter Mascini
• Funding conference Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States????
• Peter Mascini, Peter Hupe and Marianne Breijer: Awarded funding for the organization of the international conference Discretion and the quest for controlled freedom (1. Trustfonds, 2. Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity, 3. BACT, 4. Department of Public Administration and Sociology, total amount € 15,800).

Sophia Paulini
• Awarded an EGSL grant of € 5,000 for the ‘Call for Ideas 2019’, to produce a podcast series named: ‘Law Out Loud’, in which EGSL PhD candidates will discuss their research with a senior academic. Together with Georgia Antonopoulou, Josje de Vogel and Liam Wells.

Martijn Scheltema
• Research on legislative options to strengthen due diligence as required by the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (Commissioned by the Dutch State Department with € 50,000). Together with Cees van Dam (RSM).

Erlis Themeli
• 12 May 2019: Introduction to international commercial courts. Erasmus+ Grant Agreement Staff: Training And Teaching Mobility: Moscow
• 16 December 2019: The challenges of artificial intelligence in courts. Erasmus+ Grant Agreement Staff: Training and Teaching Mobility: Ramat Gan, Israel.

Emma van Gelder
• ACES research grant to organize an academic conference.
• Erasmus+ Grant for visiting PhD

Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe
• Lid begeleidingscommissie onderzoek ‘evaluatie Garantstellingsregeling curatoren 2012’. WODC.

Louis Visscher
• Research on volumes and public costs of compensation of damage caused by criminal offences (Commissioned by the WODC (Research and Documentation Centre) of the Ministry of Justice and Security and funded with € 77,040.10). Together with Pieter Desmet, Marnix Hebly and Siewert Lindenergh.

Josje de Vogel
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Liam Wells
• Awarded an EGSL grant of € 5,000.- for the ‘Call for Ideas 2019’, to produce a podcast series named: ‘Law Out Loud’, in which EGSL PhD candidates will discuss their research
with a senior academic. Together with Georgia Antonopoulou, Sophia Paulini and Joše de Vogel.

- Presentation ‘The Puzzle of Licensing and Advertising’ at the Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting, Arlington (VA), USA, 8-12 December 2019. With the financial contribution of SRA, Erasmus Trustfonds and EDLE (total funding of € 1,661).

Scientific publications¹

**Georgia Antonopoulou**


**Paul Aubrecht**


**Alexandre Biard**


**Pieter Desmet**


¹ In this section, we list the main publications in 2019 of our researchers. Professional publications, editorials, and case notes are reported in the category valorization.

Liesbeth Enneking

Christoph Engel

Michael Faure
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Marnix Hebly


Klaus Heine


Xandra Kramer


Patrick Leyens


Shu Li


Siewert Lindenbergh


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Edoardo Martino

Peter Mascini
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Martijn Scheltema
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Koen Swinnen

Ilja Tillema
• I. Tillema, Commerciële actoren in massaschadezaken: pionieren tussen toegang tot het recht en claimcultuur, Ars Aequi 2019/6, p. 506-515.
Erlis Themeli


Emma van Gelder


Kees van Noortwijk


Louis Visscher


Liam Wells

Valorization (lectures, presentations, professional publications and contributions to the academic forum)

Georgia Antonopoulou
- 1 February 2019: gave a guest lecture with Erlis Themeli: ‘International commercial courts in Europe: Tips and tricks to go viral’ in the course Nationaal en internationaal procederen, LL.M. Private Law, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
- 12 March 2019: gave a presentation with the title: Requirements upon agreements in favour of the Netherlands Commercial Court and the German Chambers - Clashing with the Brussels Ibis Regulation? at the Guest Forum of the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg.

Paul Aubrecht
- 7 March 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘The Arbitrability of Tort Claims: A Comparative LbE Analysis’, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- 15 November 2019: Presenting ‘It cost a lot to win and even more to lose’: Implications for Competition Law from the use of Arbitration for Tort Claims’, University of Bologna, Italy.

Alexandre Biard
- February/May 2019: visiting scholar, University KU Leuven (Belgium).
- February 2019: Training for EU judges and EU prosecutors with the European Judicial Training Network, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 18/19 March 2019: Presentations at the conference ‘Delivering Justice and Fairness’, Oxford University.
- 21/22 March 2019: invited speaker at the 3rd EU China Legal Affairs Dialogue in Beijing jointly hosted by the EU Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Chinese Ministry of Justice and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
• 30 May 2019: Presenting at the conference Public-Private Justice, Inter University Centre, Dubrovnik, May 2019
• A. Biard, S. Voet, K. Hanemaaier & E.M. van Gelder, Expériences et attentes des consommateurs vis-à-vis du Service de Médiation pour le Consommateur - enquête sur les dossiers incomplets // Ervaringen en verwachtingen van consumenten over de Consumentenombudsdienst - onderzoek naar onvolledige dossiers, Juli/juillet 2019:
• A. Biard, ‘Ensuring the quality of ODR platforms: a new (voluntary) certification scheme in France’, conflictoflaws.net, 13 November 2019

Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi
• Teaching: Competition Law and economics (EMLE) 2019/2020.
• Organizing Committee of the Seminar ‘Building the Brand ‘you’: How to get your PhD published?’, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Lucas Chacha
• 5 December 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘Measuring enforcement shock impact on deterring corruption in Brazil’, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Melissa de Groot
• 18 October 2019: lecture on Compensation for costs of care. Challenges at the interface of civil liability law and the public health care system, at the Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.

Josje de Vogel
• 18 October 2019: lecture on Private Lease: a Consumer Credit in Disguise?, at the Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.

Pieter Desmet
• 31 January 2019: Supervisor for the PhD defence of Stephen Billion, ‘Regulating retirements savings: An evolutionary psychology approach’, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
• 13 February 2019: Column ‘Wat werkt beter voor de boa: mobiel pinnen of een bodycam’, NRC.nl.
• 9 July 2019: Column ‘Slachtoffers overschatten altijd omvang en duur van smart’, NRC.nl.
• 13 August 2019: Trusting the Enemy Within: How Market Competition Affects Leader Acceptance of Amorality. Presentation at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Boston
• 22 November 2019: Column ‘De grootste vijand van de waarheid is polarisatie’, NRC.nl.

Christoph Engel

Liesbeth Enneking
• Member External Review Committee of the IRBC Agreement on International Responsible Business Covenant for the Dutch Insurance Sector, 2019-2024

Jan Essink
• 14 March 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘The Law and economics of European Integration of Asylum Policy, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
• 7 November 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘The case for a carrot regime to induce member states’ compliance with EU asylum law’, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
• 15 November 2019: Presentation ‘The case for a carrot regime to induce member states’ compliance with EU asylum law, University of Bologna, Italy.
Michael Faure

- 18 January 2019: Assessment committee member for the PhD defence of Ilja Tillema, ‘Entrepreneurial mass litigation. Balancing the building blocks’, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
- 25 January 2019: Assessment committee member for the PhD defence of Filippo Roda, ‘The economic analysis of the One-way Fee-shifting Rule in litigation’, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
- 31 January 2019: Assessment committee member for the PhD defence of Ifrah Jameel, ‘The impact of capital regulation on bank involvement in securitized banking’, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
- 28 March 2019: Key note speech entitled “To codify or not to codify EU environmental law: that is not the question”. Conference ‘Harmonization in Environmental and Energy Law’, organised by the European Environmental Law Forum of the University of Hasselt at the occasion of the 10 years Law Faculty: University of Hasselt, Hasselt, Belgium.
- 3 April 2019: lecture ‘The Law and Economics of Nuclear Accidents’, at the Centre for Law and Economics of the Faculty of Law of Haifa University, Israel.
- 26-27 September 2019: gave lectures on ‘Smart Enforcement: Theory and Practice’ (together with Florentin Blanc) and on ‘The Role of Private Insurance in Governing Work-Related Risks: A Law and Economics Perspective’ (with Niels Philipson) at the REI conference ‘Shifts from Welfare States to Social Investment States’; acted as discussant for lecture of Karin van Wingerde and Peter Mascini on ‘Compromising Neoliberal
Inspection Policy at the Frontline: The Practice of Inspecting at the Dutch Health and Safety Inspectorate

- 2 October 2019: Supervisor of A. Gbossou, *La répression de la torture en droit positif béniinois*, defended at Maastricht University.
- 24 October 2019: lecture *The export of ecological civilization: reflections from law and economics and law and development*, at the workshop Ecological Civilization and Global Environmental Governance, Hainan, China.
- 10 December 2019: lecture *The role of private law in promoting sustainable development. The law and economics perspective*, at the Conference Private Law and Market Regulation in the Face of Contemporary Grand Challenges, University of Groningen, Groningen.
- 6 December 2019: Supervisor of S. Li, *Conflicts and Compromise: Internalization of Competition Law*, defended at Maastricht University.

**Elena Ghibellini**

**Marnix Hebly**
- 5 September 2019: Lecture ‘Employers’ liability and occupational diseases’, Minor programme Death and Injury, Erasmus School of Law (in Dutch)
- 24 September 2019: organised symposium ‘Compensatie van misdrijfsschade, solidariteit, verzekering, verhaal’ (compensation for victims of crime; solidarity, insurance and redress), including a workshop on liability for criminal damage. (together with Renée Kool) at symposium ‘Compensatie van misdrijfsschade, solidariteit, verzekering, verhaal’ (compensation for victims of crime; solidarity, insurance and redress), Erasmus School of Law.
- 18 October 2019: ‘Damage Assessment and Time’, lecture at the Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.

Klaus Heine
• 4-6 January 2019: Shaheen Naseer, PhD, presented the paper, “Inertia and Public Bureaucracy: The Imprint of the Bureaucrat”, co-authored by Klaus Heine, in the poster session at the American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, United States.
• 29-31 August 2019: gave a keynote on "The Quest for Data Governance", at Legal Forum of the World Artificial Intelligence Conference in Shanghai.
• 30 August 2019: invited to present and to discuss his research in a seminar at KoGuan School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
• 11 November 2019: gave a seminar presenting his research on artificial intelligence, big data, legal personality, technological disruption and the law as visiting professor at the Centre for Business Law and Practice (CBLP) at the University of Leeds.
• 19 November 2019: presented the new Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance DIGOV at the European Commission’s celebration of ‘30 years of Jean Monnet Activities: EU Studies in the digital age’, Brussels.

Jos Hoevenaars
• 27 September 2019: presentation Litigating at the Highest Level: Empowerment or Alienation? at Seminar: The Democratic Courthouse?, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
• 18 September 2019: Legal Aid Reform in the Netherlands: An Update (blogpost).

Martin Holderied
• 31 October 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘Interest Theories on the Regulation of Sharing Economy Markets’, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
• March 17, 2019 To Follow or Not to Follow the Herd? Transparency and Social Norm Nudges, Workshop on Experiments at the Crossroads of Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
• May 24, 2019 To Follow or Not to Follow the Herd? Transparency and Social Norm Nudges, Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal issues (IREF) Workshop and Conference, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence, France.

• June 4, 2019 The Price Of Creativity: An Experimental Investigation Of Legislative Interventions Into Copyright Contracts, Private Law Consortium Conference 2019: Tel Aviv, Israel

• September 19, 2019 To Follow or Not to Follow the Herd? Transparency and Social Norm Nudges, The 36th Annual European Law and Economics Association (EALE) Conference, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

• December 11, 2019 Co-organiser of bi-annual “Workshop On the Crossroads of Law and Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Minmayi Kadtare

• 5 December 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘Precautionary Principle – Redundant or Misunderstood?’, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, the Netherlands.

Xandra Kramer


• X.E. Kramer, Updated European Small Claims Guides, conflictoflaws.net, 18 July 2019.

• 27 September 2019: discussant for professor Mulcahy on her research ‘The Democratic Courthouse? Unravelling the complex relationship between design, due process and dignity in English courts’ at Seminar: The Democratic Courthouse?, Erasmus University Rotterdam


Patrick Leyens

In journals:


Shu Li
• 23-24 March 2019: Presentation "Risk-shifting in the context of 3D printing" in the conference 'The Future of Law and Economics', Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
• 10-11 June 2019: Presentation (with Michael Faure), "Risk-shifting in the context of 3D Printing: An Insurability Perspective" in The 18th joint EALE-Geneva Association Seminar, Milan, Italy.
• 29 November 2019: Presentation 'Will a Digital Designer be Strictly Liable in the context of 3D Printing? An Analysis from Law and Economics' during the workshop 'Cyber Risk Liability and Insurance, at Ius Commune Conference, Leuven University, Belgium.

Siewert Lindenerbergh
• 4 January 2019: Een schadevergoeding om het leed te verzachten, Interview Trouw.
• 9 January 2019: Nieuwe wet: naasten en nabestaanden hebben nu ook recht op smartengeld, Interview Blogpost EUR.
• 14 January 2019: Interview Algemeen Dagblad.
• 17 January 2019: Radio-interview about 'hight' of immaterial damages, BNR-Nieuwsradio.
• 25 January 2019: lecture 'Uw plicht, onze zorg' at Lustrumsymposium van Vereniging Letselschade Advocaten (LSA), Rotterdam.
• 7 February 2019: Aansprakelijkheid voor arbeidsongevallen en beroepziekten, Post Academische Leergang Arbeidsrecht, Rotterdam.
• 28 February 2019: chair PhD defence G.G.H. Hirang, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam.
• 6 March 2019: ‘Soldaten melden schade door rook uit burn pits’, interview NRC.
• 1 April 2019: De inktvlekwerking van het smartengeld: is sinds 15 maart het hek van de dam? Mastercourse Aansprakelijkheid & Verzekering, Rotterdam.
• 4 April 2019: De benadeelde partij in het strafproces: een civielrechtelijk koekoeksjong in het strafprocessuele nest, Stichting Juridische Samenwerking aan de Maas, Rotterdam.
• 8 August 2019: De wet affectieschade in de praktijk, at seminar WIJ advocaten, Amsterdam.
• 15 April 2019: De wet affectieschade in de praktijk, voordracht DAS-rechtsbijstand, Amsterdam.
• 8 May 2019: Actualiteiten aansprakelijkheids- en schadevergoedingsrecht, Grotius specialisatieopleiding personenschade, Utrecht.
• 8 May 2019: Actualiteiten aansprakelijkheids- en schadevergoedingsrecht, Holla advocaten, Den Bosch.
• 20 May 2019: deelname expertmeeting Achmea, Apeldoorn.
• 4 June 2019: Arbeidsongevallen en beroepziekten van ambtenaren, cursus WNRA, Den Haag.
• 6 June 2019: Arbeidsongevallen en beroepziekten van ambtenaren, cursus WNRA, Den Haag.
• 7 June 2019: gedachtewisseling met Commissie Cohen (commissie compensatie door NS in WO II vervoerde slachtoffers), Amsterdam.
• 11 June 2019: Arbeidsongevallen en beroepziekten van ambtenaren, cursus WNRA, Utrecht.
• 13 June 2019: Smartengeld, lezing Reformatorische Studievereniging Rotterdam.
• 27 June: Supervisor for PhD Defence Marnix Hebly, Schadeveststelling en tijd, PhD EUR 2019.
• 8 November 2019: Redressing historical injustice, Sexual abuse of minors in their history, experiences with attempts in redress, contribution to the workshop ‘Historical Injustice and Tort Law’, at Ucall-conference ‘Courts and governments: The role of civil, criminal and (European) administrative law in redressing an alleged lack of good government’, Utrecht University.
• 9 November 2019: Aansprakelijkheid voor besmetting door voedsel, interview with RTL Nieuws.
• 4 December 2019: Actualiteiten aansprakelijkheids- en schadevergoedingsrecht, lecture at Pels Rijcken and Droogleever Fortuijn, The Hague.
• 6 December 2019: supervisor for PhD defence of Diederik van der Kooij, Relativiteit, Causaliteit en Toerekening van Schade. Een onderzoek naar de grenzen van contractuele en buitencontractuele aansprakelijkheid, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam.

Eduardo Martino
• 10 April 2019: EGSN Lunch Lecture ‘Can corporate governance make banks more resilient? And how?’, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
• 19 September 2019: EDLE Opening Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
• 28-29 October 2019: presenting a paper at Financial Stability Conference, Berlin, Germany.

Peter Mascini
• 10 January 2019: PhD defense Nadine van Engen ‘How previous policy experiences affect the frontline: Understanding implementation success and failure through a general policy alienation lens’. (Member reading committee).
• 10 January 2019: PhD defense Thiago de Araujo Fauvre ‘An Economic Analysis of Judicial Performance’. (Member reading committee)
• 17 January 2019: Discussant for Barbara van der Ent’s presentation Syrian refugee children living in the Netherlands: What are their experiences in building up a new life in a new country? ESSB PhD day, Rotterdam.
• 31 January 2019: Assessment committee for the PhD defense of Stephen Billion, ‘Regulating retirements savings: An evolutionary psychology approach’. Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
• 21 March 2019: Discussant of the paper Janis Luyten & Wim Marnette “Perceptions of Red Tape in a Hospital: a Survey Experiment” at the Joint seminar: the future of law and economics.
• 21 May 2019: Presentation Research Program Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort (BACT), Review Day EGSL.
• 21 June 2019: Presentation paper Compromising neoliberal inspection policy at the frontline: a case study of the Dutch Health and Safety Inspectorate. 2nd research day ESSB DEPAS; Rotterdam.
• 26 June 2019: Chairing International Academic Expert Meeting Qualitative and Quantitative Research into Network Engagement in the Social Care Domain: The Next Step Forward; Rotterdam.
• 28 June, PhD committee Yayun Shen Green building in the US and China: a Law and Economics perspective (reading committee).
• 27-28 August 2019: Explaining judicial assistants’ influence on judicial decision-making. The Role and Legitimacy of Judicial Assistants in European Legal Systems; Bielefeld, Germany.
• 14 October: Presentation Choosing a Research Strategy. O&O Private Law, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
• 24 October: Key note lecture titled ‘Cultural Policy Sociology: A Personal Account’, Research master Sociology and Social Research, mini conference Utrecht University.
• 6 November: Discussant paper presented by Liam Wells ‘Risk, Culture and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals: Further Explaining Differences in Social Regulation Across the US and the EU Using Cultural Theory’, EDLE seminar, Erasmus School of Law.
• 13 November: Nan J.S., Grimmerdhuijzen D.G.J., Salverda B.A., Vis, C.L. van der, m.m.v. Mascini P., Mevis P.A.M. “Praktijk en jurisprudentie bij openlijke geweldpleging tegen functionarissen met een publieke taak”, ten behoeve van WODC, afdeling Extern Wetenschappelijke Betrekkingen (EWB), Projectnummer: 3104 (€ 77.818,13).
• 11 December: Lecturer Research methods seminar EGSL, methods of empirical legal research, EGSL, Rotterdam.
• 18 December: Discussant paper presented by Eva van Gemert ‘Talking violence between ‘no more living’ and ‘no more dead’: Imagining European humanity through EUNAVFOR MED’s politics of death in the Mediterranean Sea’, ESSB PhD Day, Rotterdam.
• Appointed as member of the supervisory committee of Nienke Doornbos’ commissioned research titled ‘De Wijkrechtbank Eindhoven’, Raad voor de Rechtspraak.

Bernold Nieuwdesteeg
• 29 November 2019: organisation and Chair of Workshop 'Cyber Risk Liability and Insurance' at Ius Commune Conference, Leuven University, Belgium (with Kees van Noortwijk).

Kees van Noortwijk
• 25 April 2019: Lecture *Privacy en de AVG*. Rotterdam, in course ‘Informatiebeveiliging, Informatiemanagement en Privacy’, organised by Erasmus Academy, Rotterdam.
• 24 May 2019 and 07 June 2019: two lectures on Privacy and Data Governance for postgraduate course ‘Data and Business Analytics’, EUR, Erasmus Q-Intelligence.
• 2 and 9 October and 20 November 2019: three lectures for specific privacy course for archiving professionals, Leergang Privacy; van WBP naar AVG, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Utrecht.
• 15 October 2019: Lecture Wat is een Algoritme? at Fall meeting 2019 of the Dutch Association for Computer Science and Law, Amsterdam.
• 15 November 2019: lecture on Privacy Management and Data Governance, postgraduate course ‘Leadership Challenges with Data Analytics’, Rotterdam School of Management, Centre for Data Analytics.
• 29 November 2019: organisation and Chair of Workshop ‘Cyber Risk Liability and Insurance’ at Ius Commune Conference, Leuven University, Belgium (with Bernold Nieuwesteeg).
• 6 December 2019: Lecture Privacy, data governance en de AVG; bescherming van persoonsgegevens, uitgangspunten AVG, for Masterclass Privacy, Data Governance en de AVG, Erasmus Academie, Rotterdam.

Sharon Oded
• 24 May: Supervisor for PhD Defence Chih-Ching Lan, A Law and Economics Analysis of Policy Instruments to Prevent Deforestation and Forest Degradation in the Tropics, PhD EUR 2019.
• 3 September 2019: organised the annual summit on Compliance and Enforcement, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
• 10 December 2019: lecture on the importance of dealing with non-trial resolutions in foreign bribery and corruption cases, held at the OECD Annual Consultation with External Stakeholders, Paris, France.

Alina Oțanu
• 11-19 May 2019: Guest lectures on European Private International Law at Moscow State Law University.
• May 2019: visiting lecturer at Kutafin Moscow State University of Law (MSAL) where Alina thought a course on 'Introduction to International Litigation: A Global and European Perspective'.

• 18 July 2019: gave a presentation, together with Georgia Antonopoulou, at the ‘International Civil and Commercial Dispute Resolution and Judicial Cooperation in Asia Pacific’ conference organised by the China-Australia Private International Law Forum in Shanghai, China.


• 11 July 2019: lecture The European Small Claims Procedure, European Civil Procedure, EJTN, Thessaloniki, Greece.


• 4 November 2019: lecture European Account Preservation Order: Is There Any Use for it in the Netherlands?, Workshop on the Application of the “second generation” regulations in the Netherlands, IC2BE, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

• 14 November 2019: lecture The European Enforcement and the European Order for Payment: From Title to Enforcement, Workshop on the Application of the “second generation” regulations in the Netherlands, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.


• 22 November 2019: lecture Technological progress and alternatives to the cross border enforcement of small claims. at Final Conference IC2BE on The application in the Member States of EU Regulations on cross-border collection of debts, Antwerp, Belgium.

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Niels Philipsen


• 4 February 2019: Brexit and the Economics of Federalism, Maastricht University Blog.

• 28 February 2019: PhD committee Gemeelee Hirang, ‘The Persistence of Non-Tariff Measures in ASEAN’, Erasmus University Rotterdam (also Chair of the reading committee).


• 21-22 March 2019: Invited discussant, chair in one of the sessions and participant at 11th Joint Seminar ‘The future of Law and Economics’, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
• 24 May 2019: PhD committee Chih-Ching Lan, “A Law and Economics Analysis of Policy Instruments to Prevent Deforestation in the Tropics”, Erasmus University Rotterdam (also Secretary of the reading committee).
• 23 May 2019: PhD committee Xingyu Yan, “Theories of Harm on Abuse of Dominance: A Sino-EU Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Institutional Dynamics on the Law Enforcement”, University of Groningen (also reading committee).
• 24 May 2019: PhD committee Chih-Ching Lan, A Law and Economics Analysis of Policy Instruments to Prevent Deforestation and Forest Degradation in the Tropics, PhD EUR 2019 (reading committee).
• April – June 2019: Joint Coordinator of Master Course ‘State Aid & Public Procurement in the EU’, Maastricht University.
• 26-27 September 2019: co-organised the REI conference ‘Shifts from Welfare States to Social Investment States’; gave lecture ‘The Role of Private Insurance in Governing Work-Related Risks: A Law and Economics Perspective’ (together with Michael Faure) and acted as discussant for lecture of Romain Juston and Marion Del Sol on ‘The Entry of Health Insurers into the Occupational Health Sector: A Privatization of Occupational Risk Control?’
• July 2019: coordinated a Summer course at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, China.
• September-October 2019: member of organizing committee of master course on ‘Law and economics’ at the University of Hasselt, Belgium.
• 16 October 2019: PhD. committee Tom Mennicken, “Game of Pleas. An Empirical Analysis of the Pleas Raised in Recent EU Antitrust Cases”, Maastricht University (also reading committee).
• 31 October 2019: Invited discussant EDLE seminar Martin Holderied, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
• October – December 2019: Coordinator of Master Course ‘Law and Economics’, Maastricht University.
• 4-9 November 2019: Coordinator of Master course ‘EU Competition Law’ at the China-EU School of Law, Changping (China).
• 4 November 2019: Guest lecture “Recent Developments in the Economics of Regulation: On the Choice between Public and Private Regulation” at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) School of Law, Beijing (China).
• 6 December 2019: PhD supervision Shuo Li, “Conflict and Compromise: Internationalization of Competition Law and China’s Participation, Maastricht University.

Priskila Penasthika
Alberto Quintavalla


Chris Reinders Folmer


Renny Reyes

- July-September 2019: Internship with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) at the Regulatory Policy Division of the Public Governance Directorate. Renny will be contributing to the work of the Measuring Regulatory Performance Programme for their 2020 publication ‘Latin American and Caribbean Countries Government at a Glance’.

Carlos Riquelme Ruz

- Chapter presentation of research project ‘The evolution of institutional determinants of FDI in Chile: Property rights, domestic investment protection and international investment agreements (1960-2015)’, EDLE Seminars, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Femke Ruitenbeek-Bart

- 25 January 2019: presentation ‘De zorgplicht van (of voor?) de aansprakelijke partij’, at Lustrumsymposium Vereniging Letselschadeadvocaten (LSA), Rotterdam.
- 10 April 2019: EGSL Lunch Lecture “But what about the tortfeasor? Accessing the field”, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
29 October 2019: lecture ‘Vergoeding voor verdriet - over smartengeld en affectieschade.’ Rechtbank Rotterdam, Eendaagse Schade, Rotterdam.


F.M. Ruitenbeek-Bart ‘De zorgplicht van (of voor?) de aansprakelijke partij’, in: Uw plicht, onze zorg?! – Zorgplichten in de letselsschadepraktijk, Lustrumbundel Vereniging Letselsschadeadvocaten (LSA), 2019 Boom Juridische Uitgevers

F.M. Ruitenbeek-Bart, Per ongeluk verbonden, Tijdschrift voor Herstelrecht 2019: 3, p. 3-7, doi:10.5553/TvH/1568654X2019019003001

Editor of Tijdschrift voor Vergoeding Personenschade, Boom Juridisch.

Editorial staff member of Personenschade Updates

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Editorial Board Ars Aequi Libri

Editorial Board Erasmus Law Review


H.N. Schelhaas and D.F.H. Stein, Gamechangers in het Europese Privaatrecht, MvV 2019/768, p. 223-224

7 March 2019: presentation Diephuis Congress Groningen, ‘Commerciële Contracten – Complicaties in business to business relaties’

10 May 2019: Member Inner Committee J. Broese-Van Groenou, De rechtsverhouding tussen erfpachter en erfverpachter, Open University Heerlen


3 June 2019: Presentation Private Law Consortium Tel Aviv, ‘The position of SME’s in European Contract Law’, Tel Aviv, Israel.

24 June 2019: PAO lecture on termination of commercial Contracts, Barents & Krans law firm, The Hague, the Netherlands.

27 June: Supervisor for PhD Defence Marinx Hebly, Schadevaststelling en tijd, PhD EUR 2019.


26 September 2019: Verdieping contractenrecht, Studiecentrum Rechtspleging Rechterlijke Macht.

18 October 2019: lecture on Interpretation of Contracts, at the Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.


• 6 December 2019: Member inner committee PhD Diederik van der Kooij, Relativiteit, causaliteit en toerekening van schade. Een onderzoek naar de grenzen van contractuele en buitencouncil actuele aansprakelijkheid, Erasmus University Rotterdam.


Martijn Scheltema

• 31 January 2019: Member inner committee PhD Defence Mostafa El Far, International Investment Law and Domestic Legislations in MENA: Egypt, Jordan and Morocco, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands.


• 10 April 2019: Participated in the ISO (SC42) standard setting conference on artificial intelligence as chair of the Dutch standard setting body on artificial intelligence, convened by NEN in Dublin.

• 10 May 2019: Speech regarding the multiple options available and emphasized the need for an integrated approach and a smart mix of judicial and non-judicial mechanisms as well as support for these mechanisms by states, at an event organised by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Bar Association on non-state based judicial and non-judicial mechanisms in London.

• 14 May 2019: Attended the stakeholder board meeting of the EU funded SHERPA research project on artificial intelligence and ethics in London. Martijn reflected on the need to better define ethics (also bearing in mind different perspectives on this issue) and to find smart mixes to regulate artificial intelligence.


• 27 May 2019: Member PhD Committee PhD defence Stefan van de Sande, Aansprakelijkheid van de overheid bij verstrekken van onjuiste informatie, PhD Nijmegen.

• 28 May 2019: Organised and lectured at a breakfast meeting, organised by the Dutch Association of Private Equity in Amsterdam. The lecture discussed the way in which private equity firms should address human rights risks and how human rights due diligence may be embedded in their portfolios.

• 12 June 2019: Speech at the conference organised by the Shanghai Center for Arbitration and Mediation and the Jiao Tong University in Shanghai. The speech addressed the position of rights holders affected by human rights or environmental violations by investors in investment arbitrations.

• 25 June 2019: Participated in a workshop on living wage in the garment industry in London.

• 27 June 2019: Member inner committee PhD Defence Marnix Hebly, Schadeverstelling en tijd, PhD EUR 2019.


• 2 July 2019: presented on human rights due diligence and ethics in connection with regulation of artificial intelligence at Queen Mary University in London (UCL).

• July 15-17 2019: Participated in an expert meeting on the Zero and Revised draft on a binding instrument on business human rights (treaty) in Geneva.
15-16 August 2019: Acted as a panellist in two panels on the future of dispute resolution and access to justice respectively at the World Legal Forum conference in The Hague, the Netherlands.

19 August 2019: Presented a paper on embedding human rights compliance and ethics in artificial intelligence at the global Smartworld conference of the IEEE in Leicester (UK).

9 September 2019: Presented a paper on contractual mechanisms to enhance human rights compliance in supply chains at a CSECL workshop at the University of Amsterdam.

25 September 2019: Moderated a panel on responsible supply chains in Asia and Europe, focussing on relevant legal developments such as litigation and emerging legislation in this arena, at the annual conference of the International Bar Association in Seoul.

9 October 2019: Delivered the keynote at the PLWF, a platform established by Dutch banks and institutional investors advertising and facilitating living wage (www.livingwage.nl), conference at Robeco in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

4 November 2019: Delivered an introductory speech on regulation regarding responsible business conduct and artificial intelligence at a (closed) OECD meeting for the OECD member states in Paris, France.

2 December 2019: Delivered a keynote speech on digitalisation and sustainability at the lawyers’ day of the Office for entrepreneurs of the Dutch Government (Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland (RVO)).

12 December 2019: The Hague Rules on Business Human rights were officially launched at a well-attended symposium hosted by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Peace Palace in the Hague, the Netherlands.

6 December 2019: organised and moderated a session on corruption and human rights at the international 100th anniversary conference of the International Chamber of Commerce at the Peace Palace in The Hague. The session explored whether the hard law approaches (including criminal options) as deployed in the field of corruption may also enhance human rights due diligence by companies if such approaches would be implemented in the business human rights field.

9 December 2019: spoke at the international Private Law and Market Regulation in the Face of Contemporary Grand Challenges conference in Groningen. His presentation addressed Financial Market Regulation on Climate Change and the Role of Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives. The contribution explored the way in which multi-stakeholder initiatives which are vertically organised throughout sectors may contribute to effective climate change measures.


Koen Swinnen


18 October 2019: lecture on Ownership of Data at the Second Encounter Private Law Sections Carlos III – Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.


Erlis Themeli
• 1 February 2019: guest lecture (with Erlis Themeli) ‘International commercial courts in Europe: Tips and tricks to go viral’ in the course Nationaal en internationaal procederen, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam.
• 3 September 2019: participated in the 110th Annual Conference of the Society of Legal Scholars, ‘Central Questions about Law’ held at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, the United Kingdom.
• 29 November 2019: Presentation ‘Applying AI in Courts: Opportunities and Challenges from a Human Rights Perspective’ [with Stephan Philipsen, Utrecht University], during the workshop ‘Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Rights’, at Ius Commune Conference, Leuven University, Belgium.

Heleen Tiemersma
• 15 February 2019: Academic view on business’ contribution to eradicating poverty. SDG Video Project RSM; Rotterdam.

Ilja Tillema

Emma van Gelder
• Co-organised the ‘e’ meets justice conference in Lisbon, May 2019 + presented research on consumer ODR.
• May-June 2019: conducted two-month visiting research at the University of Oxford, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies as part of her PhD under supervision of Professor Christopher Hodges (Trinity Term 2019 May and June).
• 29 October 2019: Presentation ‘the European Union approach to consumer ODR’, during the ODR Forum 2019: in Virginia, USA.
• 28 November 2019: Presentation 'The Use and Purpose of IT in the Justice System – Lessons Learned from ODR' (together with Bianca Kremer, University of St Gallen), during the workshop Technology for Civil Justice at Ius Commune Conference, Leuven University, Belgium.


• E.M. van Gelder, X.E. Kramer & E. Themeli, 'Enhanced cooperation to provide citizens access to justice throughout the EU,' e’ meets justice, p. 48-51

**Ann-Sophie Vandenberghhe**


**Louis Visscher**


• 27 June: Member inner committee PhD Defence Marinx Hebly, Schadevaststelling en tijd, PhD EUR 2019.


• 24 September 2019: workshop on *Insurance* (together with Arlette Schijns) at symposium ‘Compensatie van misdrijfschade, solidariteit, verzekering, verhaal’ (compensation for victims of crime; solidarity; insurance and redress), Erasmus School of Law.

• Louis wrote an expert opinion in a personal injury case, regarding the use QALYs (Quality Adjusted Life Years) when assessing non-pecuniary damages.

• 9 October 2019: EMLE Microeconomics - Game Theory, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, two guest lectures.

• 14 October 2019: EMLE Microeconomics - Decisionmaking Under Uncertainty. Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, guest Lecture.

• 31 October 2019: guest lecture ‘Economische analyse van aansprakelijkheid en schadevergoeding’. Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, Minor ‘Dood en Letsel’.

• 8 November 2019: guest lecture ‘Economische Analyse van Aansprakelijkheidsrecht’. Universiteit Antwerpen.


Liam Wells
- 6 March 2019: Chapter presentation of research project ‘Risk, Cultural Cognition, and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals: Explaining differences in social regulation across the United States and the European Union using risk and culture theory, EDLE Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- 15-17 May 2019: Presenting PhD research at Polish LEA Conference, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland.
- 27 June 2019: Presenting PhD research Spanish LEA Conference, Catholic University Porto, Portugal.
- 15 November 2019: presenting ‘From Pharmaceutical to Pharmacist: An update on the research project, Risk, Culture and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals’.

Roel Westrik
- 3 October 2019: course Circulair bouwen en het recht (I), Holla advocaten;
- 21 October 2019: cursus Actualiteiten Europees insolventierecht, Holla advocaten en Netlaw advocaten;
- 29 October 2019: cursus Circulair bouwen en het recht (II), Holla advocaten.

Alberto Quintavalla