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Foreword

We are proud to present the activities report of the Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics (RILE) covering the years 2020 and 2021. Much has happened in these two years, which were extraordinary for the whole world, as well as for the RILE. In 2020, as with many other academic institutions, COVID19 dramatically changed our academic life since the many events that we usually have (conferences, seminars, lectures, teaching and many interactions with colleagues internally and externally) were now replaced by online events. COVID19 still affected many aspects of academic life in 2021, but because of the increased experience with online techniques and working from home, it was possible to continue with all the normal activities. And, as will become clear from the Activities Report, the online opportunities often also provided benefits which RILE intends to continue to reap, also after 'normal life' has become possible again.

The European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) is a master programme in which students from all over the world spend an academic year in two or three different universities in different countries. Obviously, the restrictions that COVID19 has posed on international travel and on teaching activities has had a severe impact on EMLE. In March 2020, when students ordinarily would have travelled to their third term university, they now had to decide whether to go home (if this was still possible), to stay in their second term university (where they might get stuck for the coming months due to lock-downs) or indeed to travel to their third term university (where it was uncertain whether teaching would be possible). The students and staff have shown remarkable flexibility in these difficult times. The academic year 2020-2021 started with 'hybrid teaching', so a mix of in-class and online lectures, but gradually moved to fully online teaching again in December. Most of the teaching in 2021 fortunately could take place in person or at least in hybrid form. The Midterm Meeting and Graduation Ceremony, the highlight of the year for all people involved, however had to be organized online. Under normal circumstances, about 200 students, graduates, alumni, staff, and associate partners travel from all over the world to this occasion. This had to be done online this year. As a positive side-effect of the online meeting, it was no-one less than Guido Calabresi who delivered the keynote lecture *COVID9, Tragic Choices and the Future of Law and Economics* (which is accessible on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNQIF6QUqyw>).

The European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE), which is carried out together with the Universities of Hamburg, Bologna and Rennes1, also was heavily affected by COVID19. The seminars and courses in 2020 were transformed into digital meetings, and in 2021 they continued in online form. The wellbeing and whereabouts of the PhDs in the programme

had to be safeguarded, and PhD-defenses, in first instance postponed, ultimately took place in a digital way. The experiences with online seminars were actually quite positive, because they enable more people to join. As a result, more EDLE PhDs from previous years, as well as more staff members and guests attended than ever before. All PhD-defenses indeed were now organized online. No less than eight EDLE PhDs successfully defended their thesis.

In 2021, RILE organized a new bachelor course in the mandatory curriculum of Erasmus School of Law: *Law, Economics and Society* (in Dutch: 'Recht, Economie en Maatschappij'). This course, which was created and taught by Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe and Louis Visscher, was taken by more than a thousand first-year students. The course marks the re-entrance of Law and Economics in the Rotterdam law curriculum, since the bachelor-3 course *Law and Economics* ended in 2012. A more extensive course description is provided in the education section.

In 2021, Franziska Weber was appointed as professor of Law and Economics. She is the successor of Roger Van den Bergh on this chair. She is also appointed on the rotating chair of the Journal of Private Law (in Dutch: *Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht*) and therefore will be a visiting professor at the Catholic University Leuven. Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Pieter Desmet both were appointed professor of Empirical Legal Studies in 2021, within the Sectoral Plan in which several universities cooperate in the fields of Empirical Legal Studies and of Public Interests in Private Relations.

The research programme Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort (BACT) organized its seminar series online since March 2020 (and continuing in 2021) and RILE participated in those seminars with many members. BACT comes to an end after 2021, but the research activities of its members will be continued in other stimulating and exciting research programmes and centres. One of those centres is the newly erected Erasmus Centre of Empirical Legal Studies (ECELS), which is co-founded by Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Pieter Desmet.

This report presents an overview of all teaching, research and related activities of the RILE. We are very proud that despite the challenges we all faced in 2020 and 2021, we have so many impressive activities, output and dissemination. We wish you pleasant reading and hope that in 2022 we can meet in person more often than in the previous two years.

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1. Introduction

Established by prof.em. Roger Van den Bergh in the year 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 across the Netherlands, Europe and world-wide. For this purpose, a twofold strategy of teaching and research activities has been devised. First, a comprehensive training programme is offered for students ranging from undergraduate level to postgraduate courses and PhD studies. Law and Economics is taught both in the Dutch curriculum of the Erasmus School of Law and in international Master and Doctoral programmes. Second, the RILE aims at proliferating the academic discourse on Law and Economics through organising conferences and workshops, as well as publications in leading scientific journals and books.

Together with members of the Rotterdam Institute of Private Law (RIPL) and researchers from the Faculty of Social Sciences, RILE researchers participate in the research programme 'Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort (BACT)'. The objective of this programme is to analyse specific areas of law affecting contracts and torts, making use of insights from behavioural sciences. The group's mission is to become the prime European centre for the interdisciplinary study of (private) law and regulation in Europe, and therewith fortify the position of Erasmus School of Law as a European 'hub' for Law and Economics and Empirical Legal Studies in the area of private law. The BACT programme was discontinued by the end of 2021.

The RILE participates in the European Master programme in Law and Economics (EMLE). The EMLE programme is carried out by a consortium of ten partner universities inside and outside Europe. The EMLE programme provides students with advanced knowledge on the economic effects of alternative legal solutions and prepares them for a career, for instance in public organisations or multinational law firms. The EMLE programme was recognised by the European Commission as an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course for the first time in 2004, labelling it as a course of 'outstanding academic quality', and was reselected in 2009 (from 2010-2011 onwards). In 2014 the EMLE was included to the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) Catalogue for the period 2015-2018. As a consequence of these recognitions, generous scholarships are provided to European and non-European students. Also, short scholarships for the exchange of researchers are provided. In 2018 the EMLE was again selected for Erasmus+ as an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) programme for a four-year period.

The European Doctorate programme in Law and Economics (EDLE), which started in 2005, is a three to four year (depending on the funding source) international joint doctoral programme that aims to provide students with research skills and outstanding knowledge in the field of Law and Economics. Successful students receive a multiple PhD degree from the participating universities of Bologna, Hamburg and Rotterdam and, if applicable, from Haifa or Rennes¹. In 2009 the European Commission selected the EDLE as an Erasmus Mundus programme (2010-2014) and in 2010 the first group of ten Erasmus Mundus EDLE PhD students started their first year of the programme in Bologna (together with four EDLE PhD candidates paid by the partner universities themselves). In the subsequent years comparable groups started with the programme. Unfortunately, the European Commission decided to discontinue the Erasmus Mundus programme for PhDs. The EDLE programme continues with PhDs financed by the participating faculties.

The Centre for the Law and Economics of Cyber Security (CLECS) was founded in 2018. The mission of CLECS is to 'Create a stronger public discourse regarding efficient cyber security investments'. How is CLECS going to accomplish this mission? By linking the insights of the law and economics of cyber security with concrete policies and strategies of government and industry.

Core Activities:

- Connect: Bring together scholars in the law and economics of cyber security by offering them a joint platform to share knowledge. For this purpose, the Dutch National Cyber Security Lab is co-founded by CLECS in order to bring together experts of academia and industry to come up with novel solutions for tough cybersecurity issues.
- Inspire: Fuel the public debate with solutions for mitigating current market failures in cyber security and correct information incorrectness in the market. The annual CSAR index that is co-founded the International Centre for Financial Law and Governance (ICFG) for instance publishes transparency of Dutch Listed Companies regarding cybersecurity.
- Advice: Provide concrete advice on global and national cyber security strategy and policy involving law and economics of cyber security. Amongst others, CLECS advised the Dutch ministry of Economic Affairs about liability for cybersecurity.

CLECS is now merely 4 years old. In its first three years it received considerable media attention from amongst others RTL-Nieuws, Radio 1, BNR, the Dutch Financial Times, AG-Connect, Mr, Binnenlands Bestuur, iBestuur, Securitymanagement.nl.

Furthermore, it started to hand in a price for transparency in cybersecurity. On 15 December 2021, Marcel Krom received the second edition of the Cyber Security Annual

Report Index trophy on behalf of PostNL from the founder Bernold Nieuwesteeg, director of the Centre for the Law and Economics of Cyber Security, and Maarten Verbrugh, Vice Dean of master education at Erasmus School of Law. During a festive prizegiving in the Sanders Building of Erasmus School of Law, the multinational has been awarded the highest appreciation for a listed organisation. The award recognises their transparency in cybersecurity and how the concern deals with cybersecurity challenges.

The research interests of the RILE members cover a wide variety of topics in Law and Economics, including the economic analysis of competition law, contract law, tort law, environmental law, European law, insurance law, public law and regulation, corporate governance and corporate law. Empirical Legal Studies, Behavioural Law and Economics, Law and Innovation and the Law and Economics of Cyber Security also lie in the heart of RILE's research interests. The research output is discussed at RILE conferences and seminars and presented at national and international conferences. Besides the academic work, the RILE also writes reports for policymakers on various topics.

This report provides an overview of teaching and research activities of the RILE in the years 2020 and 2021, starting with EMLE and EDLE in Sections 2 and 3. Section 4 mentions the teaching activities. The subsequent sections provide a picture of the research activities. Detailed information is provided on PhD defences and supervision, the participation of the RILE in the research programme 'Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort', PhD defences, conferences, awards, external funding, Erasmus China Law Center PhDs, visitors and research visits. A complete list of publications can be found in section 12. The report concludes with an overview of all RILE members and the short biographies of all RILE scholars.

For current information about ongoing projects and other RILE activities, please visit the RILE website at: www.rile.nl.

2. European Master Programme in Law and Economics (EMLE) 2021

2.1 Introduction

RILE is the leading partner in the European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) programme, a consortium of well-known universities across Europe and the world. Besides Erasmus University Rotterdam, in 2020 and 2021 the EMLE consortium includes the University of Aix-Marseille, the University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), the University of Ghent, Haifa University, Hamburg University, the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research Mumbai, LUMSA (Rome), the University of Vienna and the Warsaw School of Economics.

The EMLE programme was recognised by the European Commission as an excellent joint international master programme and was therefore selected as an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programme. This recognition started in 2004 as one of the first programmes of this kind and is currently in its fourth round of funding from Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission. The current student intake is the last under this four-year funding period (2018-2022) and the plan is to re-apply for funding again in the spring of 2022 for six further years of support.

Under the last funding period, 50 full scholarships have been awarded to non-European students and 16 to European students. Eight of the scholarships for Partner Country students were awarded to students from specific regions for which the program received extra funding. These were three scholarships for students from the ENI East,¹ three for the ENI South² region and two specifically for students from Brazil or Mexico. The total Erasmus Mundus grant also includes an annual lump-sum to support travel of visiting scholars to any of the EMLE partner universities. The total sum of the grant for these four academic years amounts to almost 1.8 million Euro and includes financial support for the consortium management as well. More details are given in Section 2.4.

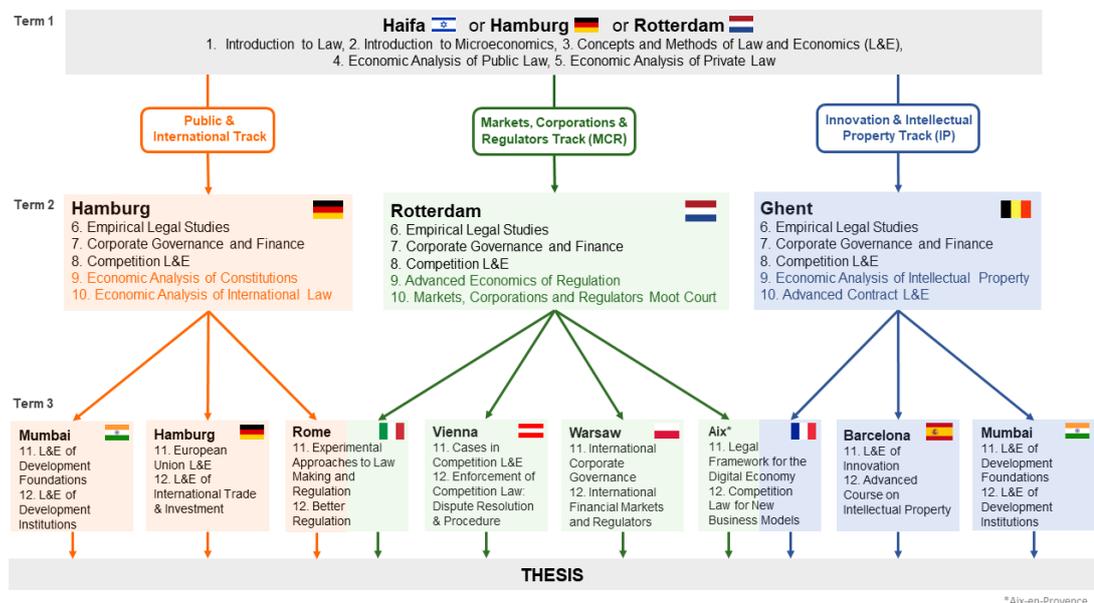
Besides Louis Visscher (Director) and Wicher Schreuders (Assistant Director & Erasmus Mundus Coordinator & Local Coordinator Rotterdam), the EMLE Management Team has Ilva Putzier (General Manager) and Klaudyna Mikolajczyk (Management Assistant) as core members. The EMLE Management Team also includes several student assistants: Anouk

¹ ENI East includes Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

² ENI South includes Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia.

van den Berg (until 30 July 2020), Maaïke Cleijne (until mid-July 2020), Suzanne Lucassen (until 30 September 2020, Sara van den Boom (until 30 July 2021) and Dylan Lachminarain (until mid-July 2021, were supporting the management and in September 2021, both Lotte Redeker and Carlota Couto joined the team.

An overview of the complex EMLE structure, including the mobility and specialization tracks, is shown in the below figure. EMLE includes ten partners, providing three terms of education in three general specialization tracks, pivoting around the second term universities, Ghent, Hamburg and Rotterdam.



The EMLE structure and track system since the academic year 2018-2019

2.2 Accreditation by NVAO

After several rounds of national accreditations for the individual EMLE partner universities and the latest one expiring in May 2019, the EMLE programme was successfully re-accredited according to the "European Approach". This way of accreditation for European Joint Master Programs has been strived for by the European Commission as early as 2013 when the pilot project 'Joint programmes: Quality Assurance and Recognition of degrees awarded' (JOQAR) was launched by the European Consortium of Accreditation (ECA). Wicher Schreuders, as EMLE Erasmus Mundus Coordinator, was following this development from the start and therefore EMLE was already chosen in 2013 as trial

programme for a pilot-accreditation procedure within JOQAR already. In May 2019, finally, as almost the first Joint Master Programme, the EMLE was officially accredited according to this European Approach (EMLE was certainly the first Dutch-coordinated Joint Master Program accredited via the EA through the Dutch/Flemish accreditation agency NVAO). This accreditation is valid for six years, expiring in May 2025. Just as in the previous accreditations, the international panel, evaluating the extensive self-evaluation report submitted by the EMLE Consortium and visiting the EMLE program during the Midterm Meeting in Hamburg in 2019, was very positive about the EMLE programme. Like this, in the NVAO Panel Report it was written that “the panel considers the EMLE programme an outstanding example of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.”

While the NVAO took over the accreditation procedure according to European regulations, all other EMLE partners (with exception of LUMSA in Italy) can use this decision to register the accreditation also at their national accreditation agencies. So far, this has been accomplished by the University of Hamburg (via the German national accreditation agency, the *Akkreditierungsrat*). Other partners are also planning to follow up with their national agencies, though the procedure is not yet very common at most European national accreditation agencies. In this, the EMLE program is serving as leading example to put a European framework in place.

As positive side-effect of this milestone, the EMLE management is quite often invited to participate in all kinds of conferences and trainings to present and to discuss the European Approach. In 2019, and still in 2020, this included events organized by the Dutch Ministry of Education Culture and Science, EACEA, EQAR, Nuffic and NVAO. Apart from this, we receive requests by other joint international programmes and/or universities – both from inside and outside the Netherlands - to give advice, informally or formally about the European Approach, but also about more general issues concerning Erasmus Mundus and joint international programmes. Of course, one of the EMLE staff members from Rotterdam – especially Wicher Schreuders – is very willing to participate actively and to present in all these events, which contributes to the visibility of both EMLE and RILE.

2.3 EMLE Meetings

- The EMLE Consortium usually convenes at least two times per year for full Board meetings at any of the EMLE locations and separately a Summer (Teachers) Meeting for at least all 1st

and 2nd term partners. However, this was not possible in 2020 and again in 2021 due to COVID-19. The Board decided to switch to online meetings. This resulted in shorter, but more frequent meetings, also more targeted meetings, discussing topics in smaller groups. The Summer (Teachers) Meeting of 2020, was postponed and took place (online) in January 2021. This year the topic was EMLE theses and how students could be guided better in the preparation of their thesis, including instructions from the central management team in Rotterdam (providing general information about the EMLE thesis rules and regulations), the second term Universities who are in charge of organizing writing seminars for students and also the third term Universities, at which students are writing their theses under supervision of a local academic staff member, but that also organize thesis meetings already in early spring each academic year. This meeting led to a greater understanding of the role of each partner in the responsibility of thesis guidance and therefore a better fine-tuning of the overall process and therefore greater clarity for all students at all locations. One of the decisions of the teachers meeting in January 2021 was also, that thesis meetings should remain “decoupled” from the annual midterm meeting in mid-February, as they were due to COVID-19 and that they should rather be continued to take place online two weeks before the Midterm Meeting via Zoom in groups according to the third term locations.

- *Midterm Meeting (MTM)*: On 13-15 February 2020 the MTM was organised in Rotterdam. Different from the last year, when a site visit by the NVAO took place, this time, the event was „program as usual”, including scientific workshops, and meetings between the different EMLE stakeholders. At the graduation ceremony on Friday 14 February, we were able to award all EMLE students for the second time the EMLE Joint Degree (qualification: LL.M. `European Master in Law and Economics`) from the partner universities Barcelona³, Ghent, Hamburg and Rotterdam. Besides this joint degree, students continued to receive additional degrees from other university partners where students attended at least one term.

³ This was the first time Barcelona was a degree awarding partner.

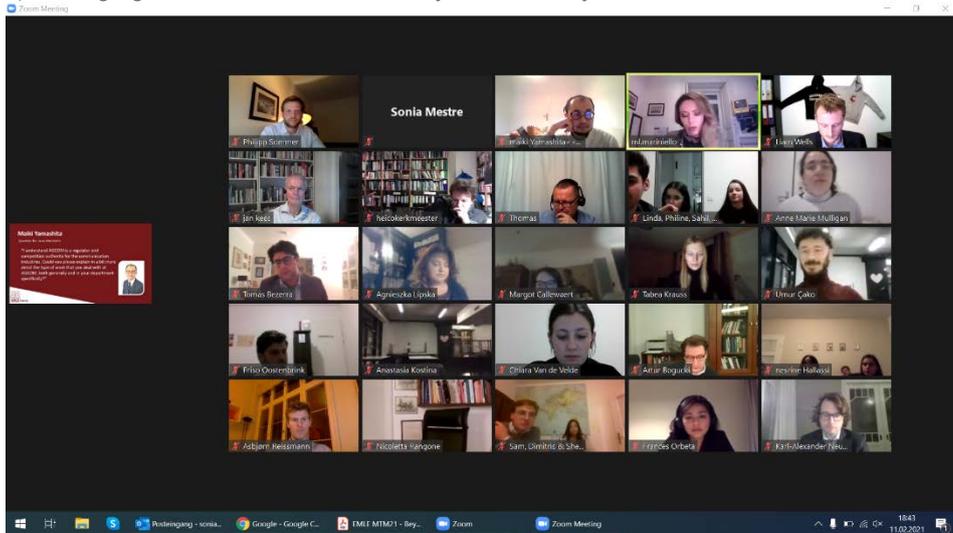


Top left: Networking Event for students
 Top right: 30 years of EMLE – Speech by prof. Boudewijn Bouckaert
 Bottom: student performances: Clara Lin and Daria Kirsych

- **Fall meeting:** The annual Fall Meeting 2020 was organised on 25 September 2020, but as an online meeting only. At this meeting the regular topics were discussed among the partners but given the special situation the focus was on the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for the programme. At all these EMLE meetings the RILE was represented by several staff members.
- **Midterm Meeting (MTM):** Different than in other years, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related measures restricting travelling and meetings, the annual Midterm Meeting 2021 was held online under organization of the University of Hamburg. Even though students, graduates, alumni, and staff members were at first disappointed, the careful organization of the Hamburg organizers made it a memorable and also successful event. Besides the thesis meetings (see above), it contained all its regular components, such as an academic workshop with international presenters and discussants of papers in the field of law and economics, a very prominent keynote lecture by Prof. em. Guido Calabresi (Yale Law School, USA), events for associate partners, alumni and students, the graduation ceremony and even a networking reception and graduation party. With help of Zoom webinars and meetings, and later for the graduation party an online meeting platform (wonder.me), the “EMLE family” could meet and exchange on different topics and levels.



Special highlight of the online MTM 2021: Keynote lecture by Prof. em. Guido Calabresi (Yale Law School)



EMLE “Meet the Partners” event – annual panel discussion between EMLE associate partners and EMLE students, hosted by Liam Wells (EMLE 2016-2017 / EDLE 2021). Students ask questions to associate partners about employment, career in their employment sectors, hiring practices, and more.

MLE MTM 2021 – best thesis presentation by Adrianus van Heusden (EMLE 2019-2020 / EDLE) with the title “The Impact of Branding on Boilerplates: A Law and Economics Analysis of Standard-Form Contracting”



- Also in 2021, and for the third time, the EMLE Joint Degree (qualification: LL.M. ‘European Master in Law and Economics’) was awarded from the partner universities Barcelona, Ghent, Hamburg and Rotterdam. Besides this joint degree, students were equally granted the opportunity to receive additional degrees from other university partners where they had attended at least one term.
- Extraordinary meetings in 2021: Because of the planned re-application to Erasmus+ in February 2022, the EMLE Board convened in several additional online meetings, one on 26 April, one on 1 June and one on 6 December 2021. Focus of these meetings was always on the questions concerning the application to Erasmus+ - first the decision if all EMLE partners agreed to re-apply in general, then if partners would like to stay in their specific slot of the EMLE-structure (first, second, third term and also within the three different tracks) and offer the same courses. Here, it turned out that only minor changes were desired, e.g. that Warsaw would like to join (besides the MCR track) also the Public and International track pivoting around Hamburg and that Ghent, as axis of the IP track in the second term, might want to change the course of Advanced Regulations into Economics of Innovations to make it more attractive for students on one hand and a better fit with the coupled third term partners on the other. Further, needed changes in the EMLE consortium agreement were discussed: this partnership agreement between the ten EMLE Universities sets the rules for collaboration between the consortium members, including among others responsibilities of each partner, how joint decisions are made, the educational goals and purpose of the programme, but also financial and dispute resolution regulations. Because

the previous version of the agreement was set up before the GDPR agreement of the European Union, a new article had to be added about student data rights and protection. While the necessary updates were already included in other student documents, the consortium agreement was updated in time for the upcoming re-application to Erasmus+.

- One further topic discussed in the extraordinary meetings, and in a couple of topic-specific meetings in a smaller working group, was the idea to offer students to have the EMLE Joint Degree added to wallets on the Blockchain in order to simplify verification of this achievement for students. In this, the Italian EMLE Partner LUMSA with their associate partner CIMEA were taking the lead of the project. Most likely, this service will be offered soon for interested students. This will not replace the regular hard-copy diploma or diploma supplement and will be in parallel to registration of the students' degrees at the different EMLE partner universities and in case the national agencies such as the Dutch DUO.
- *Fall meeting:* The annual Fall Meeting was organised online on 8 September 2021. Next to the regular agenda points for this meeting (finances, the upcoming academic year 2021-2022, student numbers), also here the above topics were discussed in view of the re-application to Erasmus+ funding.

In all EMLE meetings, RILE was represented by several staff members.

2.4 The consequences of COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021

On Thursday 12 March 2020 in the afternoon, Prime-Minister Rutte gave a press-conference about the COVID-19 crisis, that was rapidly spreading in the Netherlands at that moment. The consequences for society, and for EMLE as well, were immense. Both students and staff were preparing for the EMLE exams taking place the next morning and in the following week. However, within a few hours it was announced that from that Thursday evening onwards all exams and lectures were cancelled at the Erasmus University. This implied, that the Friday morning exam and all exams in the next week were cancelled. Friday 13 March turned out to be the last day we were allowed to enter our offices, which were closed for months thereafter.

Next, the EMLE Management Team had to take care of rescheduling the exams, which changed to online and/or take-home exams. It turned out that the situation at the other 2nd term locations (Ghent and Hamburg) rapidly developed in the same direction. The situation for the 3rd term locations was still unclear, but uncertain for sure. The students were asking a lot of questions, some wanting to return to their home-country. In the

weekend of 14/15 March and later on, the EMLE Management Team had to contact intensively the EACEA in Brussels, the EMLE-partners and the students as well.

This all resulted in online and/or take-home exams, as well as online teaching during the 3rd term in the summer and even to be continued in the 1st term in the autumn. This is not the way of teaching that was intended, but we managed to do it. Moreover, we learned and developed a lot of new skills as well.



Online teaching during the 2020 EMLE third term.

After the first waves of the Corona-pandemic and the second (and sometimes third) lockdowns, all EMLE partners reached a balance of some kind in dealing with education under changing Corona-regulations. While the third term of the academic year 2019-2020 had to be held completely online, the first terms of the academic year 2020-2021 could start in a hybrid setting (half class in the classroom and half class at home) or had to start completely online. However, with only very few exceptions, all students reached their first term EMLE locations in Haifa, Hamburg or Rotterdam and also moved onwards to their second and later third term locations. Due to the Covid-crisis, the EMLE third term partner Mumbai did not have any students in that year. While in 2020 the Mumbai students followed online classes, the students in 2021 with destination Mumbai decided that they would miss the aspect of travelling to their third term location and therefore asked to be reallocated to other Universities for their courses and thesis.

With increasing vaccination grades, the first term education of the academic year 2021-2022 could start in all three locations fully in person and again with only one exception, students arrived on time for at least the second week of classes. Moreover, due to the experience of the previous year, all three first term locations and their international offices could guide students much better with their pre-arrival questions and issues. Still, the

different first term partners take different approaches for access to classes, offering online classes and taking exams on paper, in person in the exam hall or proctored from home, mainly due to the national regulations. While some measures might disappear soon after Corona (checking the “2G” or “3G” status/QR codes), others might remain in place because they seem to improve the coordination of the program, the jointness in curriculum and also offers many new opportunities, e.g. to provide interesting (guest) lectures to all students and staff, regardless of their locations or cutting down international travel for EMLE Board Members to attend several Board meetings per year.

As in the beginning of the pandemic, some questions still remain also this year, for example regarding the EMLE scholarships from the European Commission. Therefore, also this year, the EMLE Management Team kept intensive contact with the EACEA in Brussels, just as with the EMLE-partners and the involved students.

2.5 Erasmus Mundus / Erasmus+

As mentioned already in the Introduction, in June 2018 the EMLE programme was re-selected – for the fourth time, and without interruption since 2004 – for Erasmus+ recognition and funding from the European Commission. As a result, the programme could award 16 scholarships for students from Programme Countries and 42 scholarships for students from Partner Countries⁴ for these four academic years (2018/2019 - 2021/2022). These scholarships are awarded to the best applicants on a competitive basis, based on a ranking of all applicants. A full scholarship (which amounts to a maximum of 20,500 euro for Programme Country scholarship holders and up to 25,000 euro for Partner Country scholarship holders) supports students for monthly expenses and a contribution to travel, visa and instalment costs. Based on an additional request, the EMLE programme was also able to award eight scholarships for students from specific non-European countries (ENI East,⁵ ENI South⁶ and Brazil & Mexico). The total EM grant also includes an annual lump-sum to support travel of visiting scholars to any of the EMLE partner universities. Over the past years of this funding periods, many Visiting scholars actively participated in student activities as teaching regular courses, giving seminars and supporting students in thesis writing, among others. For the involvement of visiting scholars, the EMLE Consortium dedicates annually up to 20,000 Euro of the 50,000 euro lump sum payment from the EACEA, so 80,000 Euro in total. The remaining 30,000 euro of the lump sum contribution

⁴ Programme Countries include the EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Turkey and North Macedonia. The Partner Countries include all other countries.

⁵ ENI East includes Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

⁶ ENI South includes Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria and Tunisia.

from the EACEA is used for support of the consortium management. The overall grant for these four academic years amounts to almost 1.8 million Euro.

RILE coordinates the Erasmus Mundus programme. Regularly reports are to be submitted to the European Commission and/or the EACEA, as well as surveys to be completed. RILE represents the EMLE Consortium at the regular meetings and special events & conferences with the Erasmus Mundus Agency (EACEA) in Brussels. RILE also takes care of the financial administration of the Erasmus Mundus programme.

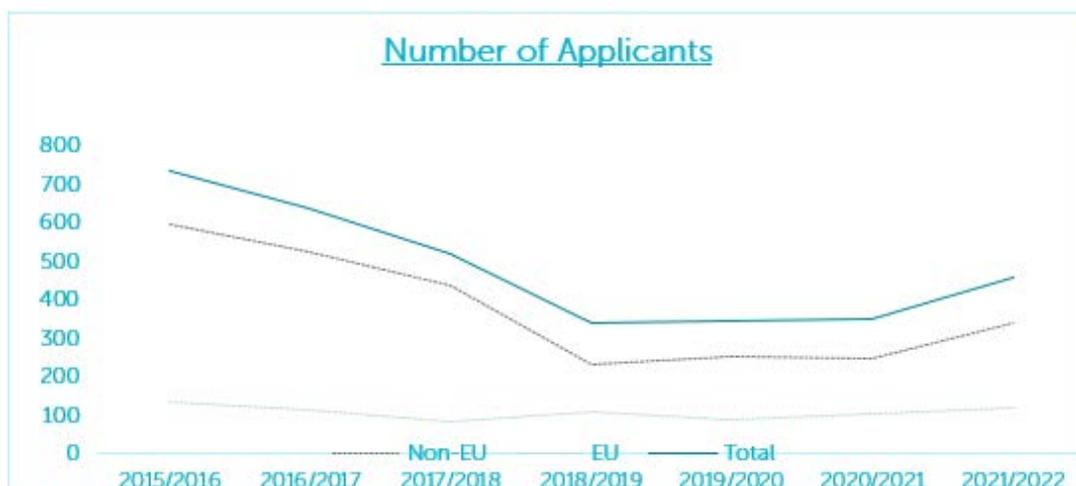
Since the Erasmus Mundus recognition was awarded (2004), the number of non-EU (officially: Partner Countries) applications fluctuates quite strongly during the years. The number of applications by EU students (officially: Programme Countries)⁷ has been stable over the years, reaching a peak in the year 2010/2011, the first academic year under EM II, and therefore the first year that EMLE was able to offer an EM scholarship to EU applicants. In 2015/2016 we had the highest number of applications, both for the total number and for the non-EU's.

The number of applications and participants for the past seven academic years are shown in a table and in a graph below.

Year	Partner Country Applicants	Programme Country Applicants	Total Applicants	Partner Country Scholar. ⁹	Programme Country Scholar. ⁹	Partner Country Self-paying	Programme Country Self-paying	Total Enrolled
2015/16	605	132	737	8	0	26	53	87
2016/17	530	113	643	8	0	26	42	76
2017/18	448	103	551	8	0	38	42	88
2018/19	242	118	360	7	5	23	49	84
2019/20	255	92	347	13	7	20	31	71
2020/21	247	111	358	15	2	15	40	72
2021/22	339	121	460	15	2	24	51	92

⁷ For the definitions of Programme Countries and Partner Countries, please see footnote 5.

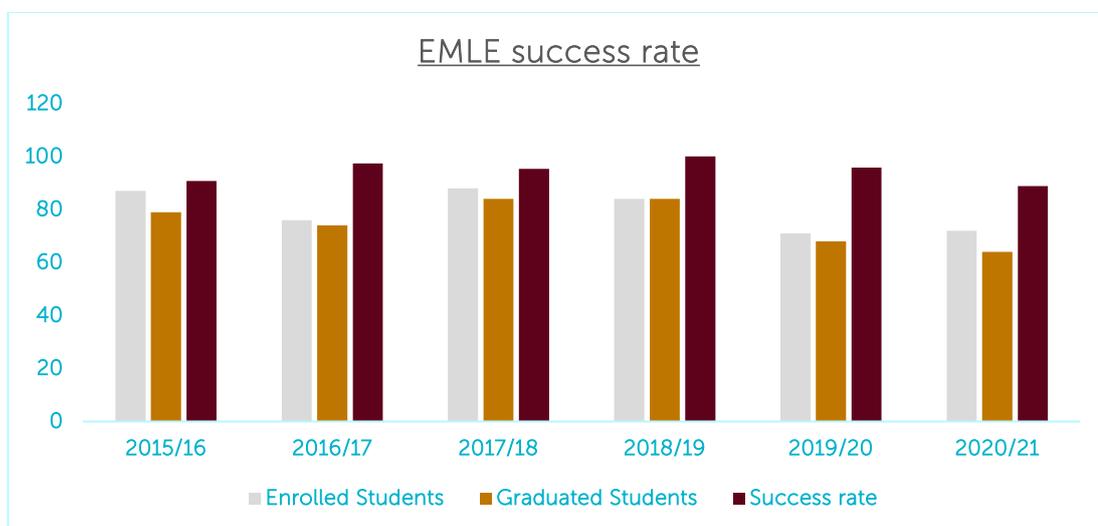
⁹ Scholarships



The eligibility and ranking criteria for the EMLE are strict. Grades, CV, motivation letter and up to two recommendation letters are used to establish a ranking for both European students and non-European students. Since 2019, the application criteria changed slightly: within their motivation letter, applicants are asked to submit a short essay about one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, from a Law and Economics perspective. This is used to estimate the candidates' understanding of and affinity to Law and Economics problems. The highest ranked participants are awarded with a full scholarship. Students are only eligible to participate in the programme if they have also passed standardized English proficiency tests with a competitive score. Due to the high quality of the participants and the intensive teaching programme and monitoring, the success rate of the students participating in the programme is very high: an average of 95% over the past 10 academic years. An overview of the yearly EMLE participants and corresponding graduates in the past six academic years is given below.⁸

Academic year	Enrolled Students	Graduated Students	Success rate
2015/16	87	79	90,8
2016/17	76	74	97,4
2017/18	88	84	95,4
2018/19	84	84	100
2019/20	71	68	95,8
2020/21	72	64	88,8 ⁸

⁸ Does not include yet students who may re-write their EMLE thesis once during 2021-2022



2.6 EMLE courses taught at Erasmus University Rotterdam

The following EMLE courses were taught in Rotterdam:
January 2020 – March 2020 (EMLE second term 2019/2020)

Course	Lecturers 2019/2020
Corporate Governance & Finance	Patrick Leyens
Competition Law & Economics	Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi & Roger Van den Bergh
Advanced Economics of Regulation	Niels J. Philipsen
Empirical Legal Studies	Jonathan Klick & Pieter Desmet
MCR Moot Court	Louis Visscher, Heico Kerkmeester, Sharon Oded, Wim Weterings, Meltem Bayramli and Roger Van den Bergh
Scientific Writing and Plagiarism	Ilva Putzier

October – December 2020 (EMLE first term 2020/2021)

Course	Lecturers 2020/2021
Introduction to Law	Alexandre Biard (pre-recorded lectures and online tutorials)
Mathematics	Boyen Pronk (hybrid teaching)

Microeconomics + Tutorials	Boyen Pronk (hybrid teaching), Hila Nevo (online teaching)
Concepts & Methods of Law & Economics	Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe (hybrid teaching)
Economic Analysis of Public Law	Elena Reznichenko (online teaching)
Economic Analysis of Private Law	Louis Visscher, Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe & Boudewijn Bouckaert (hybrid and online teaching)

January 2021 – March 2021 (EMLE second term 2020/2021)

Course	Lecturers 2020/2021
Corporate Governance & Finance	Patrick Leyens
Competition Law & Economics	Franziska Weber
Advanced Economics of Regulation	Niels J. Philipsen
Empirical Legal Studies	Jonathan Klick & Pieter Desmet
MCR Moot Court	Louis Visscher, Heico Kerkmeester, Sharon Oded, Wim Weterings, Jan-Kees Winters
Scientific Writing and Plagiarism	Ilva Putzier

October – December 2021 (EMLE first term 2021/2022)

Course	Lecturers 2021/2022
Introduction to Law	Alexandre Biard (Online lectures, complemented by in-class tutorials)
Mathematics	Ibrahim Jabri
Microeconomics + Tutorials	Ibrahim Jabri (plus pre-recorded videos by Louis Visscher, Hilla Nevo (Haifa), Jerg Gutmann (Hamburg))
Concepts & Methods of Law & Economics	Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe
Economic Analysis of Public Law	Elena Reznichenko-Kantorowicz
Economic Analysis of Private Law	Louis Visscher, Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe & Boudewijn Bouckaert

2.6.1 EMLE award for best teacher for the academic year 2019/2020 & 2020/2021

Based on the outcomes of the course evaluations, in 2020 the EMLE best teacher of the second term (2019/2020) is Ben Depoorter (University of Ghent). Ann Sophie Vandenberghe is the best teacher of the first term (2020/2021).

3. European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE)

3.1 Goal and set-up

The EDLE is a three to four years (depending on the funding source) doctoral programme which aims to provide students with outstanding competences and knowledge in the field of Law and Economics.

Currently there are four participating universities: Rotterdam, Bologna, Hamburg and, since 2019, Rennes1. Haifa decided to withdraw from the programme as per 2019. Successful students receive degrees from all partner universities, provided that they satisfy the requirements of the PhD regulations of all partner universities. Students are expected to move between partner universities and to attend seminars and courses on advanced topics in Law and Economics organised in their host institutions. They start their first year in Bologna and continue their studies in Hamburg (Summer School). In the second year they spend at least a seven-month study period (from September onwards) in Rotterdam. After this period in Rotterdam the students return to their home university to finalise their doctorate thesis. A research stay at Rennes1 is also possible. With the prior consent of the Scientific Board, students can spend study periods at other research centers in Law and Economics to work on their thesis.

In July 2009 the European Commission selected the EDLE as an Erasmus Mundus programme. In October 2010 the first group of ten Erasmus Mundus EDLE PhD candidates started their first year of the programme in Bologna (together with four EDLE PhD candidates subsidised by the partner universities themselves). In October 2014 the last Erasmus Mundus group started as the EC discontinued the EM programme. The EDLE still continues with scholarships financed by, or through the partner universities.

The current central research topic of the EDLE is 'Tensions between efficiency and other goals of general interest'. The economic analysis of law analyses the effects of alternative legal rules and institutions from the viewpoint of efficiency. A society is considered to be efficient if it is no longer possible to improve the welfare of any individual without making any other individual worse off (Pareto-efficiency). Efficient outcomes can be socially unjust and, therefore, in policy-making distributive justice is generally seen as a criterion alongside efficiency. Besides from distributive justice, several other policy goals are presented as an alternative to the efficiency criterion: fairness, solidarity, protection of the weak (consumers, tenants and workers), environmental protection or anti-discrimination. In

some cases, these policy goals can be easily subsumed under efficiency. In other cases, there may be tensions between efficiency and the other goals of general interest.

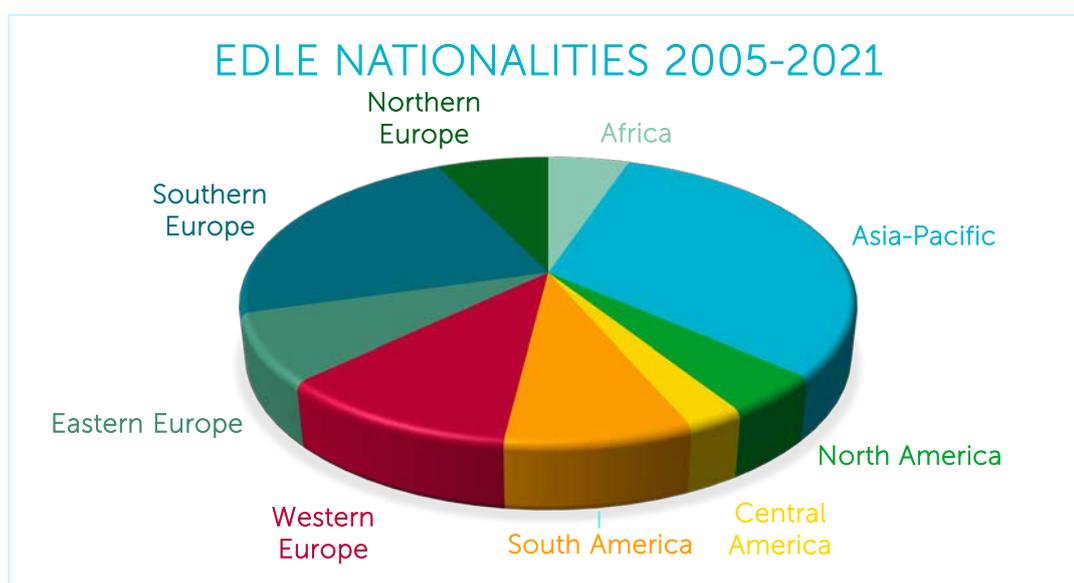
This central research question is split up in several detailed research topics in different areas of law. In the following the research topics of all PhD students will be presented. In each of these fields, professors of the universities of Bologna, Rennes1, Rotterdam and Hamburg act as supervisors. All EDLE PhDs defend their thesis in Rotterdam.

3.2 Application and Selection procedure

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic merit and their capability of carrying out high-level scientific research activities in the field of the economic analysis of law, and in compliance with the regulations.

Grades, CV, Motivation letter, Research proposal, recommendation letters and English proficiency are all taken into account by the Joint Selection Committee. Each year the partner universities offer 6 scholarships in total. A limited number of places is available for participants with private/alternative funding (hereby taking into account the (balance between) research topics, the availability of supervisors etc.).

The EDLE aims at addressing a new class of outstanding PhD researchers from all over the world, irrespective of gender, age, ethnic, national or social origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, language, disability, political opinion, social or economic condition, or nationality.



3.3 Programme Structure

EDLE presents a combination of course work and research. The curriculum is devised to provide advanced and challenging education both to lawyers and economists. Where applicable/possible candidates will be able to choose between basic and advanced courses depending on their educational background.

3.3.1 EDLE Empirical Track

Empirical research is becoming more and more prevalent in legal scholarship. Although theory is important in the economic analysis of law, some questions require an evidence-based approach that would test the theories. The aim of the EDLE Empirical Track is to provide the PhD researchers with the necessary tools to understand empirical studies, to develop a critical perspective on such methods and finally, to conduct their own empirical research. This track is designed both for lawyers and for economists. Lawyers without prior background in statistical analysis will attend introductory courses before continuing to empirical studies. Economists, even with background in statistics, will benefit from this track by learning how to apply those methods to legal questions.

3.3.2 Research Topics

The EDLE network counts on a large faculty able to offer supervision on a very large set of topics. Depending on the academic background, the thesis can be more economically or legally oriented. Some theses are rather theoretically focused, others more policy-oriented and some are empirical. Research topics may be proposed by the candidate or by the faculty. More detailed information on research topics of interest to the partner universities can be found on the EDLE website www.edle-phd.eu.

From the first day onwards the candidates start working on their thesis, based upon the research proposal on the basis of which they were admitted to the EDLE programme. The candidate is assigned a (provisional) supervisor who will help to identify (and in many cases narrow down) a suitable thesis topic.

3.3.3 EDLE Academic Calendar

(full cycle of the programme)

Time	Location	Programme
September 1 st year	Bologna	Arrival in Bologna and preparatory courses on a voluntary base
Upon arrival		The candidate is assigned a (provisional) supervisor who will help to identify a suitable thesis topic
October – March 1 st year	Bologna	Research + taught courses
By December at the latest		The candidate has decided the thesis topic and is assigned two supervisors.
November 1 st year	Bologna	Introduction meeting with partner universities & Attending 3 rd year seminar
March 1 st year	<i>Bologna</i>	<i>Presentation final research proposal that includes a clearly defined research issue, research question, chosen methodology and a literature survey</i>
April – July 1 st year	Hamburg	Research + EDLE Empirical course + Summer School
June / July 1 st year	<i>Hamburg</i>	<i>Presentation introduction chapter (introduction, problem definition, research question, limitations, methodology, scientific and societal relevance, preliminary bibliography) + summary of each planned content chapter</i>
September – March 2 nd year	Rotterdam	Research + EDLE Empirical course + academic writing course + EDLE seminars + topical seminars (publication strategy and presentation skills) + BACT and other relevant seminars
October / December 2 nd year	Rotterdam	<i>Presentation (new) content chapter</i>
January / March 2 nd year	Rotterdam	<i>Presentation (new) content chapter</i>
March 2 nd year		Attending joint seminar (Maastricht/Rotterdam/Paris)
From April 2 nd year onwards	Home university	Research + presentation of research results
November 3 rd year	<i>Bologna</i>	<i>Presentation (new) content chapter at 3rd year seminar</i>
March 3 rd year		<i>Presentation (new) content chapter at joint seminar (Maastricht/Rotterdam/Paris)</i>
From October 3 rd year onwards	Rotterdam	Defending thesis in Rotterdam

In the first year, candidates with a legal background will be offered the possibility to attend introductory courses in Maths, Game Theory, and Statistics. Candidates with a background in economics will be offered the possibility to attend advanced courses in Microeconomics, Econometrics, and Financial Economics. All candidates must take a course either in Statistics or Econometrics. The mandatory curriculum includes the following dedicated

courses, covering the core topics of the programme: Introduction to European Competition Law; Introductory Statistics; Behaviour Law and Economics – Enforcement Mechanisms; Modelling Private Law; Concepts and Methods; and Law and Economic Development. Candidates can choose to attend additional courses such as Mathematics, Microeconomics, Econometrics, and Financial Economics.

The curriculum will be focused on the individual student's needs. The EDLEs can, on a voluntary basis, take all courses offered by the School of Economics. All courses require class work and participation, with assignments and presentations, and a final test. Candidates also attend Law & Economics seminars held by international scholars.

In March all first-year candidates present in Bologna their (final) research proposal that includes a clearly defined research topic, research question, chosen methodology and a literature survey.

During the second semester of the first year, the doctoral candidates stay in Hamburg. In the month of July the doctoral candidates will participate in the four-week long Summer School in Law and Economics, which includes a one-week intensive Introductory course in empirical legal studies/econometrics and a three-week intensive lecture series held by internationally renowned scholars. Doctoral candidates will participate in all activities offered by the Summer School programme.

The Summer School complements the basic training of EDLE candidates. Topics represent research challenges of fundamental or current interest in the field of Law and Economics. Within this Summer School, EDLE candidates have the opportunity to build-up an international research network with leading scholars.

During the semester in Hamburg all first-year candidates give a presentation on their introduction chapter (introduction, problem definition, research question, limitations, methodology, scientific and societal relevance, preliminary bibliography), including a summary of each planned content chapter and time schedule.

During the first semester of the second year, from September to March, candidates attend and actively take part in the cycle of seminars and courses scheduled at the Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics (RILE). The format of these seminars includes a presentation of one or two candidates of their work in progress, (written) peer feedback and the discussion by a senior staff member of the faculty/institute/department, preferably

(where possible) a leading researcher in the field. The mandatory courses may vary but will include courses to (further) develop soft skills, Advanced Data Analysis, and Advanced Empirical Methods Research Design. In March the candidates take part in the Joint Seminar and give a poster presentation.

At the end of the first semester of the second year, candidates will move to one of the participating universities (their home university), depending on the field of specialisation.

In the third year, candidates will have to present twice their work at a collective workshop, organised at or by one of the partner universities, with the standard format (presentation + discussion by a senior staff member). In November in Bologna and in March at the Joint Seminar, organised by Rotterdam.

In all partner universities, attendance of courses and dedicated activities is mandatory. Any absence needs to be properly motivated and approved by the local supervisor.

As mentioned above, on top of the coursework, candidates start working on their thesis from the inception. The defence procedure can take up to approx. six months after completion of the draft manuscript. The general timetable is provided below.

3.3.4 Thesis defence – general timetable

	Thesis final draft manuscript + propositions and mandatory annexes sent to supervisors for approval
8 weeks later	Thesis final manuscript (approved by the promotor) sent to inner committee
6 weeks later	Deliberation deadline inner committee
	Time for finalizing the manuscript before it's sent to the printer
5 weeks later	Thesis to printer & plenary committee
	After approval of the thesis and the plenary committee and by the registrar a date for the defence can be set by the promotor in consultation with the defendant and the plenary committee
5 weeks later	Thesis book ready (sent to committee members, registrar, etc)
5 weeks later	Defence date in Rotterdam

The EDLE is a joint doctorate programme with joint supervision and close monitoring. Participants are asked to send bi-annual updates to their supervisors on their progress, activities undertaken during the past six months and the planning for the next six months.

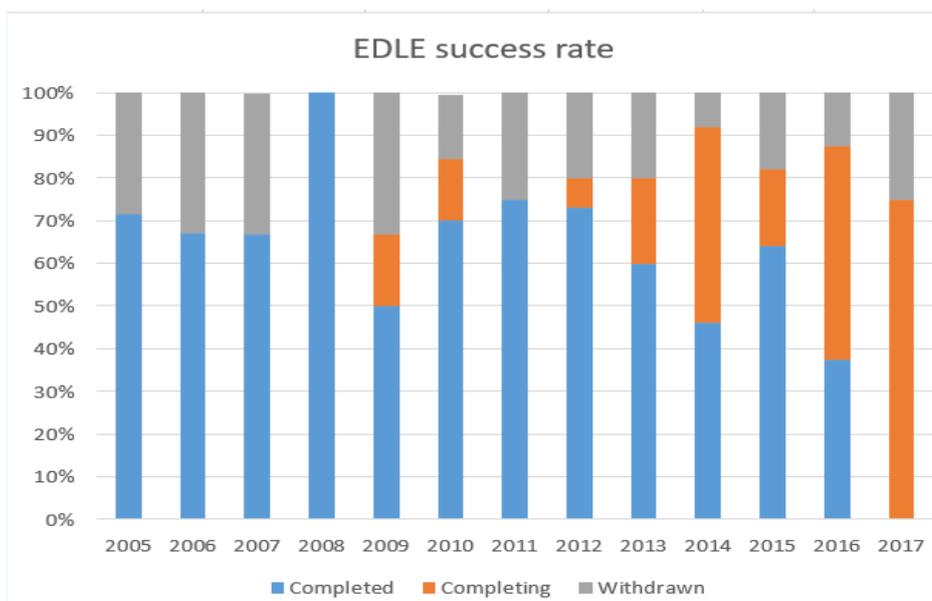
Furthermore, the general planning of the individual PhD trajectory is checked (on feasibility) and adjusted where necessary. The document for reporting the individual research progress will be completed gradually during the PhD.

3.3.5 Monitoring – yearly general timetable

December	PhD Progress report
January	Supervisor report
February	Evaluation individual progress by EDLE board
June	PhD Progress report
July	Supervisor report
August	Evaluation individual progress by EDLE board & admittance to the next year
After termination of the scholarship:	
December	Annual general (short) report
January	Update by supervisors

3.4 Success rate

Due to the high quality of the participants, the intensive teaching programme, presentation schedule and monitoring, the success rate is very high.



EDLE outcomes per 31.12.2021 per year group (start year)

3.5 EDLE Seminars in Rotterdam

In 2020 and 2021 the following EDLE seminars took place.

Winter seminars 2020:

- 20 February 2020: Presentation by Jan Essink on 'A Law and Economics Analysis on the Effectiveness of the EU-Agenda on Migration'.
- 20 February 2020: Presentation by Martin Holderied on 'Interest Theories on the Regulation of Sharing Economy Markets'.
- 5 March 2020: Presentation by Francesca Leucci on 'Law and Economics of Environmental Damage Assessment'.
- 5 March 2020: Presentation by Evangelia Nissioti on 'Law and Economics of Mediation'.
- 12 March 2020: Presentation by Mrinmayi Katdare on 'Precautionary Principle – How does political discretion influence its implementation?'.
- 12 March 2020: Presentation by Lucas Chacha on 'Measuring Enforcement Shock Impact on Deterring Corruption in Brazil'.

Spring/Summer Seminars 2020:

Due to COVID19 working from home became the rule and many EDLE PhDs returned to their home country. To stay into contact with each other, the EDLE seminars continued online on a voluntary basis, with participants from all years and literally all over the world. The following presentations took place.

- 22 May 2020: Presentation by Lucas Chacha on 'Modelling Domestic Corruption Deterrence Through Self-Reporting and Collaborations'.
- 29 May 2020: Presentation by Evangelia Nissioti on 'Mediation as a debiasing tool for negotiation biases'.
- 3 June 2020: Presentation by Francesca Leucci on 'Law and Economics of Environmental Damage Assessment'.
- 12 June 2020: Presentation by Mrinmayi Katdare on 'Assessing the role of the precautionary principle in glyphosate authorisation by EU Member States'.
- 19 June 2020: Presentation by Salvini Datta on 'Early Market Acces to Pharmaceuticals – Oncology Medicines'.
- 26 June 2020: Presentation by Martin Holderied on 'Empirical Strategy and Results', a chapter of his thesis on 'Interest Theories on the Regulation of Sharing Economy Markets'.
- 1 July 2020: Presentation by Jan Essink on 'The call for an EU asylum allocation system based on quota and an attached matching mechanism: desirability and feasibility'.

- 2 July 2020: Presentation by Anna Kovács on 'Framing and Stakeholder Compliance with Climate Change Instruments', EDLE 1st year Seminar, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- 31 July 2020: Presentation by Goran Dominioni on 'Pricing Carbon Implicitly: Unleashing the Potential of Carbon Pricing Policy'.

Fall seminars 2020:

Though still online, the (regular) EDLE seminar series continued with the following presentations:

- 9 September 2020: Opening seminar – Introductory talk by Sharon Oded on 'Doing Research & Writing your PhD Thesis, followed by presentation by Evangelia Nissioti on 'Debiasing the Litigant: In search of an appropriate legal mechanism to balance litigation and its alternatives'
- 7 October 2020: Presentation by Eka Lomtatidze on 'Logic of Collective Action behind the Generation of Human Rights'.
- 21 October 2020: Presentation by Antonella Zara on 'The Law and Economics of Artificial Intelligence'.
- 4 November 2020: Presentation by Karol Zdybel on 'An Economic Analysis of Parallel Justice'.
- 18 November 2020: Presentation by Shashank Sharma on 'Essays on Antitrust Analysis of Multisided Platforms'.
- 2 December 2020: Presentation by Anna Kovacs on 'Framing and stakeholder support for climate change instruments'.
- 9 December 2020: Presentation by Liam Wells on 'Culture and the Regulation of Pharmacies'.

Winter seminars 2021:

- 13 January 2021: Presentation by Joé Rieff on his research 'National Identities and Common Policies; A case study of the European Union'.
- 27 January 2021: Presentation by Carlos Riquelme Ruz on 'Balancing Principles of International Law in the Context of Sovereign Debt Crises: A Law and Economics Approach'.
- 17 February 2021: Presentation by Jan Essink on 'The potential of a tradeable quota system with an attached matching mechanism to avoid new Schengen and EU asylum crises'.
- 24 February 2021: Presentation by Karol Zdybel on his research 'An Economic Analysis of Legal Pluralism'.
- 3 March 2021: Presentation by Shashank Sharma on his research 'Essays on Antitrust Analysis of Multisided Platforms'.

- 10 March 2021: Presentation by Tristan Kik on his research 'Competition Law in the Data Economy'.
- 17 March 2021: Presentation by Anna Kovács on her research 'The Behavioural Determinants of Collective Action on Climate Change'.
- 18 March 2021: Presentation by Antonella Zarra on her research 'The Law and Economics of Artificial Intelligence'.

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Fall seminars 2021:

Though still partially online, the (regular) EDLE seminar series continued with the following presentations:

- 9 June 2021: Presentation by Liam Wells on his research 'Transatlantic Regulation of Pharmacovigilance and Product Liability: Exploring economic and cultural explanations'.
- 16 June 2021: Presentation by Evangelia Nissioti on 'The Role of the Participating Lawyer in the Mediation Process'.
- 23 June 2021: Presentation by Antonella Zarra on 'The Law and Economics of Artificial Intelligence – Designing an experiment'.
- 5 October 2021: Presentation by Goran Dominioni on his research 'Pricing Carbon in Good and Bad Times: The countercyclical effects of carbon taxes and ETSS'.
- 19 October 2021: Presentation by Tony Burri on his research 'Third-Party Funding of Collective Redress – A Law and Economics perspective'.
- 2 November 2021: Presentation by Allen Bargfrede on his research 'The Economics of Modern Music Law: A new model'.
- 7 December 2021: Presentation by Gabriele Paolini on his research 'Plea Bargaining Procedures in the World: A Law and Economics perspective'.
- 14 December 2021: Presentation by Pedro Henrique Christofaro Lopes on his research 'Federalism and Crisis: A comparative study'.

3.6 EDLE Participants

Within the EDLE programme the following PhD students participate(d) in 2020 & 2021

Started before 2015:

- Çiçek Gürkan (Turkey)
The Role of Banks for Corporate Governance
Supervisors: Patrick Leyens and Michael Faure
- Gustavo Federico Wesselhoefft (Argentina)
Project Finance Contracts; Strategic analyses for legal institutionalisation – Defended on 21-05-2021
Supervisors: Patrick Leyens and Michael Faure
- Maria Pia Sacco (Italy)
The Role of Intermediaries in International Corporate Bribery – Efficient Liability Standards from A Law and Economics Perspective - Defended on 5-11-2021
Supervisors: Paolo Vanin and Sharon Oded
- Cintia Bezerra de Melo Pereira Nunes (Brazil)
Administered Contracts for Petroleum Extraction in Brazil
Supervisors: Michael Faure and Klaus Heine
- Mulugeta Asefa Bogale (Ethiopia)
Labor Regulation, Informality and Economic Growth in SSA: An empirical analysis
Supervisors: Hans-Bernd Schäfer and Michael Faure
- Dirk Heine (Germany)
Challenges and Solutions to Environmental Tax Reforms – Defended on 09-07-2020
Supervisors: Emma Aisbett, Arne Heise and Michael Faure
- Danny Blaustein (Israel)
Corporate Governance of Start-ups
Supervisors: Alessandro Pomelli, Laura Bottazzi and Michael Faure
- Salvini Datta (the Netherlands)
Ex Ante Regulation and Ex Post Liability in the Pharmaceutical Industry
Supervisors: Vincenzo Denicolò and Roger Van den Bergh (in 2020 replaced by Michael Faure and Louis Visscher)
- Damiano Giacometti (Italy)
Essays on the Law and Economics of Credence Goods Markets
Supervisors: Marco Casari and Roger Van den Bergh
- Ekaterine Lomtadze (Georgia)
Constitutionalizing Social Rights: Public choice analysis
Supervisors: Stefan Oeter and Klaus Heine
- Joé Rieff (Luxembourg)
Increased Fiscal Coordination between E.U. Member states: A necessity to further market integration? – Defended on 03-06-2021
Supervisors: Roger Van den Bergh and Klaus Heine

- Nan Yu (China)
Mandatory Dividend Regulations in the Stock Market: A comparative Law and Economics analysis
Supervisors: Guangdong Xu and Michael Faure

Year 11 (started 2015/2016)

- Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi (Brasil)
Regulating Vertical Agreements: A comparative Law & Economics analysis of Brazil and Europe – Defended on 29-06-2020
Supervisors: Roger Van den Bergh and Niels Philipsen
- Maria Carolina Pena Madeira Gouveia de Campos (Portugal)
At the Intersection of Behavioural Economics, Nudging and Regulation: Rethinking the process of nudge design for regulation – Defended on 26-02-2021
Supervisors: Franziska Weber and Klaus Heine
- Renny Ivonne Reyes Reyes (Dominican Republic)
Better Regulation in Latin American Countries: A tool for accountability? – Defended on 02-10-2020
Supervisors: Andrea Renda (external) and Alessio Paccès
- Denard Veshi (Albania)
Refugee Flow: A Law and Economics approach – Defended on 19-11-2020
Supervisors: Eli Salzberger and Michael Faure

Year 12 (started 2016/2017)

- Kan-Hsueh Chiang (China)
Does Information Cost Lead to Medical Moral Hazard? --Evidence from Taiwan National Health Insurance
Supervisors: Eli Salzberger, Louis Visscher and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Ayman Fouda (Egypt)
The Diffusion of Innovation in Healthcare: Economic and regulatory perspectives
Supervisors: Gianluca Fiorentini and Michael Faure
- Elena Ghibellini (Italy)
Bank Crises Management and State Aid in the EU: A comparative Law and Economics analysis of bank resolution, precautionary recapitalization and bank liquidation – Defended on 01-04-2021
Supervisors: Marco Lamandini and Alessio Paccès
- Jian Jiang (China)
Vulnerabilities, Cybersecurity and the Role of Law & Regulation herein – Defened on 11-11-2022
Supervisors: Eli Salzberger and Niels Philipsen

- Shu Li (China)
The Quest for Product Safety in the Context of 3D Printing: A Law and Economics Analysis – Defended on 12-02-2021
Supervisors: Klaus Heine and Michael Faure
- Edoardo Martino (Italy)
Bank Governance and the Bail-in in the EU: A Law & Finance analysis on the role of bail-inable creditors – Defended on 10-09-2020
Supervisors: Alessio Paccès and Georg Ringe
- Kuan-Jung Peng (Taiwan)
Law and Economics Analysis of Financial Technology
Supervisors: Sharon Oded and Michael Faure
- Eman Rashwan (Egypt)
The Nexus between Transitional Justice and Constitutional Change in Post-Revolution Systems
Supervisors: Stefan Voigt and Michael Faure

Year 13 (started 2017/2018)

- Paul Aubrecht (United States)
The Arbitrability of Tort Claims: A comparative Law and Economics analysis
Supervisors: Louis Visscher and Michael Faure
- Jan Essink (the Netherlands)
A Law and Economics Analysis on the effectiveness of the EU Agenda on Migration
Supervisors: Michael Faure, Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Paolo Vanin
- Chiara Natalie Focacci (Italian and Austrian)
Framing Active Labour Market Policies – Defended on 4 February 2022
Supervisors: Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe, Michael Faure, Enrico Santarelli and Francesca Fauri
- Laurenz Goldhahn (Germany)
The Effects of Regulating Executive Compensation on Corporate Social Responsibility
Supervisors: Georg Ringe and Sharon Oded
- Carlos Riquelme Ruz (Chile)
Equalities and Inequalities in Sovereign Debt Restructuring. A Law and Economics perspective
Supervisors: Anne van Aaken and Michael Faure
- Liam Wells (United Kingdom)
Risk, Cultural Cognition, and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals: Further explaining differences in regulation across the United States and the European Union using culture theory
Supervisors: Michael Faure, Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Luigi Franzoni

Year 14 (started 2018/2019)

- Lucas Alves Chacha (Brazil)
Analysing Brazilian Anti-Corruption Enforcements
Supervisors: Sharon Oded and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Martin Holderied (Germany)
Interest Theories on the Regulation of Sharing Economy Markets
Supervisors: Michael Faure and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Mrinmayi Katdare (India)
Precautionary Principle: How does political discretion influence its implementation?
Supervisors: Michael Faure and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Francesca Leucci (Italy)
The Law and Economics of Environmental Damage Assessments
Supervisors: Luigi Franzoni and Michael Faure
- Evangelia Nissioti (Greece)
The Economic analysis of 52/2008/EC Directive on Mediation: Towards a Time and Cost-Effective Redress System
Supervisors: Reinhard Bork, Louis Visscher and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

Year 15 (started 2019/2020)

- Anna Kovács (Slovenia)
Framing and Acceptance: An analysis of international climate change agreements
Supervisors: Michael Faure and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Alexandre Ruggieri Kosbiau (Brazil) (left the EDLE programme in 2020 and continued as external PhD with EGSL)
Positive Financial Regulation through Behavioural Law and Economics
Supervisors: Michael Faure and Sharon Oded
- Shashank Sharma (India)
Essays on Antitrust Analysis of Multi-sided Platforms
Supervisors: Niels Philipsen and Sharon Oded
- Alessandro Venti (Italy) (left the programme in 2020)
Payment for Forest Ecosystem Services, Environmental Quality and Climate Change
Supervisors: Alessandro Tavoni and Michael Faure
- Antonella Zarra (Italy)
The Regulatory Implications of Algorithms: A Law and Economics perspective
Supervisors: Georg Ringe, Luigi Franzoni and Michael Faure
- Karol Zdybel (Poland)
Survival of Informal Law
Supervisors: Stefan Voigt and Michael Faure

Year 16 (started 2020/2021)

- Allen Bargfrede (United States)
The Impact of Second Generation Internet Copyright Laws on Musicians and Songwriters. Do they really economically benefit the creator?
Supervisors: Louis Visscher and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Pedro Henrique Christofaro Lopes (Brazil)
Economic Constitutional Rules and Development
Supervisors: Stefan Voigt and Franziska Weber
- Giorgio Dini (Italy)
What is the most effective policy configuration of a carbon tax to be socially accepted?
Supervisors: Alessandro Tavoni and Michael Faure
- Gabriele Paolini (Italy)
The problem of incentives in the Italian adversarial criminal procedure system. Why do Italian parties prefer a full-scale trial to a plea agreement?
Supervisors: Stefan Voigt and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Youssoufa Sy (Cote d'Ivoire)
Political legislation cycles in a comparative approach
Supervisors: Fabia Padovano and Michael Faure
- Adrianus van Heusden (the Netherlands)
The Efficiency Fallacy of Using General Terms and Conditions: A Law and Economics analysis of the battle of forms
Supervisors: Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe and Michael Faure

Year 17 (started 2021/2022)

- Emad-Aldin Abdelrahman (Egypt)
Revisiting the Factors Disturbing the Economic Equilibrium in Administrative Contract or: How is it efficient to hinder states from dodging their contract liability
Supervisors: Stefan Voigt
Anne Brekoo (Netherlands)
The Law and Economics of Cooperative Counterterrorism: What Role for Efficiency and Effectiveness when One Man's Terrorist is Another Man's Freedom Fighter?
Supervisors: Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Nourhan Hassan (Egypt)
The Effect of Proverbs Priming on Risk Taking Behavior Supervisors: Stefan Voigt and Elena
Supervisors: Stefan Voigt
- Amber Scheepers (Netherlands)
The effect of corporate board gender diversity on compliance with competition law
Supervisors: Sharon Oded and Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

- Barış Sevük (Turkey)
The Efficiency of Patent Rights – Assessing the efficiency of pharmaceuticals' patent terms
Supervisors: Alice Guerra and Niels Philipsen

4. Education

4.1 Teaching and (Guest) lectures

The RILE provides teaching in the field of Law and Economics in many different ways and on many different levels. Chapter 2 of this Activities Report is devoted to the European Master programme in Law and Economics (EMLE). Many RILE members provide full courses and/or separate lectures in this programme, which constitutes the most extensive part of RILEs teaching activities.

Many RILE members are also active in teaching activities besides the EMLE, both on a bachelor and a master level, both in Dutch and in English, both within the university and outside. They also teach in-house courses for regulatory authorities. The current chapter provides an overview of these teaching activities.

4.2 Minor ‘The Political Economy of European Integration’ (Klaus Heine)



The Political Economy of European Integration course examines practical and theoretical issues concerning European Integration and touches upon legal and economic implications of the European Union: What is the political background of European Integration? How does it affect us in daily life? Is it possible to preserve a country’s specificities, like culture or social security, while at the same time benefitting from more economic exchange?

4.3 New bachelor course Law, Economics and Society

In 2021, Law and Economics has returned in the mandatory curriculum of the Dutch bachelor in law. In 2014, the bachelor-3 course ‘Law and Economics’ was taught for the last time, and now a new bachelor-1 course was introduced. This new course, which is called *Law, Economics and Society* (‘Recht, Economie en Maatschappij’), was developed by Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe and Louis Visscher. It was taught for the first time in block 5 of the bachelor-1 year (in February and March 2021). Since the summer of 2020, Ann-Sophie and Louis have been busy with building this course, deciding which topics to include, which ‘problems’ for the system of problem-based learning to write, which literature to use, et cetera.

The course starts from the idea that where people live together and resources are scarce, conflicts will unavoidably emerge for which law seeks solutions. From the perspective of a rationally designed legal system, rights are not granted and duties are not imposed 'just like that', but because they serve a purpose; they have a function. In the course Law, Economics and Society, law is studied from the function of minimizing the costs of society as a whole (i.e., efficiency). Different legal rules and norms are studied from this perspective. These rules and norms form a consistent system which reduce total societal costs (such as accident costs, pollution costs, nuisance, costs due to breach of contract, costs due to crime, information costs, litigation costs, et cetera). The course discusses examples from private law (property, contract, tort, insurance), criminal law, public regulation, and procedural law. Law and Economics is used to explain existing law, but also to evaluate concrete examples of legislation and case law. Students learn the importance of, among others, the ex-ante perspective, incentives, transaction costs, risk distribution, and important concepts such as the tragedy of the commons, the Coase theorem, property rules and liability rules, efficient breach, the Learned Hand formula, agency theory, information asymmetry, risk aversion, optimal enforcement, et cetera. More than 1,000 students took the course, which has received good student evaluations.

4.4 Master course 'Economic Analysis of European Integration' (Klaus Heine)

This is a course within the teaching activities of the Jean Monnet Chair of Economic Analysis of European Law. The course reflects the growing need of more interdisciplinary studies of European integration. After having completed this course successfully, a student will have an understanding of economic theories dealing with integration issues. He or she will be able to independently analyse European integration issues from an economics perspective and to relate this to European law. This course is especially relevant for students who aim at positions in government administration, public administration, or international organisations that deal with European integration issues.

4.5 Master course 'Computers and Law' (Kees van Noortwijk)



The course focuses upon certain concrete legal problems that are connected with the use of information technology in society. Examples are: the legal protection of computer software, databases and data; e-commerce, electronic markets and the use of e-signatures; privacy protection and computer crime; legal questions of 'Social media' and the liability of intermediary service providers. Students learn to analyse these problems and examine possible solutions within the context of national as well as supra-national legislation. The problems of integrating technological developments in areas that have always been paper-based, and the role and use of 'electronic signatures' in these areas is also examined. Furthermore, information technology has given rise to new possibilities for legal practice – sometimes referred to as 'Legal Tech' – as well as for performing (empirical) legal research. Several of such possibilities are discussed during this course. Among these are ways to increase legal knowledge and to manage this knowledge and apply it in practice. By working on two practical assignments, students have the opportunity to perform 'jurimetrics research' and to build and use so-called 'legal knowledge-based systems'.

4.6 Dubbelstudie Economie en Recht (Louis Visscher)



The *Dubbelstudie Economie en Recht* is a six-year study programme in which good and highly motivated student can study economics and law both on a bachelor and a master level. Admission to this programme is reserved for students who meet the entry requirements of both studies and who, in addition, have scored an average grade of at least 7.0 in high school. The coordination and administration of the programme are handled at the RILE. Louis Visscher is the coordinator since the programme started in 1997. Since then, 513 students have graduated from both studies, 30% of which *cum laude* in one or both of their masters. This is a much higher percentage than among students who 'only' study law or economics. If we also include the students who have taken one of their masters at another university, a total of 709 students has already graduated. The current number of students enrolled in the programme is 589 and every academic year about 100 new students start. The drop-out rate is about 35%, which is comparable to the drop-out rate of both separate studies. Most students who drop out of the joint programme continue with one of the two studies.

The activities undertaken in RILE encompass among others providing informational meetings for high school students and their parents; study counselling for students; coordination of study-activities between the Erasmus School of Economics, the Erasmus School of Law and the central level of the Erasmus University Rotterdam; monitoring progress of students; organizing special activities for students from the programme; and membership of the Council of Advice of the student association *In Duplo*.

4.7 Advanced Empirical Methods: Research Design (Jonathan Klick and Jaroslaw Kantorowicz)



The Seminar Series on Empirical Legal Studies has been transformed into the course 'Advanced Empirical Methods: Research Design. In 2020 the course was offered both in February and October. Jonathan Klick as first part (Theory) of the course gave a lecture series, highlighting strategies used in empirical Law and Economics to isolate how legal and regulatory changes affect individual behaviour. This was followed by the second part (Practice), taught by

Jaroslaw Kantorowicz.

This course is part of the second year of the EDLE programme, but was also open to other participants, which led to a mixed and interesting audience.



4.8 Individual teaching and (guest) lectures in courses taught at Erasmus University Rotterdam

Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi

- 2020: Lecturer 'Competition Law and Economics', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Kees van Noortwijk

- 8 April 2021: Software Protection - Copyright law and Patent law, Online lecture in Master course 'Patent Law and Strategy for Managers', Rotterdam School of Management.
- 4 June and 11 June 2021: Privacy and Data Governance: two lectures Part of postgraduate course 'Data and Business Analytics', Erasmus Q-Intelligence.
- 18 June 2021: 'Juridisch kader AVG', lecture in online course 'Privacy and Compliance, Erasmus Academie.
- 26 November 2021: 'Juridisch kader AVG', lecture in course 'Privacy and Compliance, Erasmus Academie.

Pieter Desmet

- 2017-now: Teacher Legal Academic Skills III (RD317).
- 2020-now: Lecturer 'Empirical Legal Studies + Tutorials', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Michael Faure

- 2020: Lecturer 'Advanced Regulation', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Klaus Heine

- 2020: Lecturer of the broadening minor 'The Political Economy of European Integration' at Erasmus University.
2020: Lecturer of the course 'Economic Analysis of European Law' in the Masters of Law at the Erasmus University.

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

- 2020-now: Economic Analysis of Public Law, European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

- 2021: Economic Analysis of Public Law, European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.
- 2021: International Criminal Law and Procedure, International and European Union Law Master programme (IEUM), Erasmus University.
2021 Seminar: Publication Strategy, European Doctorate in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus.

Jonathan Klick

- 2020: Lecturer 'Empirical Legal Studies', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.
- 2020-now: Lecturer 'Advanced Empirical Methods Research Design' – Theory, European Doctorate in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Patrick Leyens

- 2020-now: Lecturer 'Corporate Governance and Finance', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Niels Philipsen

- 2020-now: Course coordinator and lecturer 'Advanced Economics of Regulation', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Ilva Putzier

- 2020-now: Lecturer 'Scientific Writing and Plagiarism', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Alberto Quintavalla

- 2020: Lecturer 'The Political Economy of European Integration', Minor at Erasmus School of Law.
- 2020-now: Course coordinator and co-lecturer 'The Political Economy of European Integration', Minor at Erasmus School of Law.
- 2020-now: Course coordinator and co-lecturer 'Economic Analysis of European Law', Erasmus School of Law.

Renny Reyes

- 2020: Lecturer 'Advanced Regulation', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Roger Van den Bergh

- 2020: Lecturer 'Competition Law and Economics', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Advanced Regulation', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe

- 2020-now: Lecturer 'Private Law', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.

Louis Visscher

- May-December 2020: Prepared new bachelor-1 course 'Recht, Economie en Maatschappij', Bachelor-1 course at ESL.
- October 2020: Made several videos (on 'Game Theory' and 'Decisionmaking Under Uncertainty' for the EMLE students.
- October-December 2020: Made several videos for the course 'Recht, Economie en Maatschappij', Bachelor-1 course at ESL.
- 2020-now: Lecturer 'MCR Moot Court', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.
- 2020-now: Lecturer 'Private Law', European Master in Law and Economics, Erasmus School of Law.
- 29 October 2020: Guest lecture in the minor 'Death and Injuries' (one on liability and one on damages), Erasmus University.
- 21 October 2020, Guest lecture in the minor 'Death and Injuries' (one on liability and one on damages), Erasmus University (online).
- 5 March 2021: Lecture on Law and Economics for the Erasmus Honours Law Students.
- February-March 2021: Taught 'Recht, Economie en Maatschappij', Bachelor-1 course at ESL.
- August 2021: Made new videos (on 'Game Theory' and 'Decisionmaking Under Uncertainty' for the EMLE students, to be used in the entire EMLE.
- August-December 2021: Updated bachelor-1 course 'Recht, Economie en Maatschappij' Bachelor-1 course at ESL.
- 21 September 2021: Guest lecture Employer's Liability, master Labour Law at Erasmus University.
- November-December 2021: Made several videos for the course 'Recht, Economie en Maatschappij', Bachelor-1 course at ESL.

Franziska Weber

- 2020-now: Lecturer minor 'The Political Economy of European Integration', Erasmus University.
- 2021: Lecturer, EMLE, 'Competition Law and Economics', Erasmus University.
- 2021: Lecturer Master 'Economic Analysis of European Law', Erasmus University.

4.9 Individual teaching and (Guest) Lectures outside Erasmus University Rotterdam

Many RILE members are also active in teaching activities outside Erasmus University Rotterdam. Several RILE staff members combine a part-time appointment at the RILE with an appointment elsewhere, either in academia or in the private sector. To provide a complete overview of the teaching and lectures given by the RILE staff, we give an integral overview in the current paragraph.

Christoph Engel

- 2 July 2021: Humanitarian Negotiators are Human at Center of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation, World Summit 2021, Caux, Switzerland.
- 4 October 2021: What the Judge Argues is Not What the Judge Thinks: Eye Tracking Evidence about the Normative Weight of Conflicting Concerns in a Torts Case at University of Vienna, Symposium Psychology and Law, Vienna, Austria.
- 10 November 2021: Lab Experiments: An Overlooked Tool in the Box of Criminology at University of Freiburg, Germany.

Klaus Heine

- 2020: Lecturer 'Introduction to the economic fundamentals of grid law', Master of Business, Competition and Regulatory Law, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Grid Operation – Incentive Channeling in the MBA "Energy Management"', Technical University Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

- 2021: Visiting Professor of Criminal Law & Economics at Max Schmid-heiny Foundation for the 2021 autumn semester, St. Gallen University, Switzerland.

Patrick Leyens

- 2020: Lecturer 'Smart Regulation: FinTech und RegTech im Fokus moderner Regulierung des Gesellschafts- und Kapitalmarktrechts', Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Contracts, Corporations & Markets', Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Kapitalmarktrecht', Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Smart Contracts (Ringvorlesung: Künstliche Intelligenz und Digitalisierung im Recht)', Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Grundlagen des Privatrechts und BGB AT', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Handels- und Gesellschaftsrecht', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2020: Lecturer 'Seminar zum Gesellschaftsrecht', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2021: Lecturer 'Grundlagen des Privatrechts und BGB AT', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2021: Lecturer 'Kapitalmarktrecht', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2021: Lecturer 'Handels- und Gesellschaftsrecht', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2021: Lecturer 'Governance nach dem Wirecard-Skandal', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 2021: Lecturer 'Unternehmerische Verantwortung für die Lieferkette', Universität Bremen, Germany.
- 28 October 2021: The Structure of the Board of Directors at McGill University, Montreal, Canada (LL.M. Program).

Niels Philipsen

- April – June 2020: Joint coordinator and teacher 'State Aid and Public Procurement in the EU', Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands.
- September – October 2020: Member of the course planning group and lecturer 'Law and Economics', University of Hasselt, Hasselt, Belgium (since 2019).
- September – November 2020: Coordinator and lecturer 'Law and Economics: Lessons for the Design of Efficient Regulation', China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing, China.
- October – December 2020: Course coordinator and teacher international course 'Law and Economics', Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands (since 2004).
- November 2020: Joint coordinator 'EU Competition Law', China-EU School of Law, Beijing, China (since 2011).
- 8 February 2021: Guest lecturer (Economische analyse van regulering) at the University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.
- April – June 2021: Joint coordinator and teacher 'State Aid and Public Procurement in the EU', Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands (since 2011).

- July 2021: Coordinator and lecturer Summer Course 'Law and Economics: Lessons for the Design of Efficient Regulation', China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing, China.
- September – October 2021: Member of the course planning group and lecturer 'Law and Economics', University of Hasselt, Hasselt, Belgium (since 2019).
- October – December 2021: Course coordinator and teacher 'Law and Economics', Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands (since 2004).
- November 2021: Joint coordinator 'EU Competition Law', China-EU School of Law, Beijing, China (since 2011).

Renny Reyes

- 2020: Lecturer, Economic Regulation, Master in Law of Financial Markets. Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Louis Visscher

- 6 January 2021: 'Introduction into Law and Economics', Academy for Legislation in The Hague, online.
- 13 January 2021: 'Contract law, tort law, and the law of damages', Academy for Legislation in The Hague, online.
- 7 June 2021: Guest lecture on Game Theory at the Administrative High Court for Trade and Industry in The Hague, online.

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Franziska Weber

- 23 June 2020: Bucerius Law School (Hamburg) lecture series "New Frontiers in Law and Economics", 'Is compensation fine? – Sanction regimes and their effects on deterrence and trust', Hamburg Germany.
- 29 June 2021: 'Lost profit? Lost incentives to sue' – 'law & economics' challenges regarding cartel damage claims', within the Bucerius Law School (Hamburg) lecture series "New Frontiers in Law and Economics", Hamburg, Germany.
- 2021: Lecturer, Academie voor Wetgeving, Consumentenrecht, Netherlands.

5. PhD Defences

Professors of the RILE supervise a substantial number of PhD theses. Since the year 2009, most defences take place in the context of the European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE). All EDLE theses are defended at Erasmus University Rotterdam. The RILE furthermore supervises PhDs from the Erasmus Graduate School of Law (EGSL) and is substantively involved in the thesis supervision of the PhDs of the Erasmus China Law Center (ECLC), see chapter 10.

Besides the defences in Rotterdam RILE members also supervise theses at other universities and are a member of doctoral committees both at Erasmus University Rotterdam and outside.

5.1 Dissertations defended in Rotterdam

In 2020 and 2021 the following EDLE and EGSL PhD theses were defended in Rotterdam. For ECLC, see chapter 9. Due to COVID19 the defences took place online.

- **Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi, 'Regulating Vertical Agreements: A comparative Law & Economics analysis of Brazil and Europe' (29 June 2020)**
Supervisors: Roger Van den Bergh and Niels Philipsen
- **Dirk Heine, 'Challenges and Solutions to Environmental Tax Reforms' (9 July 2020)**
Supervisors: Emma Aisbett, Arne Heise and Michael Faure
- **Edoardo Martino, 'Bank Governance and the Bail-in in the EU: A Law & Finance analysis on the role of bail-inable creditors' (10 September 2020)**
Supervisors: Alessio Paccès and Georg Ringe
- **Renny Reyes, 'Better Regulation in Latin America Countries: A tool for accountability?' (2 October 2020)**
Supervisors: Alessio Paccès and Andrea Renda
- **Denard Veshi, 'Refugee Flow: A law and economics approach' (19 November 2020)**
Supervisors: Michael Faure and Eli Salzberger

- **Alberto Quintavalla, 'Water: Conceptualisations, Regulatory Approaches and Scrutinising EU Water Law' (16 December 2020)**

Supervisors: Klaus Heine and Ellen Hey

- **Shu Li, 'Law and Economic Analysis of 3D Printing: Perspectives from product safety' (12 February 2021)**

Supervisors: Klaus Heine and Michael Faure

- **Maria de Campos, 'At the Intersection of Behavioural Economics, Nudging and Regulation: Rethinking the process of nudge design for regulation' (26 February 2021)**

Supervisors: Klaus Heine and Franziska Weber

- **Elena Ghibellini, 'Bank Crises Resolution Rules: What Impact on the Structure of the EU Banking Market?' (1 April 2021)**

Supervisors: Marco Lamandini and Alessio Paccas

- **Federico Wesselhoeft, 'Project Finance Contracts - Strategic analyses for legal institutionalisation' (21 May 2021)**

Supervisors: Patrick Leyens and Michael Faure

- **Joé Rieff, 'National Identities and Common Policies – A case study of the European Union' (3 June 2021)**

Supervisors: Klaus Heine and Roger Van den Bergh

- **Philipp Kirst, 'The Impact of the Damages Directive on the Enforcement of EU Competition Law: A Law and Economics Analysis' (4 June 2021)**

Supervisors: Roger Van den Bergh and Louis Visscher

- **Maria Pia Sacco, 'The Role of Intermediaries in International Corporate Bribery' (5 November 2021)**

Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Paolo Vanin and Prof. Sharon Oded

- **Jian Jiang, 'Vulnerabilities, Cybersecurity, and the Role of Law and Regulation herein' (11 November 2021)**

Supervisors: Prof. Eli Salzberger and Prof. Niels Philipsen

5.2 PhD dissertations to be defended, (co-) supervised by:

Martin de Jong

- Sahar Abdollahi
- Abdulrhman Alsayel
- Mariapia Pazienza
- Jialong Zhu
- Run Zhao

Pieter Desmet

- Sarah van Os

Michael Faure

- Paul Aubrecht
- Mulugeta Asefa Bogale
- Giorgio Dini
- Jan Essink
- Chiara Focacci
- Ayman Fouda
- Çiçek Gürkan
- Martin Holderied
- Mrinmayi Katdare
- Alexandre Ruggieri Kosbiau
- Anna Kovács
- Francesca Leucci
- Cintia Nunes
- Kuan-Jung Peng
- Eman Muhammad Rashwan
- Carlos Riquelme Ruz
- Jiejing Shi
- Youssoufa Sy
- Adrianus van Heusden
- Alessandro Venti
- Liam Wells
- Nan Yu
- Antonella Zarra
- Karol Zdybel
- Anran Zhang
- Jinyue Zhang

- Baris Sevuk
- Renzo Bloemink

Klaus Heine

- Esra Demir
- Ekaterine Lomtadze
- Cintia Nunes
- Kostina Prifti
- Melanie Theisinger

Patrick Leyens

- Çiçek Gürkan

Sharon Oded

- Lucas Alves Chacha
- Laurenz Goldhahn
- Alexandre Ruggieri Kosbiau
- Kuan-Jung Peng
- Shashank Sharma
- Antonella Zarra
- Yayi Zhang

Niels Philipson

- Tristan Kik
- Shashank Sharma
- Qihan Xu

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

- Allen Bargfrede
- Lucas Alves Chacha
- Kan-Hsueh Chiang
- Jan Essink
- Martin Holderied
- Mrinmayi Katdare
- Anna Kovács
- Evangelia Nissioti
- Gabriele Paolini
- Liam Wells
- Anne Brekoo

- Amber Scheepers
- Adrian Cordina (EGSL)

Roger Van den Bergh

- Damiano Giacometti

Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe

- Adrianus van Heusden

Louis Visscher

- Paul Aubrecht
- Allen Bargfrede
- Kan-Hsueh Chiang
- Adrian Cordina
- Salvini Datta
- Evangelia Nissioti
- Renzo Bloemink

Franziska Weber

- Pedro Henrique Christofaro Lopes
- Gabriele Paolini
- Tristan Kik

5.3 Dissertations supervised by RILE members, (to be) defended at other universities

Martin de Jong

- Xinyu Liu, How to alleviate organic pollution of rivers considering uncertainty, TU Delft
- Zhaowen Liu, Inclusive city and inclusive circular economy, especially infrastructure design, policy innovation, and governance towards inclusive and sustainable urban development, TU Delft
- Wenting Ma, Issues connect to the city branding implementation and sustainable urban transformation in China, TU Delft
- Yun Song, Transit-oriented development (TOD) and similar urban sustainable planning and policy in China, especially in those 3rd and 4th tier cities, TU Delft
- Binyue Wang, Offshore geotechnical engineering problems, focusing on numerical and physical modelling into soil-structure interaction of foundations for offshore structures, TU Delft

- Wei Yang, The role of mobility culture in the process of transport policy making, and the packaging of Transport Demand Management (TDM) measures, TU Delft

Christoph Engel

- Y. Hermstrüwer, Engineering Games in the Public Interest, University of Jena
- E. Verrina, Essays on Moral and Ethical Behavior in Experimental Economics, University of Cologne
- C. Hausladen, Behavioral Economics – Enhanced: Machine Learning and Decision-Making, University of Cologne
- C. Schneider, Three Essays on Experimental Public Economics, University of Cologne
- M.-B. Sterba, Experimental Evidence on Fair and Unfair Inequalities, University of Jena
- M. Soltés, Essays in Applied Economics, Charles University, CERGE-EI, Prague
- D.S. Bolesta, Contextualizing Political Ideology on the Impact of Measurement, Domain, and Identity, University of Jena
- L. Hoefl, Legal Institutions in the Laboratory, University of Jena
- M. Schubert, Behavioral Economics & Machine Learning Expanding the Field Through a New Lens, University of Cologne

Michael Faure (Maastricht University)

- Minzhen Jiang, Civil liability and compensation for pollution damage caused by offshore facilities: the United States and China (supervision together with Ton Hartlief)
- Qian Wu, Tying in digital platforms under competition law in the EU, China and US (supervision together with Niels Philipsen)
- Haiyang Yu, Salvor's reward and liability for environmental services in salvage operations

Patrick Leyens

- Alexander Daber, Haftung des Aufsichtsrats, Universität Bremen
- Stefan Heiß, Künstliche Intelligenz und zivilrechtliche Haftung, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
- Lukas Soritz, Business Judgment Rule und künstliche Intelligenz, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz.
- Julius Goetsch, *to be named*, Universität Bremen
- Valentin Hubert, Die Vertretung der Aktiengesellschaft durch den Aufsichtsrat, Universität Bremen
- Sebastian Köhnlein, Das Unternehmensinteresse in der deutschen Rechtsprechung, Universität Bremen
- Lukas Soritz, Die Business Judgment Rule und künstliche Intelligenz, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

Niels Philipsen (Maastricht University)

- Yu Zhao, Party Autonomy and State Control in Private Equity: A Comparative Study of China and the EU (supervision together with Michael Faure)
- Qian Li, AI-enabled Price Discrimination: A Competition Law Perspective (since September 2020) (supervision together with Caroline Caufman)
- Kena Zheng, The use of Competition Soft Law in the Digital Society (since September 2020) (supervision together with Marjolina Eliantonio)
- Qian Wu, Tying in Digital Platforms under Competition Law in the EU, China and the US: A Comparative and Economic Analysis (since September 2018) (supervision together with Michael Faure)

Franziska Weber (Hamburg university)

- Abhishek Choutagunta, Sharing of powers and fiscal duties between different levels of governments
- Marek Endrich, Political economy, migration and empirical economics

5.4 Membership of PhD committees 2020-2021**Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko**

- Gustavo Federico Wesselhoefft
- Maria Pia Sacco

Michael Faure

- Dirk Heine (promoter)
- Renny Reyes
- Denard Veshi (promoter)
- Anran Zhang
- Aka Yapo Firmin
- Imam Mulyana
- Philipp Kirst
- Nynke Brouwer
- Shu Li (promoter)
- Maria Carolina Pena Madeira Gouveia de Campos
- Gustavo Federico Wesselhoefft (promoter)
- Joé Rieff
- Jian Jiang

- Tim Bleeker
- Huizi Ai
- Maud Kleuver

Louis Visscher

- Denard Veshi
- Gerard Baak
- Ahmed El Shourbagy
- Björn Schouten

Pieter Desmet

- Dominic Van Kleef
- Adrian Cordina

Franziska Weber

- Maria Carolina Pena Madeira Gouveia de Campos (promoter)
- Joé Rieff
- Jian Jiang

Kees van Noortwijk

- Jian Jiang

Niels Philippen

- Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi (promoter)
- Shu Li
- Jian Jiang (promoter)

Sharon Oded

- Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi
- Dirk Heine
- Maria Pia Sacco (promoter)

Roger van den Bergh

- Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi (promoter)
- Joé Rieff (promoter)

Klaus Heine

- Shu Li (promoter)
- Maria Carolina Pena Madeira Gouveia de Campos (promoter)

- Joé Rieff (promoter)

Patrick Leyens

- Jos van Doormaal
- Mascha Hesse
- Yuanyuan Yin
- Gustavo Frederico Wesselhoefft (promoter)
- Christoph Möller

Christoph Engel

- Gustavo Frederico Wesselhoefft

Martin de Jong

- Dirk Heine
- Denard Veshi

6. Research Programme Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort (BACT)

6.1 Programme

Together with members of the Rotterdam Institute of Private Law, researchers from the Faculty of Social Sciences and RILE researchers participate in the programme 'Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort'.

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 mixes of public and private legal instruments. The central research question is addressed by different behavioural approaches, all 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 to predict how parties behave in legal settings. The methodological approach of the research programme is multi-disciplinary and eclectic. The development of methodological approaches and techniques is not necessarily a goal in itself, but primarily serves as a tool to contribute to the overarching research question in the best possible way. The aim of the programme is to come up with insights that can help improving the construction of legal instruments. The programme helps to explicate what expectations on human behaviour are embedded in legal instruments, in what ways these expectations are or are not met, and how behavioural insights can be incorporated in ameliorating legal instruments.

By the end of 2021, it was decided to discontinue BACT.

6.2 BACT seminar series

The BACT research programme has its own seminar series.

In 2021 the following seminars took place:

- 11 February 2021: Presentation by Marco Fabbri on 'The Effect of Land Titling on Conflicts'.
- 18 March 2021: Presentation by Marnix Hebly on 'Compensation and redress for damage caused by criminal offenses'.

- 16 September 2021: Guest lecture by Peter Koudijs on 'Shareholder Liability and Bank Failure' after a general introduction to the BACT programme and individual introductions (elevator pitch) by new PhD's.
- 21 October 2021: Presentation by Chiara Focacci on 'Shareholder liability and bank failure'.
- 23 November 2021: Presentation by Eva van der Zee on 'The Effect of Mandatory Due Diligence Requirements on Corporate Compliance and Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives. Towards a Smart or a Dumb-Mix?'.
- 16 December 2021: Presentation by Joasia Luzak on 'The Right to Sustainable Consumption'.

7. Research Projects and Contract Research

7.1 Michael Faure (together with Marco Fabbri)– Research Project GWA 100157 “How Legal Institutions Shape Morality and Affect Social Conflicts”

Short Summary of Activities

The relationship between law and culture has long been the focus of scholarly attention by academic lawyers, economists and political scientists. While it is intuitive that there must be a connection between a society’s prevalent set of moral norms and its laws, most previous studies only address part of the problem and, namely, how culture and morality affect the law. In this study, which involves, Erasmus school of Law, Columbia Law School, and Pompeu Fabra University, we look at the unexplored side of the relationship between law and morality, making a first step towards the understanding of how property rights—a crucially important set of legal rules—affect morality. The project implements a unique methodology and research design that makes it the first work isolating clean empirical evidence of the causal effects of the law on morality. To identify these effects, we use a series of small-scale case studies in rural Benin, West Africa, where a property rights reform implemented as randomised control-trial at the village level created a unique institutional scenario.



The car in the pictures below has sudden brake failure: What would you do if you were driving the car?
Choose one of the two options below.

CONTINUE STRAIGHT	SWERVE
In this case the car will drive through a pedestrian crossing ahead, which will result in the death of: 1 man	In this case the car will drive through a pedestrian crossing in the other lane, which will result in the death of: 2 women

We study how changing property rights affects individuals' survey responses to traditional moral dilemmas—such as killing more or fewer people, killing a man or a woman, killing the young or the old, and the like—which in turn can be matched to broader moral stands, such as the attitude towards gender, age, wealth, and social status. We then collect observational and experimental data on conflicts to verify whether modifications of moral standards are accompanied by changes in the level and types of social conflicts. To do so, the research team conducted interviews and performed field-experimental research in rural Benin, with a target sample of participants equal to 576 individuals across 32 villages.

Our preliminary suggests that, compared to the traditional set of informal and socially-determined customary property rights, the formalised (“Western-style”) property rights over land that have been introduced by the reform determined a significantly larger fraction of Utilitarian choices in the Moral Machine Experiment (i.e. respondents more often make a pro-active choice that implies sacrifice one individual life in order to spare two people, rather than remaining passive).



Moreover, we also found that the formalised (“Western-style”) property rights over land that have been introduced by the reform determined a significant increase of land-related conflicts. Replies from the interviewed participants seem to suggest that the process of land demarcation—which was designed as part of the land rights reform—let emerge conflicts over parcel boundaries that would have remained hidden otherwise.



Our results will be useful to informing regulators and policymakers about how to design institutions that shape cultural and moral traits in a way that enhances the well-being of societies and organisations

7.2 Michael Faure – ECLOGIC Project

Michael Faure is involved in a project (jointly with a German consultancy firm ECOLOGIC) executed for the Umweltbundesamt (UBA) in Berlin. Together with the former director of the Max Planck Institute for Criminal Law (Prof. Hans-Jörg Albrecht) they analyse the effectiveness and more particularly the deterrent effect of environmental criminal law in Germany. That project analyses this from a legal theoretical, economic as well as empirical perspective. Michael is involved to take care of the law and economics.

8. Dissemination of Research

8.1 Conferences, seminars and workshops (co-)organised by the RILE

The RILE (co-)organised various conferences, seminars and workshops during 2020 and 2021, not only in Rotterdam at Woudestein Campus itself, but also externally. Both in cooperation with partner faculties and universities as with colleagues from a broader network.

The current chapter provides an overview of these activities.

8.1.1 EDLE Seminars

In the EDLE the cooperation between the various years of EDLE PhDs and the reciprocal learning effects of having combined seminars throughout the EDLE trajectory is highly valued. Twice each year the EDLE PhDs present their work, receiving valuable feedback from (senior) peers and senior academic staff.

Each year in Bologna, in March the 1st year EDLE PhD present their final research proposal (incl. methodology and literature survey).

The second presentation of the 1st year EDLE PhDs takes place in Hamburg in June, where they present the introductory chapter of the thesis (incl. problem definition, research questions, methodology and time planning).

During the second year in Rotterdam the EDLE PhDs give two presentations on two subsequent content chapters in the EDLE seminar series (see 3.3).

Each year in November, the Bologna 3rd year seminar takes place, where all 3rd year EDLE PhDs present another content chapter. This seminar is also attended by the 1st year EDLE PhDs who started in October.

The last presentation in the EDLE trajectory will be given during the Joint Seminar (see hereunder).

8.2 Individual Research Dissemination at Conferences & Seminars

Members of the RILE regularly present papers and participate in (international) conferences and seminars. Below you will find an overview.

Michael Faure, Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Liam Wells

- At the European Association of Law & Economics (EALE) 38th annual conference, Universitat Pompeu Fabra Law School & Barcelona School of Economics, Michael Faure, Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Liam Wells made a contribution

Paul Aubrecht

- 2021: Presentation at the Annual Italian Society of Law and Economics (SIDE) conference: "Since it costs a lot to win, and even more to lose": Implications for competition law from the use of arbitration for tort claims and the possibility of collusion to subvert due care standards.

Pieter Desmet

- 30 June 2021: Experimental Legal Studies, Atlas Agora.

Christoph Engel

- 24 March 2021: Comment on "Measuring What Matters in Public Procurement Law" by Désirée U. Klingler at Erasmus School of Law.
- 28 June 2021: Law as an Empirical Discipline and Interdisciplinary Research: Unique windfalls, and Even More Pittfalls at Erasmus School of Law.
- 29 September 2021: Religion and Tradition in Conflict (online), (Joint with Klaus Heine and Shaheen Naseer) at Erasmus School of Law.

Michael Faure

Held the following lectures for other institutions:

- 10 Februari 2021: lecture "Milieu en rechtseconomie" for the Akademie voor Wetgeving, The Hague (online).
- 2 March 2021: Lecture "Civil Liability for Marina Oil Pollution", Faculty of Law of the University of Groningen (online).
- 3 March 2021: Public lecture "Effective Financial Compensation for Victims of Disasters", at the Airlangga University in Surabaya, Indonesia (online).
- 5 March 2021: Lecture "Insurance and the antropocene", at the Faculty of Law in Tilburg, online.

- 12 April 2021: Lecture "Afhandelen van langlopende letselschadezaken in het buitenland", voor het Inspiratiewebinar georganiseerd door het Verbond van Verzekeraars – Platform Personenschade, online.
- 22 April 2021: Online-interview with the Verbond van Verzekeraars, available at: <https://www.verzekeraars.nl/publicaties/actueel/onderzoek-naar-normering-bij-letselschade-gluren-bij-de-buren>
- 3 June 2021: Online lecture "Rechtsvergelijkend onderzoek naar normering van letselschade", at MediRisk.
- 23 June 2021: Online lecture "Artificial Intelligence and (Compulsory) Insurance", at the conference Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: Reflections on Liability and Compulsory Insurance, organised by Koc University Istanbul, Turkey.
- 30 June 2021: Keynote speech "The urgent need to change the instrument mix", at the annual conference of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, "The Future of Environmental Law: Ambition and Reality", Groningen (online).
- 31 August 2021: Lecture "Towards an effective environmental law for developing countries", at Airlangga University in Surabaya, Indonesia (online).
- 9 September 2021: Lecture "Land titling and litigation", at the 38th EALE Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain (online).
- 23 September 2021: Lecture with Shen Yayun, "Behavioural instruments in environmental policy", at the conference Sustainable Development and the Law: Potential and Challenges of Using Behavioural Insights, Hamburg University, Germany (online).
- 14 October 2021: Lecture with Jiang Minzhen "Marine ecological damage resulting from offshore drilling in China", at the Annual Conference of the Association Française de l'Économie du Droit (AFED), Besançon, France.
- 22 October 2021: Lecture with Judith Alkema, "Criminalizing ecocide: challenges and opportunities", at the Conference "Should harm to the environment be criminalized?", University of Amsterdam (online).
- 26 October 2021: Panel member "Bridging theory and practice: the footprint of arbitration to resolve environmental disputes in the time of decarbonisation", Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (online).
- 27 October 2021: Lecture "Economic analysis of accident law" at a seminar "Análisis económico del derecho" in Lima, Peru (online).
- 4 November 2021: Chair at a discussion meeting "Dikke pech in het buitenland", at Sauter, Maastricht.
- 11 November 2021: "Schadeafhandeling" in de Vaste Commissie voor Infrastructuur en Waterstaat van de Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal, Den Haag.
- 11 November 2021: Lecture "Compulsory insurance for AI liability?", at the Atila Lectures Artificial Intelligence and insurance-based compensation schemes, organized by the Insurance Law SIG (Special Interest Group) at the European Law Institute (online).

- 16 November 2021: Lecture “Compensating personal injury in a comparative perspective” at a webinar CED Cross-Border and National Claims (online).
- 1 December 2021: Chair, introduction and conclusion at the webinar “The Impact of the EU Green Deal on Chinese Trade and Investment in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges”, Maastricht (online).

Klaus Heine

- 25 February 2020: Professor Klaus Heine gave a lecture at the University of Groningen. The lecture focussed on 3D printing as an example of disruptive digital technologies and the non-applicability of incumbent product liability law. Professor Heine has written about this topic in his paper: What Shall we do with the Drunken Sailor? Product Safety in the Aftermath of 3D Printing, in: European Journal of Risk Regulation, Vol. 10(1), 2019, pp. 23-40 together with Shu Li.
- 28 January 2020: The newly established Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance (DIGOV) of which Klaus Heine is a founding Director hosted its official Kick-off on Digital Governance. See the DIGOV website for more information or to watch the video of the conference.
- 29-30 March 2021: Professor Klaus Heine organised an online workshop: legal theories and practices were assessed for their suitability to cope with the social, economics and ethical challenges of the digital transformation through AI and Big Data. The workshop consisted of keynote lectures by prominent academicians and politicians as prof. Luciano Floridi (Oxford), prof. Ryan Abott (Surrey), Axel Voss (MEP) and prof. Ina Ebert (MunichRE). The workshop was complemented by a PhD master class and an industry roundtable.

Aad van Heusden

- 2021: Gerzensee conference “Law and Economics of Consumer Contracts and Privacy” given by Prof. Florencia Marotta-Wurgler (NYU), participated and provided a paper.

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

- 9 September 2021: The Price of Creativity: A Conjoint Experiment in Copyrights, The 38th Annual European Law and Economics Association (EALE) Conference, Paris (online).
- 3 December 2021: Co-organized the workshop On the Crossroads of Law and Economics: Crime and Computational Methods (ESL-ESE).

Bernold Nieuwesteeg

- 8 June 2020: Financiering en Fintech at Erasmus University.
- 22 September 2021: The challenges related to the GDPR.
- 12 October 2021: Cyber Security at CCR.

Sharon Oded

- 2 April 2020: Global Compliance from Incident Management to a New Reality, (Online webinar), together with Michelle Dyer, Vice President, Risk, Compliance and ESG – Europe, Africa, and Global M&A, American Express Global Business Travel, Mirjam Bakker, Group Risk and Compliance Director at SBM Offshore, and Wies Wagenaar, Head of Conduct and Ethics at ABN Amro.
- 23 April 2020: Dealing with red flags, internal reports and investigations in the new reality of the COVID-19 Pandemic, (Online webinar), together with Fernando Morales Olivera, Vice President, Head of Legal Compliance at Philips, Adam Mickley, Ethics and Compliance Counsel at VEON, and Roeland de Wit, Group Director Compliance - Investigations & Anti-Bribery at AkzoNobel.
- 7 May 2020: Managing Legal and Compliance Operations in the New Reality, (Online webinar), together with Cindy de La Fuente, Legal Excellence Manager AkzoNobel, Michael van Leeuwen, Head of Legal Operations & Outside Counsel Management Philips, and Stephanie Hamon, Head of Legal Operations Consulting Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, London.
- 30 June 2020 / 7 July 2020: Revised DOJ Policy on Evaluation of Compliance Programs, (Online webinar), together with Tali Guy, Vice President Compliance, Global Privacy Officer & Third-Party Due Diligence at Teva Pharmaceuticals and Head of Compliance Forum at Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and Andre Hermsen Head of Risk & Compliance at GKN Aerospace.
- 2 July 2020: The changing global landscape of corporate compliance: what does it really mean to my organization? (Online webinar), together with Niv Zecler, Founding Partner at Zecler Argov law firm. Former legal head of the Israeli Competition Authority (ICA) and chair of the Antitrust Committee of the Israel Bar Association and Tali Guy, Vice President Compliance, Global Privacy Officer & Third-Party Due Diligence at Teva Pharmaceuticals and Head of Compliance Forum at Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC).
- 3 September 2020: EuroCCP dawn raid presentation, (Online webinar), together with Floortje Nagelkerke, Norton Rose Fulbright.
- 3 December 2020: Business Integrity Forum vanTransparency International Nederland (Online webinar), together with EP Hannema, Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, Louisewies van der Laan, director at TI Netherland and Mirte van den Berge, Strategic analyst at ABN AMRO.
- 8 October 2020: FEX - Compliance Due Diligence in cross border transactions (Online webinar), together with Tamara Ubink, Norton Rose Fulbright.
- 8 December 2020: Compliance risks in 2021: what's is coming up? (Online webinar), together with Shilpa Dixit, Head of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, Nutricia Worldwide at Danone and Maarten Westermann, Chief Risk Officer at Booking.com.

- 28 January 2021: European legal update for US businesses - Managing business risks in Europe – what’s in store for 2021, (live virtual webinar), together with Alexander Capel (Norton Rose Fulbright).
- 04 March 2021: Nurturing compliance culture and employee engagement in the new reality, (live virtual webinar), together with Yvonne Hilst, Ethics and compliance officer, Veon and Isreal Louis Ismail, Head of Legal Services & Compliance (Signify).
- 18 May 2021: Anti-money laundering risks in the non-financial sector: what businesses need to know? Round 1, (live virtual webinar), Institute for Financial Crime, Compliance Chamber, together with Erik Reissenweber, AML Specialist at the Anti-Money Laundering Centre (AMLC) and David Langenkamp, Relationship manager Dutch Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and Tamara Ubink, (Norton Rose Fulbright).
- 08 June 2021: Updating the Corporate Compliance Program to account for AML risks; Round 2, (live virtual webinar), Institute for Financial Crime, Compliance Chamber, together with Andre Hermsen, Senior Director Compliance & Export Control at ASML and Joris Blaauw, Senior Compliance Manager and Group Data Protection Officer (DPO) (SHV Energy).
- 15 June 2021: The compliance office in the spotlight, (live virtual webinar), together with Compliance Magazine (Tijdschrift voor compliance), and The Dutch Association of Compliance Officers (Vereniging van Compliance Officers).
- 24 June 2021: EU Whistleblowing Directive: What you need to know, (live virtual webinar), together with Dr. Alexander Cappel, Christian Dargham and Karsten Kühnle, (Norton Rose Fulbright).
- 2 September 2021: Upcoming developments in the AML space, Round 3; (live virtual webinar), Institute for Financial Crime, Compliance Chamber, together with Annemarije Schoonbeek, Project manager & advisor AML/CFT Supervision and Economic Law Enforcement at the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration (Belastingdienst)
- 15 September 2021: Legal Privilege in Global Investigations: What businesses need to know (live virtual webinar), Andrew Reeves, Stephen Natrass, Mayling C. Blanco, Stuart Neely, and Claudia Culley, (Norton Rose Fulbright).
- 16 November 2021: ABC Compliance Webinar: Due diligence, (live virtual webinar), together with Andrew Reeves, Stephen Natrass, Mayling C. Blanco, Stuart Neely, and Claudia Culley, (Norton Rose Fulbright).
- 16 December 2021: Wire Fraud: How to deal with the growing threat, (live virtual webinar), together with Sascha Kramer, Senior Compliance Officer (FMO).

Niels Philipsen

- 24 September 2021: Smart Mixes of Regulation: An Academic Perspective, 22nd Global Conference on Environmental Taxation, Climate Policy Implementation Workshop, University of Groningen.

- 1 December 2021: The Greening of State Aid under the EU Green Deal, China-EU Seminar 'The Impact of the EU Green Deal on Chinese trade and investment in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges', Maastricht University.

Alberto Quintavalla

- 2020: A right to energy? Some considerations from a human right to water perspective.
- 9 January 2020: Co-Creating The 'Right to Energy' In Theory and Practice – University of Groningen.
- 6 February 2020: Public Participation for the Improvement of Sustainable Development in the EU [poster presentation] at NWO Synergy Conference, Hilversum.

Wicher Schreuders

- 23 October 2020. 'The European Approach: the EMLE Case', presentation at the NEO-ICP Meeting, Parallel Session I: The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes, organized by DG EAC & EACEA. Online.
- April 20 & 22, 2021: Teacher in the Training 'Joint Programme Ontwikkeling en Management' (together with Ju Lin van Veldhoven & Ellen Nelissen), organized by Nuffic Academy. Online.

Louis Visscher

- 1 November 2021: Presentation at EGSL review day/kick off meeting in Rotterdam.
- 4 November 2021: Presentation on 'Collective versus individual damage assessment' at the Fall Meeting of the Association of Tort and Damages, Utrecht.
- 15 December 2021: Online Presentation on 'Funding Litigation – A Law and Economics Perspective' at the seminar series of the ERC project 'Affordable Access to Justice'.

Franziska Weber

- 25 June 2020: ASCOLA conference: 'Tackling pass-on in cartel cases: a comparative analysis of the interplay between damages law and economics'.
- 9 December 2020: Staffel 2 Folge 13 Gesundheitspolitische Videosprechstunde, Titel: "Nur ein Schubs in die richtige Richtung" - Nudging im Gesundheitswesen, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung.
- 17 June 2021: Truck cartel judgment of 12.5.2021 –Amsterdam: outcome, Competition Litigation Forum (C-L-F).
- 8 June 2021: Online-Verbraucherforschungsforum "Nudging in der Verbraucherpolitik", Ministerium für Ländlichen Raum und Verbraucherschutz, Keynote by Prof. Sunstein, invitation to participate in roundtable on legal implications.
- 12 March 2021: Presentation 'The German Facebook Saga: Abuse of dominance or abuse of competition', Mannheim Centre for Competition and Innovation (Macchi) conference.

- 4-6 October 2021: presentation: Keep Them Out of It! How Concerns for Others' Privacy Influence the Willingness to Sell Personal Data, conference "Economic and Legal Challenges in the Advent of Smart Products", at ZiF in Bielefeld.
- 25 November 2021: Presentation: Keep Them Out of It! How Concerns for Others' Privacy Influence the Willingness to Sell Personal Data, Ius Commune Empirical Contract Law Workshop

9. Other memorable activities and events

9.1 Louis Visscher chair of selection committee

This year 11 PhD-positions within the sectoral plan were advertised. The selection committee was composed as follows: Prof. Louis Visscher (chair), Prof. Sanne Struijk, per project supplemented with the prospective supervisors. We received 137 applications for the PhD positions, of which 106 were eligible. 31 applications were rejected because of formal requirements as set out in the selection procedure. The remaining 106 candidates and their research proposals were presented to the prospective supervisors, who were requested to decide which candidates they wanted to invite for an interview. The selection committee held interviews with 23 applicants who ranked highest based on the assessment of their academic qualifications, motivation and the quality of the research proposal.

9.2 Prof. mr. dr. Louis Visscher in the Spotlight

In the first ESL newsletter of December 2020, the spotlight was on Louis Visscher. He gave an interview on Law and Economics, his career and his ambitions. Read the full interview on <https://my.eur.nl/nl/esl-employee/stories/prof-mr-dr-louis-visscher>.



9.3 Bact-researchers publish report on compensation and redress for damage caused by criminal offences.

Marnix Hebly, Siewert Lindenbergh, Louis Visscher and Pieter Desmet have been commissioned by the Scientific Research and Documentation Center of the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security (WODC) to explore which sources of compensation cover damage suffered by crime victims, to what extent financial compensation of crime damage and redress from the offender actually take place, and to what extent public costs are involved. In recent years, the focus on compensation for victims of criminal offenses has increased. However, there was still insufficient insight into how victims actually (can) get compensation for their damage. Therefore, the aim of the study was to provide insight into the of sources of financial compensation and, more specifically, into the extent to which compensation of the victim and redress from the offender actually take place through those sources. It has also been investigated which public costs are involved. These insights

help shape the future compensation system for victims of criminal offenses. The report was presented to the House of Representatives by Minister Sander Dekker on 10 November 2020. The report has also been brought to the attention of the temporary advisory board (the 'Donner Commission'), which is investigating the compensation system for victims of criminal offenses and the possibilities of a more balanced system for the future.

9.4 Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko in selection committee

Three vacancies have been posted on AcademicTransfer and on jobs.ac.uk for postdoctoral researchers. These posts are part of the plan to create a new research community for the research initiative 'Public and private interests: a new balance', which will also include two professorial positions and 11 PhD positions. The Board of Erasmus School of Law is pleased that Prof. Jeroen Temperman, Prof. Alessandra Arcuri, Prof. Sanne Taekema and Dr René Repasi took a seat in the selection committee. The committee was supplemented with Dr Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko and Vice Dean Prof. Fabian Amtenbrink and was supported by Drs Annet van der Veen.

9.5 Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko in Luxembourg evaluation committee

Dr Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko has been invited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) to join an expert panel for the evaluation of education of the University of Luxembourg. This evaluation has been requested by The Ministry of Higher Education and Research of Luxembourg. In the panel, whose evaluation work took place between September-November 2020, Elena served as the expert for the Law department, which is part of the Faculty of Law, Economics, and Finance.

9.6 Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko in the Ethics Review Committee of Erasmus School of Law

The Board announces the formation of the Ethics Review Committee Erasmus School of Law. The following staff members, who have made or are making their name and fame in research, have been found willing by the Board: Prof. Richard Staring (Criminology) has been appointed chairman. Dr Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko (Law and Economics) and Dr Lonneke Poort (STeM) have been appointed as members. Besides these faculty members, Clemens Festen (former EUR coordinator scientific integrity and independent

ethical advisor for the ERC-application of Prof. Kramer) will support the committee with the reviews as an external member for the time being. The committee will be complemented by a, yet to be constituted, team of PhD candidates who will, by rotation, participate as advisory members in the reviews. The Ethics Review Committee has the task to review whether the proposed research is compliant with the applicable ethical guidelines and to advise the researcher. The principals and guidelines concerning the ethical review of research at EUR have been defined in the policy framework 'Principes en voorschriften inzake de ethische toetsing van onderzoek bij de Erasmus University Rotterdam. The committee will develop a procedure to implement this policy framework for Erasmus School of Law. The committee will build on the valuable experience that has been acquired in the pilot phase in 2020.

9.7 Erasmus School of Law sets up a committee of senior researchers to advise on the next concrete steps to incentivize outstanding research and research groups

Erasmus School of Law is committed to promoting excellent (inter-)national and interdisciplinary research with high positive societal relevance and impact in line with its distinct research profile and priorities, as well as with the EUR Strategy 2024.

Erasmus School of Law has the ambition to be the home for curiosity-driven and ambitious researchers in all career stages that strive for outstanding research output and to proactively contribute to an excellent international research community that cherishes (interdisciplinary) research collaborations and diversity in all of its (scientific) forms. The Board of Erasmus School of Law has decided to establish a committee consisting of senior researchers to advise the Board on concrete steps to incentivize outstanding research and research groups. In doing so it will take into account the characteristics of the legal discipline and the need to further increase the competitive position of Erasmus School of Law in securing external research funding and in being a preferred partner in international research consortia. This also calls for the further development of key indicators for the identification of outstanding research and research groups that follow best Dutch and international practice(s).

The Board of Erasmus School of Law is pleased to announce that four distinct senior researchers with ample experience in the conduct and evaluation of research and in research management have expressed their willingness to participate in the above-

mentioned committee: Prof Xandra Kramer (Chair), Prof. Maarten Kroeze, Prof. Michael Faure and Prof. Philip Hans Franses.

In the course of the coming weeks this committee will prepare a report in which it advises the Board of Erasmus School of Law on concrete measures. Its findings will be shared with research community of Erasmus School of Law and its Faculty Council.

9.8 Grants, Funding, Awards, Distinctions and Other Evidence of Reputation

CLECS

The Centre for Law and Economics of Cyber Security (ECELS) was mentioned as having performed exploratory research on legal and economical limitations for companies in their ability to recover damages caused by cybersecurity incidents in a letter to the Dutch parliament / House of Commons.

The Centre is the home of empirical legal research at Erasmus School of Law and provides support and opportunities for empirical legal studies. ECELS is embedded within the nation-wide sectoral plan for legal science and is working in close collaboration with the Netherlands Academy of Empirical Legal Studies.

Legal research is increasingly dealing with questions that require empirical answers, such as how law works in particular circumstances and what the effect of a policy, a legal rule or a social phenomenon is on individual, social or economic outcomes. Empirical legal studies comprises different methods, including qualitative methods (e.g., observations, interviews, and document analysis), as well as quantitative methods (e.g., experiments, analysis of existing data using different research designs, computational legal analysis, surveys). The goal of ECELS is to complement and build bridges between empirical legal studies and traditional legal research.

ECELS' mission is to build a thriving empirical legal studies community at Erasmus School of Law by promoting and supporting empirical legal studies in education and in research, both at Erasmus School of Law and in the Netherlands. ECELS connects like-minded researchers to advance their knowledge and to foster cooperation and provides training and educational support for those embarking on empirical legal studies for the first, second or umpteenth time. ECELS furthermore aspires to stimulate and support interdisciplinary empirical legal studies collaborations

Klaus Heine

Erasmus+ KA107 mobility grant for Israel awarded to Erasmus School of Law



Once more, an Erasmus+ KA107 mobility grant has been awarded to Prof. Klaus Heine (Erasmus School of Law) and Prof. Oren Perez (Bar-Ilan University).

The grant builds on the Erasmus+ grant awarded in 2018 and enhances further educational and research excellence between Erasmus School of Law and the Faculty of Law of

Bar-Ilan University in Israel. The preparation of the grant application has been supported by the EUR International Office and Marianne Breijer (Erasmus School of Law).

The grant allows continuation of student and staff mobility to and from the law faculty of Bar-Ilan University for another two years. The student mobility includes Bachelor, Master and PhD students. Staff mobility is for both teaching as well as training activities and is open to all academic levels plus non-academic staff. For Erasmus School of Law, the continuation of the staff and student exchange programme with Bar-Ilan anchors and broadens the cooperation and intends to provide a basis for increased exchanges with this important educational hub in the Middle East in the future.

Future opportunities

The new Erasmus programme is expected to start in 2021. Like under the current Erasmus+ there will be a new call for mobility grants for staff and students between universities within the EU and universities in partner countries (all countries outside of the EU). In the current programme the call is published around November and the deadline for submitting proposals is usually in the beginning of February. The expectation is that under the new Erasmus programme this timeline will be similar. The aim of the action is to extend the well-known Erasmus mobility of individuals between programme countries to other regions across the globe.

On 28 October 2021, the hybrid workshop 'AI & Human Rights: Friend or Foe?' took place. On this occasion, several researchers around the world met to discuss the prospective impact of artificial intelligence on human rights. The event was organised by the Erasmus School of Law and benefitted from both the NNHRR and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance sponsorship. The workshop consisted of five panels, each addressing specific instances of the complex interaction between artificial intelligence and human rights.

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.

Michael Faure

- Committee for the EALE Award

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

- 2021: co-founded the Erasmus Centre of Empirical Legal Studies (ECELS).
- 2021: Member and contributor to the ELS National Academy
- January 2021: appointment to the chair of Quantitative Empirical Legal Studies.
- Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko, Michael Faure and Marianne Breijer (2019): Awarded funding for the organisation of the international conference 'Taking Wealth Seriously: European Practice with Day Fines' (1. Trustfonds, 2. Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity, 3. BACT, 4. RILE, total amount € 18,800).
- June 2021: Submitted a grant proposal as a PI to Platform for Digital Infrastructure for SSH (PDI-SSH) - title: CLawDDI – "Case Law as Data" Digital Infrastructure: Digital Infrastructure for National Supreme Court Case Law of EU Countries (1M euro)

Anran Zhang

- Awardee of International Scholarship Exchange, by the EU and Polish government, University of Lodz.
- Awardee of Interning at International Organisations, China Scholarship Council.

Franziska Weber

- Franziska is an Academic Director of the Erasmus Competition & Regulation institute (ECRI).
- Franziska is part of the BACT management team.
- Franziska Weber has been appointed Holder of the rotating chair of the Journal of Private Law (Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht) 2021-2022 and will be a guest professor at KU Leuven.
- Franziska was appointed as Faculty Diversity Officer.
- The Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF, in Bielefeld) has awarded funding to the international and interdisciplinary research group "Economic and legal challenges in the advent of smart products" (led by Mühlheußner/Dawid/Gleiss) to which Franziska is a

“Research Fellow”. She will participate in its work module II: “Smart products and privacy protection” from 2021-2022.

- Grant innovation fund 2021
- Training of judges: Project partner with project funded by European Commission for the Training of national judges in EU competition law ‘Public and Private Enforcement of EU Competition Law in the Age of Big Data’ led by the Department of Law/University of Turin.
- Member AiPact scientific advisory committee
- Successful completion of SUTQ senior teaching qualification (2021)
- [On 1st August I was appointed professor of law and economics.]

Edoardo Martino

- Erasmus + Funds for visiting Oxford University (€ 3,000).
- BACT Visit Grant for visiting Oxford University (€ 500).

Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe

- Member of the supervisory committee for the ‘evaluation of the Trustees’ Guarantee Scheme 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 Lindenbergh.
- Participation in ‘PhD Supervision for Experienced Supervisors’ course, March-July 2021 (online).

9.9 Grants, Funding, Awards, Distinctions and Other Evidence of Reputation by EDLE affiliates

- EALE Support Managing Director: Alice Guerra (University of Bologna).
- Speakers at EALE Barcelona: Evangelia Nissioti (EDLE, University of Hamburg) & Sergio Mittlaender (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy).

10. Erasmus China Law Centre (ECLC)

Erasmus School of Law has been engaged for many years in a number of research and educational activities with Chinese law schools and other institutions. The RILE works closely with the ECLC on China related topics and supervision of PhDs.

10.1 ECLC PhDs within RILE



Jinyue Zhang stays at the RILE for four years to finish her PhD research on ‘Shadow Banking Activities Related to Collective Investment Schemes and their Systemic Risks’. She is supervised by Michael Faure and Guangdong Xu.



Anran Zhang stayed at the RILE for three years to finish his PhD research on ‘Knocking on Arbitrators’ Doors: Legal Standing of Controlled Entities in International Investment Arbitration’. He was supervised by Michael Faure and Yuwen Li. Zhang defended his thesis on 08-01-2021.



Yayi Zhang stays at the RILE for four years to finish her PhD research on “Enforcing Anti-bribery Laws via DPAs: Lessons from the U.S. and UK for China”. She is supervised by Sharon Oded and Yuwen Li.



Wanli Ma: While the ongoing discussions of the reform of investor-state dispute resolution is largely focused on the legitimacy crisis of investor-state arbitration, domestic courts also play crucial and dynamic roles at different stages of the resolution of investment disputes between foreign investors and host states. My PhD thesis purports to complement the recent proposals of reforming the investor-state arbitration system by concentrating on the adjudicative and supervisory roles of domestic courts in settling investment disputes and seeking ways to ameliorate the engagement of domestic courts in the overall dispute resolution process.



Qihan Xu: While the ongoing discussion on how current antitrust law regulates the anti-competitive effects of the combination of high technology and conspiracy is mainly focused on regulating algorithmic conspiracies, blockchain, as the latest online technology that may change the business model in the future, so-called Internet 3.0, should be given more attention, especially the analysis and demonstration of the anti-competitive effects of blockchain conspiracy agreements. The aim of my PhD thesis is to analyse whether blockchain conspiracy agreements are having anticompetitive effects in the relevant markets by examining the characteristics, types and forms of blockchain conspiracy agreements, and seeking remedies to dismiss its anticompetitive effects while encouraging technological innovation if blockchain conspiracy agreements are found to be anticompetitive.

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Alberto Quintavalla

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Louis Visscher

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Franziska Weber

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12. Other relevant activities

Pieter Desmet

- 15 December 2020: '2020 was een berouwvol jaar. Zelfs de koning en de Sint maakten excuses. Maar hoe zeg je succesvol sorry?', Interview published in Volkskrant In February 2021, Pieter Desmet was appointed as Professor of Quantitative Empirical Legal Studies and one of the sectorplan coordinators for empirical legal studies.
- In 2021, Pieter Desmet established the Erasmus Center of Empirical Legal Studies of which he is co-director (<https://www.eur.nl/esl/research/current-research/research-initiatives/erasmus-centre-empirical-legal-studies>).
- Until 2021, Pieter was Co-director of the BACT research program.
- Copromotor at the defence of V.D. Koritarov (RSM) with the dissertation entitled 'The Integration of Corporate Communication and Regulatory Focus: Deconstructing and Optimizing the Corporate Message'.
- 9 February 2021: 'De empiristen in het recht laten steeds meer van zich horen' Interview published in Mr. Magazine.
- Member of the editorial board at the Journal of Trust Research.
- Reviewer for Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Experimental social psychology, Personality and Individual Differences and Journal of Business ethics.

Christoph Engel

- Member, Academic Advisory Council, German Ministry of Economics (2004-2008 Vice-Chairman).
- Member of the Academia Europaea.
- Member, Scientific Council, Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung, Mannheim.
- Chairman, Advisory Board Amsterdam Center of Law and Economics.
- Chairman, Humanities Section, Max Planck Society (2013-2016).
- Referee of the American Law and Economics Review, Journal of Behavioral Decision Making, Criminology, European Economic Review, Economic Inquiry, European Journal of Law and Economics, Economics Letters, Experimental Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Justice Quarterly, Journal of Socio Economics, Plos One, Research in Experimental Economics, Review of Law and Economics.
- Co-Editor, Review of Law and Economics (since 2015).
- Member of the Board, Society of Empirical Legal Studies (2015 - 2019).
- Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, appointed by the Pope (since 2019).
- Chairman, Max Planck Research School on Behaviorally Smart Institutions (since 2019).

Marco Fabbri

- Referee for International Review of Law and Economics (since 2017).
- Referee for Public Finance Archive (since 2017).

Michael Faure

- Managing Director EDLE.
- Director of RILE.
- Professor of Comparative and International Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.
- Academic director of the Maastricht European institute for transnational Legal research (METRO).
- Member of the Royal Netherlands Academy for Science (KNAW).
- Academic director of the IUS Commune Research School.
- Academic Director of Ectil, The European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law.
- Attorney at the Antwerp Bar at AGIO law firm.
- Editorial Board Member of the series European Studies in Law and Economics (Mortsel/Antwerp. Intersentia).
- Advisory Board Member of the Loyola Consumer Law Review.
- Member of the editorial board of the Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law.
- Collaborator of the environmental journal *Aménagement*.
- Consultant editor of the European Journal of Law and Economics.
- Member of the editorial Board of the Review of European Community and International Environmental Law (RECIEL).
- Member of the editorial Board of the book series *Comparative Environmental Law and Policy* (Kluwer Law International).
- Member of advisory board of *Rechtskundig Weekblad*.
- Member of editorial advisory board of *European Environmental Law Review*.
- Country correspondent of *Environmental Liability*.
- Referee for (inter alia) the following professional journals: International Review of Law and Economics, European Journal of Law and Economics, Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law and the European Journal of Political Economy. International Journal of Global Energy Issues (IJGEI).
- Reviewer for the National Research Foundation's Evaluation Center (South Africa).
- Referee of the Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Ecological Economics, International Environmental Agreements, Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Legal Studies, Harvard Law Review, Journal of Environmental Law.
- Member of the steering committee of the IUS Commune Casebooks for the Common Law of Europe.
- Member of the European Group on Tort Law.

- Chairman of the Flemish High Council for the Enforcement of Environmental Policy (till 2020).
- Inclusion in Best Lawyers/Belgium in the practice area of Environmental Law.
- April 2021: 'Onderzoek naar normering bij letselschade: gluren bij de burens', interview published by Verbond van Verzekeraars.
- July 2021: 'Tata-directeuren achter de tralies zoals in Italië? Dat zal niet snel gebeuren', Interview for NH Nieuws.

Klaus Heine

- Co-Editor Erasmus Law Review.
- Reply to Consultation – Commission White Paper "Artificial Intelligence – A European Approach" (with E. Stamhuis). 2020.

Martin de Jong

- Failing with a smile: Europe's story of political mediocrity and populism, blogpost at EUR-website.
- Several the EUR and DoIP (and ESL) websites.

Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko

- Reviewer for the journals – Review of Law and Economics, European Journal of Risk Regulation, Journal of Environmental Management.
- Interviewed as an expert in a project for the WODC on day fines.
- A chair of the European Master in Law and Economics Examination Board.
- 3 June 2021: Article for RTL Nieuws: "Hoe meer je verdient, hoe hoger de boete: werkt het straks ook zo in Nederland?".
- June 2021: An External Member of an Interim Committee for the position of Assistant Professor, University of Hamburg
- Member of the selection committee for PhD candidates of the sector plan
- Member of the selection committee for a postdoctoral position of the sector plan
- Member of ESL Benoemingsadviescommissie

Mrinmayi Katdare

- Member PILAR Board.

Jonathan Klick

- Klick, J.M. (2013 - 2017). Visiting Professor Function at: Yale Law School.
- Editor, International Review of Law and Economics.

- Served on Thesis and Dissertation Committees for Students in FSU Economics Department and UPenn Wharton School (undergraduate and graduate) Referee: *Journal of Law & Economics*; *Journal of Legal Studies*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *American Law & Economics Review*; *International Review of Law and Economics*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Supreme Court Economic Review*; *Review of Law and Economics*; *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of Health Economics*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *European Journal of Health Economics*; *Public Choice*; *Journal of Institutional Economics*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *Health Economics*; *Eastern Economic Journal*; *Contemporary Economic Policy*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Policy Studies Journal*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Social Science Research*; *Journal of Criminal Justice*; *Journal of Crime and Justice*; *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; *Economics and Human Biology*; *Stanford Law Review*; *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*; *Adaptive Behaviour*; Aspen Publishers; Edward Elgar Publishing; Wolters Kluwer Law & Business Publishing; Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, University of Chicago Press.
- Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation; Smith Richardson Foundation; Hong Kong Research Grants Council.
- External Reviewer for Chair/Tenure/Appointments Candidates: Harvard University Law School; Northwestern University School of Law; University of Michigan Law School; Georgetown University Law School; Boston University Law School; Emory University Law School; University of Toronto Law School; UC Irvine Law School; Duke University School of Law; George Mason University School of Law; Institutum Jurisprudentiae Academia Sinica; Claremont McKenna College; Cornell University.
- Instructor for various Law and Economics Center programs, including training for federal and state judges, legislative staffers, attorneys general, and law professors.

Patrick Leyens

- Organiser, Symposium Smart Regulation: Vertrag, Unternehmung, Markt, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, 2. Oktober 2020,
- Committee member on Corporate Governance Reporting, Schmalenbach Society for the Advancement of Research in Business Economics and Business Practice (since 2014).
- Guest committee member, Arbeitskreises Bilanzrecht Hochschullehrer Rechtswissenschaft (since 2021), Cologne.
- Research fellow at the Europa-Kolleg Hamburg (since 2012).
- Editor of book series 'Europäisches Wirtschaftsrecht, Baden-Baden' (since 2017).
- Editor 'Austrian Law Journal', Open Access Review of Developments in Austrian, European and International Law, www.austrian-law-journal.at (2019-2020) at Karl-Franzens-University Graz, Austria.

Wanli Ma

- October 2020: The Eighth 'BAC Cup' National Essay Competition on Commercial Arbitration, Third Prize, Beijing, China.

Edoardo Martino

- Member of the European Banking Institute Young Researchers Group (EBI YRG), acts as the Event Coordinator of the Group.

Bernold Nieuwesteeg

- Director Centre for the Law and Economics of Cyber Security (since July 2018).
- The first Cyber Security Annual Report Index Award – Ahold Delhaize, 31 August 2020.
- The second Cyber Security Annual Report Index Award- PostNL, 15 December 2021
- Interview for Trouw: 'Met elke geslaagde gijzeling, worden de cybercriminelen sterker. Wat te doen?', <https://www.trouw.nl/economie/met-elke-geslaagde-gijzeling-worden-de-cybercriminelen-sterker-wat-te-doen~b1646f40/>.
- Interview for Volkskrant: 'Waarom al die datalekken ons toch echt zorgen moeten baren' <https://www.volkskrant.nl/wetenschap/waarom-al-die-data-lekken-ons-toch-echt-zorgen-moeten-baren-en-wat-ertegen-te-doen-is~beeebcba/>
- Article on ESL website with Eva Eijkelenboom on cybersecurity: <https://my.eur.nl/nl/esl-employee/nieuws/cybersecurity-staat-slechts-bij-een-op-de-vijf-bedrijven-hoog-op-de-agenda>
- Interview for NPO Radio 1: 'Moeten we stoppen met losgeld betalen bij een ransomware-aanval?', <https://www.nporadio1.nl/fragmenten/dit-is-de-dag/954284ab-49c3-40c8-aec4-4ca8a846a90c/2021-07-05-null.s>
- Article on ESL website on using data from leakages for cybersecurity: <https://www.eur.nl/esl/nieuws/haal-waardevolle-data-uit-de-digitale-bureaulade>

Niels Philipsen

- Project manager of ITN Project 'European Intellectual Property Institutes Network - Innovation Society (EIPIN-IS)', March 2017-February 2021. <https://www.eipin-innovationsociety.org>. (0.2 FTE in 2017; several hours per week since 2018).
- Participant (project manager) in research project "Gezondheidsonderzoek gebruik gevaarlijke stoffen bij Defensie: Chroom-6 en CARC" (Research on the effects of the use of dangerous substances at the Dutch Ministry of Defense), carried out for the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, RIVM. January 2016 - April 2018. Follow-up projects on other dangerous substances (HDI) and for different employers (tROM-Tilburg, Dutch Railways) started in 2018 and continued to run until 2021.

- Project member of EUR Research Excellence Initiative (REI) project “Shifting from Welfare to Social Investment States: Privatization of Work-Related Risk Control”, 2016-2020, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- Acted as referee for *inter alia* European Journal of Law and Economics (2001 - 2021), Economics Bulletin (2018), Erasmus Law Review (2018), China-EU Law Journal (2016), Chinese Journal of Comparative Law (2015), Journal of Comparative Economics (2013), Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (2010) and Tijdschrift voor Toezicht (2010).
- Chairman and coordinator ‘Metro Seminar Series’, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, 2009-present.
- Vice-Director METRO research institute (general management, Student Fellows, website and social media), 2013-present.
- Member of the Maastricht University China Team (representative of Faculty of Law), 2020-present.
- Participant (discussant) at online conference “Should Wealth and Income Inequality Be a Competition Concern?”, University of Amsterdam, 20-21 May 2021.
- Participant (chair, invited discussant) at 13th seminar “The Future of Law and Economics”, Erasmus University Rotterdam / Maastricht University / Aberdeen University, 25-26 March 2021 (*and participant in 2020 edition of this seminar*).
- Participant (discussant) at webinar “Researching Discrimination in E-Commerce and Online Advertising”, Maastricht University, 3-4 March 2021.

Alberto Quintavalla

- Invited as a member of the scientific board by the UNESCO Italian Youth Forum 2020/2021 and coordinator of the roundtable on water sustainability, Italy.

Wicher Schreuders

- Erasmus Mundus Coordinator EMLE
- Assistant Director EMLE
- Local Coordinator EMLE Rotterdam
- President ProDeJIP (Association for the Promotion and the Development of Joint International Programmes in Higher Education)
- Member of Working Group 1 (Mutual recognition and joint programmes) of ECA (European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education)
- Member of Working Group 2 (Innovation in QA and Accreditation) of ECA (European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education)
- Member of the International Advisory Board of the EMJMD Consortium FIPDes (Food Innovation and Product Design)

Roger Van den Bergh

- Referee for Journal of Competition Law and Economics, Journal of Common Market Studies and Journal of Consumer Policy.

Adrianus van Heusden

- Erasmus Mundus Scholarship (Erasmus+) by the European Commission (€18.500), Academic year 2019-2020, Rotterdam.

Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe

- Member of Guidance Committee research 'Evaluatie Garantstellingsregeling curatoren 2012' of the WODC.

Louis Visscher

- Coordinator 'mr.drs.-Programme for Law and Economics'.
- Providing informational presentations about the 'mr.drs.-Programme for Law and Economics' to prospective students at the Lentedag (Spring Information Day) and the Najaarsdag (Autumn Information Day) at Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2020 and in 2021.
- Congratulated graduated double degree students via a pre-recorded video with their graduation, the ceremony had been postponed from autumn 2020 to spring 2021.
- Thesis supervision in the European Master in Law and Economics.
- Co-Editor of Ars Aequi 'Katern Rechtseconomie'.
- Member of the editorial board of AV&S (Aansprakelijkheid, Verzekering en Schadevergoeding).
- Coordinating Programme Leader 'Liability and Insurance', IUS Commune Research School.
- Director RILE (until March 2016. Since then vice director).
- Director European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) since December 2018.
- From February till April 2020 Louis was a Participant in WODC research on 'compensation for losses due to crimes' in Rotterdam and Utrecht.
- From March till June 2020 Louis Supervised bachelor-3 theses on the economic analysis of torts, damages and insurance.
- From April till July 2020 Louis was Chair interview committee for PhD positions in the ESL Sectorplan in Rotterdam.
- From June till October 2020, Louis was Chair of the WODC guidance committee on the topic of 'exploration of social cost-benefit analysis in the domain and justice and safety'.
- From March till June 2021 Louis Supervised bachelor-3 theses on the economic analysis of torts, damages and insurance.
- On June 17, 2021, Louis participated and presented in ESL Teaching Day June.

- On October 12, Louis spoke at the Graduation Ceremony for bachelor-1 diplomas, together with the Dean of ESL.
- On October 12, 2021, Louis participated in the bachelor-1 graduation ceremony. He gave a short speech on the important role of law in society and congratulated students with their choice for studying law and with successfully completing their first year.
- On October 14, 2021, Louis participated in the Recording of the Podcast of the Joint Programme in Economics and Law, with In Duplo (Association of students from the joint programme).
- On November 1, 2021, Louis gave a presentation at EGSL Review Day, in which he reflected on the positive and negative experiences in his own PhD process and on how EGSL and EDLE compare to this.
- On November 25 2021, Louis attended the closing ceremony for double degree student in Law and Economics.

Franziska Weber

- 26 February 2021: ‘Die dogmatische Einordnung der datenschutzrechtlichen Einwilligung in das allgemeine Zivilrecht’, Habilitation speech at Hamburg University.

Liam Wells

- Member PILAR Board.

Yayi Zhang

- Member PILAR Board.

- **Goran Dominioni & Evangelia Nissioti**

EDLE affiliates co-author article in Law and Economics Encyclopedia: EDLE Alumnus Goran Dominioni and current EDLE PhD student Evangelia Nissioti co-authored an encyclopedia entry in the Law and Economics Encyclopedia. The Encyclopedia aims to collect precise knowledge and definitions concerning various legal topics. By assembling such information from several European jurisdictions, the harmonisation of EU law is fostered. The contribution, titled ‘Implicit Biases in Trial Settings’, discusses implicit racial biases. The increasingly popular field of Behavioural economics has questioned failing assumptions in rational choice theory, such as biases. Dominioni and Nissioti specifically focus on trial settings, stressing multiple adverse consequences of (implicit) biases in courtrooms. The full article can be found via <https://link.springer.com>.

13. RILE staff members 2020-2021

Director

- Prof. Dr Michael G. Faure LL.M.

Vice-Director

- Prof. Dr Louis T. Visscher LL.M.

Full Professors

- Prof. Dr Martin de Jong
- Prof. Dr Pieter T.M. Desmet
- Prof. Dr Christoph W. Engel
- Prof. Dr Michael G. Faure LL.M.
- Prof. Dr Klaus Heine
- Prof. Dr Jonathan M. Klick
- Prof. Dr Patrick C. Leyens LL.M.
- Prof. Dr Sharon Oded
- Prof. Dr Niels J. Philipsen
- Prof. Dr Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko
- Prof. em. Roger J. Van den Bergh
- Prof. Dr Louis T. Visscher LL.M.
- Prof. Dr Franziska Weber LL.M.

Associate Professors

- Dr Kees van Noortwijk
- Dr Ann-Sophie M.I.B. Vandenberghe

Researchers

- Dr Alberto Quintavalla

Postdocs

- Dr Bernold F.H. Nieuwesteeg

Business Coordinator RILE, Programme Coordinator EDLE, Executive Coordinator DIGOV, ESL-BIU Erasmus+ Coordinator

- Marianne (A.M.) Breijer-de Man (till 14 January 2022)

- Wendie de Vries (3 march 2022)

Student Assistants

- Cézanne Alsemgeest (till 1 September 2021)
- Vera Breijer
- Sheda Delfan
- Theo Post

Director EMLE

- Prof. Louis T. Visscher

Erasmus Mundus Coordinator and Assistant Director EMLE

- Wicher Schreuders M.Sc.

General Manager EMLE

- Dr Ilva Putzier

Management Assistant EMLE

- Klaudyna Mikolajczyk LL.M.

Student Assistants EMLE (consecutively)

- Dylan Lachminarain
- Sara van den Boom

Rotterdam EDLE PhD candidates

- Paul Aubrecht
- Allen Bargfrede
- Lucas Alves Chacha
- Jan Essink
- Martin Holderied
- Mrinmayi Katdare
- Anna Kovács
- Shu Li (defended on 12 February 2021)
- Kuan-Jung Peng
- Joé Rieff (defended on 3 June 2021)
- Shashank Sharma
- Adrianus van Heusden

- Liam Wells
- Nan Yu
- Anne Brekoo
- Amber Scheepers

Other RILE PhD candidates

- Philipp Kirst (external) (defended on 4 June 2021)
- Tristan Kik (external)
- Tony Burri (external)
- Renzo Bloemink (external)
- Baris Sevuk (external)
- Nourhan Hassan (external)
- Emad-Aldin Abdelrahman
- Alberto Quintavalla (EGSL)
- Esra Demir (EGSL)
- Kostina Prifti (EGSL)
- Sarah van Os (EGSL)
- Adrian Cordina)
- Melanie Theisinger (TTIP)
- Viktor Koritarov (ERIM)

Erasmus China Law Center (ECLC) RILE PhD candidates

- Wanli Ma
- Anran Zhang (defended on 08-01-2021)
- Jinyue Zhang
- Yayi Zhang
- Qihan Xu

14. Short biographies of the RILE Academic Staff and PhD students

Paul Aubrecht



Paul Aubrecht has been a licensed attorney in Colorado since 2014. He obtained a Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Wyoming College Of Law in 2013 and completed the EMLE programme at Ghent University and Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2015. He has presented his research at numerous conferences and has published several papers. Paul has been on the faculty of the Humboldt University summer school in alternative dispute resolution from 2015 to 2019. For the time period of December 2020 to December 2021, he was in the top 10% of authors on SSRN by total new downloads. Paul's research has focused on arbitration, torts, contracts, procedural law, comparative law, competition law, sports law, European devolution, federalism and COVID-19.

Allen Bargfrede



Allen Bargfrede focuses his research on law and economics in the field of intellectual property, specifically copyright. He is an American lawyer by background and was a co-founder and Chief Legal Officer of Verifi Media, a firm focused on improving rights management in the digital music supply chain. Previously, Allen was associate professor and the founder of Rethink Music at Berklee College of Music, a thinktank focused on the future of music. From 2013-2014, he researched new business models for music as a Fellow at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. He is the author of Music Law in the Digital Age, and began his career as an artist manager in Nashville. He has a Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law, a Master's from Northwestern University, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Texas.

Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi (till 29 June 2020)



Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi holds both a Bachelor degree in Economic Science and in Law. She successfully completed the European Master in Law and Economics in 2014, where she wrote a thesis on merger remedies in Brazil. Before she worked as an antitrust lawyer and project analyst. In the EDLE, her research is about 'The regulatory dilemma of vertical agreements: a comparative Law & Economics analysis of Europe and Brazil'. She is a member of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA) and of the Competition Law Studies Group at Mackenzie University. She defended her thesis 'Regulating Vertical Agreements: A comparative Law & Economics analysis of Brazil and Europe' on '29 June 2020'.

Lucas Alves Chacha



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Martin de Jong



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Public Affairs (SIRPA) of Fudan University in Shanghai. Given his 25 year international experience in research, education and entrepreneurship on public policy, decision making, urban studies, infrastructure development and cross-cultural management, it is his goal to make the initiative both locally relevant through knowledge dissemination in the Randstad Area and to give it strong global exposure by establishing partnerships in a number of leading universities around the world. Martin de Jong (born 1970 in Vlaardingen, married, three children) has obtained his master's degree in Public Administration from Erasmus University Rotterdam and Leiden University (joint degree) in 1993. He obtained his PhD degree in Systems Engineering and Policy Analysis from Delft University of Technology in 1999. He spent 25 years of his working life at the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management of Delft University of Technology and climbed the ranks there from PhD student to Antoni van Leeuwenhoek research professor in 'urban and infrastructure development in China'. In this period, he has also worked or been a visiting scholar at University of Amsterdam, George Mason University, Aalto University, Harbin Institute of Technology and Dalian University of Technology. He has been an advisor to the Second Chamber of Dutch Parliament, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the Dutch national gas enterprise, Eurocities, the Nordic Road Federation, the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communication, the Chinese cities of Shenzhen (Guangdong province) and Jingmen (Hubei province) and a host of other organisations. During his career, Martin de Jong has specialised in the following topics: policy and governance, planning and decision-making in China, transport infrastructures, sustainable cities, inclusive cities, city branding and Corporate Social Responsibility.

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Christoph Engel



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Edoardo Martino (till 10 September 2020)

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Sharon advises corporations, financial institutions, board members and senior executives on cross-border investigations, criminal defence, regulatory compliance and related civil litigation. He is experienced in dealing with highly sensitive, multi-jurisdictional investigative matters concerning: anti-bribery and corruption; fraud; cartels and antitrust; export control; economic sanctions; insider trading and anti-money laundering.

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Kuan-Jung Peng received her Master's degree in Technology Law and her Bachelor's degree in Economics at National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan. For the past few years, Kuan-Jung Peng worked as a legal specialist in Foxconn. Having an interdisciplinary research interest combining law and economics, she has an active research agenda focusing on studying legal issues in the field of Fintech. Kuan-Jung Peng's Ph.D. research will continuously focus on financial laws, especially the legal issues with financial technology (FinTech), to deepen her studies.

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In the past Wicher taught courses on Consumer theory, the Economics of public law, as well as Introduction to Law and Economics, Economic systems, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. His research mainly dealt with topics of economic

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From 2004 on Wicher has been the Erasmus Mundus Assistant Coordinator of the EMLE programme, from October 2018 onwards he is the EMLE Erasmus Mundus Coordinator. Since October 2014 he is the Assistant Director of the EMLE Consortium, the same position that he held in 2000-2005. Apart from his management tasks, Wicher was one of the teachers in the course Introduction to Law and Economics in the Rotterdam law bachelor. From July 2013 onwards Wicher is a member of the Executive Committee of the 'Association for the Promotion and the Development of Joint International Programmes in Higher Education' (ProDeJIP), of which he is the Acting President from December 2017 onwards. Since 2015, Wicher is an expert member of the Working Group on mutual recognition and joint programmes of the European Consortium for Accreditation in Higher Education (ECA). More recently, he joined the ECA Working Group on Innovation in QA and Accreditation as well. Starting in October 2016, he is a qualified ECA expert on the 'Assessing of Joint Programmes / European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes'. Finally, from September 2018 onwards, he is a member of the International

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Shashank's Ph.D. research focuses on antitrust/competition law enforcement vis a vis multi-sided platforms.

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The term "law and economics" accurately describes what I am most passionate about, but it also encompasses my strongest qualifications and skills. My sincere passion for law and economics has always been at the heart of my academic career. After obtaining five master's degrees and two bachelor's degrees in the fields of law and economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam, the University of Haifa, the University of Ghent, and the University of Aix-Marseille, I have recently embarked on a new challenge, namely, I have become a Ph.D. candidate for the European Doctorate in Law and Economics (EDLE). Within this program, I am able to fully focus on researching the area that is most fascinating and challenging to me, which is, consumer law and economics. My research is entirely dedicated to the interplay between marketing strategies and consumer protection laws. More specifically, I will investigate the ways in which marketing techniques exploit market distortions by virtue of legal loopholes and subsequently divert value from consumers to firms. Thereafter, the research aims to present possible remedies to fill up the gaps in consumer law and to mitigate the market distortionary effects that are caused by marketing. I have chosen to immerse myself in this matter since it greatly touches upon my specific areas of expertise and interest: behavioral economics, marketing, consumer law, contract law, and commercial law. Accordingly, I am looking forward to continuing my research for

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