

# Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort: Relevancy for Policymaking

Annual report 2020



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## 1. Key Facts of 2020

- In February 2020 Xandra Kramer was awarded a Vici grant by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), to further develop her innovative line of research in the area of civil justice and to consolidate her research group in the coming five years. The project title is: 'Affordable access to justice: towards sustainable cost and funding mechanisms for civil litigation in Europe'. The project started in December 2020.
- In January 2020 the kick-off conference "The Roundabouts of Digital Governance" of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance (DIGOV) took place.
- In November 2020 the Conference Frontiers in Civil Justice, organized by the ERC team together with Ilja Tillema took place in Rotterdam.
- Five PhD students defended their thesis.

## 2. Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort

#### The Research Programme

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

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

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

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

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

#### Organisation of BACT

#### **Directors**

Since 2013, professors Peter Mascini and Michael Faure lead the programme. Since 2015, professor (as of 1 January 2021) Pieter Desmet complements the team of directors, as does professor Siewert Lindenbergh since 2016. In 2020 associate professor Franziska Weber joined BACT's management team. Together with Marianne Breijer, they are responsible for management and strategic decision-making.

#### Secretarial support

In 2020 secretarial support (e.g. compiling the newsletters and the annual report) was provided by Femke Ruitenbeek-Bart. The BACT secretariat can be reached via info.bact@law.eur.nl.

#### **BACT** seminars

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

#### BACT's connection to other institutes

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

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

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

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

The <u>Rotterdam Institute of Private Law (RIPL)</u> is committed to in-depth research performed by researchers from Erasmus School of Law in the broad field of private law. The Institute fosters the research programme BACT as well as ESL's 'Lex Mercatoria'. The Institute's Board consists of professors Siewert Lindenbergh (chair of Civil Law), Kid Schwarz (chair of Commercial Law), and Filip De Ly (chair of International Private and Comparative Private Law). The research input of the Institute is represented by staff members of the entire ESL Department of Private Law.

The <u>Erasmus China Law Centre (ECLC)</u> is part of Erasmus School of Law. Erasmus School of Law has been engaged in a number of research and educational activities with Chinese law schools and other institutions for many years. In order to further structuralise and strengthen these relations, the Erasmus China Law Centre expands the capacity of teaching and research on Chinese law, increases our competitiveness in initiating Chinese law-related projects, and strengthens the advisory work to the government and business community. The Board consists of professors Fabian Amtenbrink, Michael Faure and Yuwen Li. Professor Yuwen Li is director of the ECLC.

## 3. People

#### **BACT** researchers in 2020

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Prof. P.T.M. Desmet Chair of Quantitative Empirical Legal Studies

(as of 1 January 2021)

Prof. Martin de Jong Chair of Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity

Prof. C.W. Engel Chair of Experimental Legal Studies

Prof. L.F.H. Enneking Special Chair on the Legal Aspects of International

Corporate Social Responsibility

Prof. M.G. Faure Chair of Comparative Private Law and Economics

Prof. P.H.B.F. Franses Chair of Applied Econometrics and chair of

Marketing Research

Prof. K. Heine Chair of Law and Economics

Prof. E. Kantorowicz-Reznichenko Chair of Quantitative Empirical Legal Studies

(as of 1 January 2021)

Prof. J.M. Klick Chair of Empirical Legal Studies

Prof. X.E. Kramer Chair of European Civil Procedure

Prof. P.C. Leyens Chair of Empirical Legal Studies

Prof. S.D. Lindenbergh Chair of Private Law

Prof. P. Mascini Chair of Empirical Legal Studies

Prof. S. Oded Chair of Corporate Compliance and Enforcement

Prof. N.J. Philipsen Chair of Shifts in Private and Public Regulation

Prof. J.J. Rachlinski Chair of Empirical Legal Studies

Prof. H.N. Schelhaas Chair of Private Law
Prof. M.W. Scheltema Chair of Private Law

Prof. L.T. Visscher Chair of Legal Economic Analysis of Tort and

Damages

#### **Associate Professors**

Dr. K.K.E.C.T. Swinnen (as of September 2020)

Dr. A.M.I.B. Vandenberghe

Dr. F. Weber (as of 1 June 2020)

Dr. R. Westrik

#### **Assistant Professors**

Dr. A. Onţanu

Dr. I. Tillema

Dr. M. Hebly

#### Researcher

Dr. A. Quintavalla (as of June 2020)

#### **Postdocs**

Dr. J. Hoevenaars

Dr. B. Kas

Dr. E. Themeli

Dr. B.F.H. Nieuwesteeg

#### BACT PhD candidates in 2020

Georgia	International Commercial Courts. A study on the London		
Antonopoulou	Commercial Court, the Netherlands Commercial Court and the		
·	German Chambers for International Commercial Disputes		
Paul Aubrecht	The Arbitrability of Tort Claims: A Comparative Law and		
	Economics Analysis		
Allen Bargfrede	The Impact of Second Generation Internet Copyright Laws on		
_	Musicians and Songwriters. Do they really economically benefit		
	the creator?		
Maria Fernanda	Regulating Vertical Agreements: A comparative Law & Economics		
Caporale Madi	analysis of Brazil and Europe		
(defended on 29			
June 2020)			
Lucas Alves	Analysing Brazilian Anti-Corruption Enforcements		
Chacha			
Yong-Fu Chang	Constitutional Environmental Protection and Its Implementation: A		
(until October	Law and Economics Analysis		
2020)	24.7 4.74 2007.0.7 m.d.y d.e		
Adrian Cordina	Funding and who decides?		

Hongwei Dang	Sustainable Investment
Esra Demir (as of	Data Governance of Genetic Codes
September 2020)	
Jan Essink	The Dublin system and the development of EU asylum and
	Schengen crises: structural problems and solutions
Emma van Gelder	Online dispute resolution (ODR) against the background of access
	to justice to
Melissa de Groot	Costs of care as a loss: private or public compensation?
Martin Holderied	Interest Theories on the Regulation of Sharing Economy Markets
Mrinmayi Katdare	Precautionary Principle – How does political discretion influence
,	its implementation?
Tristan Klik	Competition Law in the Data Economy
Anna Kovács	The behavioral determinants of collective action on climate
	change
Shu Li	Law and Economic Analysis of 3D Printing: Perspectives from
	product safety
Wanli Ma	Reform Investor-State Dispute Resolution from the Perspective of
(defended on 31	Domestic Courts: Focusing on Adjudication and Judicial Review
August 2020)	and the country of country of the co
Edoardo Martino	Bank Governance and the Bail-in in the EU: A Law & Finance
(defended on 10	analysis on the role of bail-inable creditors
September 2020)	analysis sir the release has make sireanters
Cintia Bezerra de	Administered Contracts for Petroleum Extraction in Brazil
Melo Pereira	
Nunes	
Sarah van Os	Diversity in Justice?
	A Comparative, Interdisciplinary and Empirical Study into Legal
	Culture
Priskila P.	The challenges in applying choice of law clauses in international
Penasthika	commercial contracts: The study of Indonesia
Kuan-Jung Peng	Law and Economic Analysis of Financial Technology
Kostina Prifti (from	Regulation of Autonomous Robots in Healthcare
September 2020)	
Alberto	Building a New Water Policy: giving Water its Full Value
Quintavalla	
(defended on 16	
December 2020)	
Renny Reyes	Better Regulation in Latin American Countries: A tool for
Reyes (defended	accountability?
on 2 Octobor	
on 2 October	
2020)	
	Increased Fiscal Coordination between European Member States:
2020) Joé Rieff	A necessity to further market integration?
2020) Joé Rieff  Alexandre Ruggieri	A necessity to further market integration?  Positive Financial Regulation through Law and Behavioural
2020) Joé Rieff	A necessity to further market integration?  Positive Financial Regulation through Law and Behavioural Economics: the cases of the Euro Zone and the Brazilian Financial
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Heleen	The potential of the financial sector to contribute to realizing		
Tiemersma	human rights; how can financial institutions expand and exercise		
	their leverage on corporate clients and business partners		
Adrianus van	The Efficiency Fallacy of Using General Terms and Conditions: A		
Heusden	Law and Economics analysis of the battle of forms		
Hilde Verweij-	Liability of parents towards their children		
Hoogendijk			
Josje de Vogel	Private services-based mobility and Consumer Protection		
Xiao Xun	Director's Duties and Liabilities in Corporate Law in China		
(defended on 19			
November 2020)			
Meiqing Wang	Compensation mechanism in ISDS		
Yachao Wang	The Enforcement of Investor-State Arbitration Awards against		
	States'		
Liam Wells	Transatlantic Regulatory Divergence in Pharmaceuticals: exploring		
	economic and cultural explanations		
Nan Yu	Mandatory Dividend Regulations in the Stock Market: A		
	Comparative Law and Economics Analysis		
Antonella Zarra	The Law and Economics of Artificial Intelligence		
Karol Zdybel	An Economic Analysis of Legal Pluralism		
Anran Zhang	Legal Status of Controlled Entities in International Investment		
	Arbitration		
Jinyue Zhang	The Application of Law in Cross-Border Issuing and Trading of		
	Securities between Europe and China		
Yayi Zhang	Non-public Bribery, Public Enforcement: A Comparative Study of		
	Commercial Bribery among China, the United Kingdom and the		
	United States		

#### Other EDLE PhD candidates

- Danny Blaustein (Bologna), Corporate Governance of Start-ups
- Mulugeta Asefa Bogale (Hamburg), Labor Regulation, Informality and Economic Growth in SSA: An Empirical Analysis
- Kan-Hsueh Chiang (Haifa), Does Information Cost lead to Medical Moral Hazard?-Evidence from Taiwan National Health Insurance
- Pedro Henrique Christofaro Lopes (Hamburg), Federalism: a Path to Development?
- Salvini Datta (Bologna), Ex ante regulation and ex post liability in the pharmaceutical industry
- Maria De Campos (Hamburg), At the Intersection of Behavioural Economics, Nudging and Regulation: Rethinking the process of nudge design for regulation
- Giorgio Dini (Bologna), The introduction of EU Product Environmental Footprint labels: experimental economics and law and economics perspectives
- Ayman Fouda (Bologna), The Diffusion of Innovation in Healthcare: Economic and Regulatory Perspectives
- Chiara Natalie Focacci (Bologna), Essays on Active Labour Market Policies
- Elena Ghibellini (Bologna), Bank Crises Resolution Rules: What Impact on the Structure of the EU Banking Market?
- Damiano Giacometti (Bologna), Essays on the Law and Economics of Credence Goods Markets
- Laurenz Goldhahn (Hamburg), Sustainability and Law: The Role of Executive Pay Regulation for Corporate Social Responsibility
- Ciçek Gürkan (Hamburg), The Role of Banks for Corporate Governance

- Dirk Heine (Hamburg), Challenges and Solutions to Environmental Tax Reforms (defended on 9 July 2020)
- Jian Jiang (Haifa), Vulnerabilities, Cybersecurity and the Role of Law and Regulation herein
- Francesca Leucci (Bologna), Law and Economics of Environmental Damage Assessments
- Ekaterine Lomtatidze (Hamburg), Constitutionalizing Social Rights: Public Choice Analysis
- Gabriele Paolini (Hamburg), Plea bargaining procedures in Civil Law countries
- Peng Peng (Bologna), Platform Competition in the Internet Industry
- Evangelia Nissioti (Hamburg), Can mediation in civil law systems lead to social and private efficiency gains compared to litigation and negotiation?
- Eman Muhammad Rashwan (Hamburg), The Nexus between Transitional Justice and Constitutional Change in Post-Revolution Systems
- Carlos Riquelme Ruz (Hamburg), Equalities and inequalities in sovereign debt restructuring. A law and economics perspective
- Maria Pia Sacco (Bologna), The Role of Intermediaries in International Corporate Bribery Efficient Liability Standards from A Law and Economics Perspective
- Youssoufa Sy (Rennes1), Political legislation cycles in a comparitive approach.
- Denard Veshi (Haifa), Refugee Flow: A Law and Economics approach (defended on 19 November 2020)
- Karol Zdybel (Hamburg), An Economic Analysis of Legal Pluralism
- Antonella Zarra (Hamburg), The Law and Economics of Artificial Intelligence

## 4. Output and Activities

#### News

#### **DIGOV Kick-off Conference**

On 28-30 January 2020 the kick-off conference "The Roundabouts of Digital Governance" of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Digital Governance (DIGOV) took place. It brought scholars from multiple academic backgrounds and from around the globe to Erasmus University Rotterdam. The conference was joined by participants from business, NGOs and public policy.



Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, Robots, 3D-Printing, the Smart Factory, Autonomous Cars or Chat Bots. These terms are short cuts for the technological and social disruptions with which we are confronted at our workplaces, at home, at school, when we buy something on the internet or if we take part in elections. The new EU Commission under von der Leyen has identified digitalization and digital governance as one of its main priorities

for the upcoming years.

The kick-off conference of DIGOV focused on the perimeter of digital governance. The conference worked on an inventory of the hot-spots of digital governance. Best practices and approaches were identified to get a grip on the challenges of the ongoing digital transformation in Europe and abroad.

On Tuesday afternoon, 28 January, the conference was opened by Rutger Engels, Rector Magnificus of Erasmus University Rotterdam, followed by a keynote lecture of Christoph Engel (Erasmus School of Law and Director Max Planck Institute on Collective Goods, Bonn)

on Judicial Tech. In his keynote speech Christoph Engel was concerned with the question that judges can surely benefit from computer generated input, in particular if legal doctrine conditions judicial decisions on predictions. Yet, this requires that judges adequately process computer advice. Experimental evidence cast doubt on this. Typical court cases are ill-defined.



Human intuition is surprisingly good at nonetheless making meaningful choices. The keynote presented a recent experiment supporting this claim.



On Wednesday, 29 January, the leading theme was 'The scope of proper digital government: Fading intrajurisdictional boundaries between public and private governance?'. In three panels two presentations were given. Panel 1 focused on 'New technologies and their disruptive impact on economic integration' (by Klaus Heine, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and Wouter Verheyen, University of Antwerp). Panel 2 discussed 'Egovernment – liquid democracy and tight administration' (by Oren Perez

and Ittai Bar-Siman-Tov, both Bar-Ilan University), whereas Panel 3 dealt with Teaching digital governance –

blending the digital curriculum' (by Farshida Zafar and Kris Stabel, both Erasmus University Rotterdam). Each



presentation was followed by a plenary discussion, which continued during the conference dinner that evening.

On Thursday, 30 January, the leading theme was 'Data on the flight: Is there still a jurisdiction for the digital? In the morning two further panels took place. Panel 4 discussed 'Digital Platforms: Competition and Regulation' (by Pinar Akman, University of Leeds, and Ayelet Sela, Bar-Ilan University). Panel 5 focused on 'Data all over the place; but who is responsible?' (by Evert Stamhuis, Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Freek Bomhof, TNO - Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research).

Finally, in a Roundtable on "Mapping digital governance – Intra and cross jurisdictional challenges for law and policy making in the EU and beyond" with Sara Kemppainen (I4ADA), Anna Keuning (Erasmus School of Law), Patrick Spigt (Haarlem Municipality), Christoph Steck (Telefónica), Bart Vrancken (De Volksbank), Hub Zwart (Erasmus School of Philosophy) moderated by Gerrit Schipper (Erasmus Centre for Data Analytics).

The three day conference was closed by the Dean of Erasmus School of Law, Suzan Stoter.

This conference was made possible with the financial contribution of the Erasmus+programme of the European Union, Erasmus School of Law (ESL), the Erasmus Initiave Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity (DoIP) and the research programme Behavioural Approaches to Contract and Tort (BACT).

The kick-off meeting was only the start of a three year programme financed by the European Commission. DIGOV asks which rules and norms are needed to enable Big Data and Artificial Intelligence to fully support our individual and societal interests. To that aim DIGOV organizes international conferences, workshops, a visiting scholar program, policy consultations and builds up an open teaching platform.



Digital Governance (DIGOV) is the name of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence that has been awarded by the European Commission to Erasmus School of Law, in conjunction with the Centre for Business Law and Practice of the Law School of the University of Leeds (UK) and the Law School of Bar-Ilan University (Israel). Centres of Excellence are awarded to outstanding research groups that have a visible societal impact and do cutting-edge research on an international scale.

#### Franziska Weber joins the BACT MT

Since 1st June 2020 Franziska Weber is Associate Professor in Law and Economics at the



Rotterdam Institute of Law & Economics. Right after her appointment she also joined the management team of BACT. Before her return to ESL, she was a junior professor for Civil Law and Law & Economics at the University of Hamburg (2013-2020). Her background is originally in European and Comparative Law. After engaging with Law&Economics during her Master studies in Maastricht, she subsequently started with the EDLE- Program at the Universities of Rotterdam, Bologna and Hamburg to research optimal mixes in consumer law enforcement. She recently finished another interdisciplinary book on antitrust damage quantification comparing German, Dutch and Spanish law. Further research interests include

behavioural law and economics and data law. She is eligible to the German and Spanish bar.

#### **BACT** opening seminar

On 16 September we kicked off a new BACT season with our BACT opening seminar. The seven new BACT PhDs pitched their research project and Martijn Scheltema announced the appointment of a Chinese and a South-African PhD. After the new members introduced themselves and their research topic, we had our first BACT seminar of the new academic year. Anna Rita Germani, Aggregate professor of International Economics at Sapienza University in Rome presented a paper titled *Does Money Laundering Affect Environmental Crime? A Case Study on Italian Regions.* 

The paper empirically examines the determinants of environmental crime in Italy in a panel of Italian regions over the period 2006-2016 with a particular focus on the role of money laundering, controlling for corruption and extortion. In line with the law and economics literature, socio-economic, enforcement and crime-deterrence characteristics are considered. The results show the importance of disentangling the inter-dependency between environmental crimes, money laundering and corruption. The implications of our findings for future policy options are also discussed.

#### Conference on Covid-19 and civil justice

On 15 May 2020, Xandra Kramer participated in an online conference dedicated to Covid-related litigation and judicial and legislative responses. The conference was organised with Catherine Piché (University of Montréal) and 18 speakers from different countries around the globe participated in this online event. Xandra discussed the closing down of the courts in the Netherlands on the 17th of March resulting from the lock-down. After this date, only urgent and written proceedings continued. A new temporary act was put in place to regulate distance hearings and other temporary measures concerning the operation of the courts and the online submission of documents. As of 11th of May, the courts re-opened, however with limitations to physical oral hearings and exclusion of the general public. Following an interview with the president of the Rotterdam district court, she also discussed how the corona crisis has led to boosting technology and innovation and a pragmatic approach of Dutch courts in this respect.

#### Alternative 3rd year presentations & EDLE seminar series

Due to corona, the EDLE Joint Seminar 'The Future of Law and Economics' that was supposed to take place in Maastricht end of March, was cancelled last minute. For the 3rd year EDLE PhDs this traditionally is the last official presentation in the regular EDLE trajectory. On 15 May, an alternative online seminar was organized where all 3rd year EDLEs presented:

- Carlos Riquelme "General Principles of Domestic Law Applicable to Sovereign Debt Restructuring. Part Two"
- Jan Essink "The economic effects of hosting asylum seekers: its drivers, an indication and implications for a smart asylum system"
- Chiara Natalie Focacci "Why Do Unemployed People Avoid Participation in Training? An Experiment for Policy Making"
- Paul Aubrecht "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"
- Laurenz Goldhahn "Beyond Shareholder Value: Lessons from the Financial Sector"
- Liam Wells "Risk, Culture, and the Regulation of Pharmaceuticals Further explaining differences in social regulation across the United States and the European Union using cultural theory"

It was one of the first digital gatherings with participants from all of the partner universities in the audience. This also gave rise to the idea of a follow up. Because normally the EDLE 2nd year seminar series is concluded with the Joint Seminar 'The Future of Law and Economics' end of March. This year, due to corona, everything came to a sudden halt. Not only the seminar series, but also the spontaneous discussions during lunch, coffee breaks and other moments. Therefore, we continued in a broader setting with 'EDLE seminars – the sequel': all (EDLE) PhDs from all years were invited to participate and, on a voluntary basis, to present their work. This didn't have to be a 'conference ready' paper presentation, but also work in progress could be presented, where during the plenary discussion the presenter received feedback from the audience on the things (s)he is struggling with or doubting about. Lucas Chacha, Evangelia Nissioti, Francesca Leucci, Mrinmayi Katdare, Salvini Datta and Martin Holderied presented in the weekly seminars that followed.

The weekly online seminars met a need to keep in touch with each other, even though the EDLEs were literally scattered all over the world as most went back to their home country. A bit of a challenge to find a reasonable time that fitted all, and an applause for Paul Aubrecht (back in the USA) who had to get up very early each week to join the seminars. And even when the summer holidays started, the seminar series spontaneously continued with presentations by senior EDLEs Jan Essink and Chiara Focacci and even an alumnus, Goran Dominioni.

#### Webinar ELI-Unidroit Model European Rules of Civil Procedure



On 6 November 2020, the ERC group organized a small scale webinar on the occasion of adoption of the ELI-Unidroit Model Rules and the upcoming kick-off of the Vici project related to our ERC project on Affordable Access to Justice: The ELI-Unidroit Model European Rules of Civil Procedure: soft law shaping the future of European Civil Procedure?

Xandra Kramer presented on the creation, main principles and future prospects of the Model Rules. Eva Storskrubb (University of Uppsala) discussed the Cost rules, in the drafting of which she was closely involved being one of the co-reporters. Masood Ahmed (University of Leicester) viewed the rules on cost, management and ADR from the English perspective. Despite the small set up and short notice, over 60 people participated in the webinar and the discussion.

#### Conference Frontiers in Civil Justice

On 16 and 17 November 2020 the Conference Frontiers in Civil Justice took place. The conference was organized by the ERC team together with Ilja Tillema in Rotterdam.

The conference addressed four key issues in civil justice, which require a deeper and renewed reflection in light of their contribution to facilitating access to justice. Those concern the shaping of the interaction between formal and informal justice (panel I), the digitalization of consumer dispute resolution (panel II), the collectivizing and monetizing of civil litigation (panel III) and justice innovation and frontier developments in civil justice (panel IV). Renowned speakers and selected speakers following a call for papers gave their views during the two-day conference that, although set up previously as a blended event with online as well as live attendance at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, was forced to move fully online due to the tightening of Covid-19 measures in the Netherlands.

## BACT-researchers publish report on compensation and redress for damage caused by criminal offenses

Marnix Hebly, Siewert Lindenbergh, Louis Visscher and Pieter Desmet were 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 will 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.

#### Presentation of Guidelines for Handling Work-Related Disease Cases

On Thursday 26 November, the Personal Injury Council (Letselschade Raad) presented Guidelines for Handling work-Related Disease Cases to the State Secretary for Social Affairs and Employment. A few days earlier, the Leidraad was presented to the State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment Bas van 't Wout.

Occupational illness cases are notoriously tricky, mainly because the connection between work and illness is often difficult to establish. The Guidelines aim to improve the practice of claims handling by stimulating and streamlining cooperation between parties that are professionally involved in work-related disease cases. The common thread in the Guidelines is that the handling of occupational disease claims can be substantially improved if the parties involved in the claim handling process cooperate as much as possible on this matter. This cooperation assumes an attitude of openness and trust and serves the shared interest in clarity, drive and solution-orientations. The step-by-step plan laid down in the guideline offers tools for shaping this collaboration pragmatically and efficiently.

The first phase (2018) of the project consisted of an exploratory study of bottlenecks in practice, as well as an exploration of opportunities for a code of conduct as a solution. This research was carried out by Melissa de Groot and Siewert Lindenbergh. The second phase (2019) consisted of drafting the text of the document by a broadly composed working group (lawyers, damage experts, medical advisors, mediators, etc.), chaired by Siewert Lindenbergh and supervised by Marnix Hebly. This group was monitored by a steering group in which various stakeholders were also represented. In the autumn, the definitive text was finalized, after submission of a draft to the industry for consultation.

#### **Christopher Hodges awarded OBE**

Professor Chris Hodges, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours for services to Business and Law. He warmly recognises the support over many years of many friends and colleagues, not least his team of research colleagues.

The award recognises many years researching regulatory and dispute resolution systems, and working with officials, judges, ombuds, businesses, consumers and others on reforms aimed at producing outcomes and systems that are ethical, fair, safe, effective and cooperative. Professor Hodges has chaired committees in the pharmacy, medical devices, medicines, consumer law, product safety and liability, housing and opera sectors. He has advised governments, regulators and ombuds across the world. He has sat on committees redesigning regulation of property agents, and served on various boards including of the UK Research Integrity Office.

Professor Hodges is regarded as the leading European expert on consumer dispute resolution, ombuds and ADR, with deep knowledge founded on extensive research, and has advised almost all the UK consumer Ombudsmen. He co-founded the International Network for Delivery of Regulation in 2017 at the invitation of UK government, which has links with experts in regulatory delivery worldwide. His research into public and private enforcement cast doubt on the efficacy of deterrence in most circumstances, and led to the 'no blame' open culture idea of Ethical Business Practice and Regulation. These concepts are now being piloted widely, from financial services to care homes to water pricing. He has held chairs at Oxford and Erasmus Universities, and visiting chairs in China, Australia and Belgium.

## Vici project 'Affordable access to justice: towards sustainable cost and funding mechanisms for civil litigation in Europe' begins

December 2020 marked the start of the Vici project of Xandra Kramer. The Vici grant was awarded to her in February 2020 by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), to further develop her innovative line of research in the area of civil justice and to consolidate her research group in the coming five years.

Access to justice is a human right guaranteed by the European Human Rights Convention and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and is crucial for sustainable economic growth. At the same time, it is the fundamental right that is most often violated. At the heart of effective access to civil justice lies litigation funding and cost management. The Vici project will assess new pathways to civil justice funding and cost schemes, with a view to developing a balanced financing system, thereby securing access to justice in Europe. Xandra Kramer's project will analyze the development of private financing and cost mechanisms in several European jurisdictions and examine them against the background of ensuring access to justice as a fundamental right. This will result in a framework for financing and cost rules that contributes to a sustainable European civil justice system.

The Vici projected started in December 2020. The team consists of Dr. Eva Storskrubb, Dr. Carlota Ucin, Adriana Dori LL.M. and Dr. Masood Ahmed (all as of January 2021) and PhD students Eduardo Silva de Freitas LL.M. and Adrian Cordina LL.M. (both as of December 2020).

#### **BACT** research seminars and guest lectures

In 2020 the following speakers held a seminar within our group:

Date	Speaker	Topic
23 January	Philip Hans Franses	A Future for Big Data
	Jon Klick	The Effect of Alcohol on Crime: Evidence from Baseball
25 June	Jeff Rachlinski	Judging Autonomous Vehicles
29 October	Chris Reinders Folmer	Compliance with COVID-19 mitigation measures and the processes that sustain it: A longitudinal perspective from the Netherlands and the United States
10 December	Jeroen Luyten	How much does it really cost to develop a new drug?

#### **PhD Defences**

#### Edoardo Martino, 10 September 2020

Bank Governance and the Bail-in the EU: A Law & Finance analysis on the role of bail-inable creditors

Promotors: Prof. A.M. Pacces and Prof. G.W. Ringe

#### Renny Reyes Reyes, 2 October 2020

Better Regulation in Latin American countries: A tool for accountability?

Promotors: Prof. A. Pacces and Dr. A. Renda

#### Denard Veshi, 19 October 2020

Refugee Flow: A Law and Economics approach Promotors: Prof. E. Salzberger and Prof. M. Faure

#### Xun Xiao, 19 November 2020

Director's Duties and Liabilities in China Promotors: Prof. M. Faure and Prof. Y. Li

#### Alberto Quintavalla, 16 December 2020

Water: Conceptualisations, Regulatory Approaches and Scrutinising EU Water Law

Promotors: Prof. K. Heine and Prof. E. Hey

## Awards, Distinctions and Other Evidence of Reputation

#### Alina Ontanu

- Became editor of European Association of Private International Law Blog (EAPIL Blog).
- Became member of the European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL), the Working Group on the Feasibility of a European Private International Law Act and of the European Law Institute (ELI).

#### Harriet Schelhaas

- As of 1 May 2020, Harriet Schelhaas is editor-in-chief of Contracteren.
- As of 1 May 2020, Harriet Schelhaas is appointed as Vice Dean Bachelor education for Erasmus School of Law (Law, Criminology & Tax Law).

#### Franziska Weber

- 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 Mühlheußer/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.
- Franziska is now an Academic Director of the Erasmus Competition & Regulation institute (ECRi).

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- 2 June 2020: lecture "Risk-sharing in the context of fishery mutual insurance in China", at Bucerius School of Law, Hamburg, Germany, via Zoom.
- 23 June 2020: lecture "The Law and Economics of Federalism", for the Facultade de Direito Ambiental da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Uni Rio), Brazil, online.
- 26 May 2020: Promotor at PhD Defence A.M.F.Jr. Sally, Le statut juridique du port autonome d'Abidjan, Maastricht University.
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- 30 October 2020: lecture "The impact of environmental regulation on investment climate", Public Law and Governance Series no. 27, keynote lecture, at CUPL, Beijing, China (online).
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- 23 November 2020: keynote lecture "The Role of Environmental Law in Developing Countries", at the Annual Conference of the Brazilian Association of Law and Economics (online).
- 19 December 2020: Promotor at PhD Defence X. Xun, *Directors Duties and Liabilities in China*, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

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- 17 January 2020: Presentation of the paper *Explaining judicial assistants' influence on judicial decision-making*, Radboud University at VSR-jaarvergadering, Nijmegen.
- 9 March 2020: Choosing a research method: The unavoidability of making trade-offs., Key note lecture at Ucall heidag, Utrecht.
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- 13 October 2020: Digitalisering in de publieke dienstverlening. Reflectie op presentatie Paulien de Winter over vaststelling profiel uitkeringsgerechtigde door elektronische analyse. Webinar: NISZ.
- 19-20 October 2020: Chairing two sessions about ideas for further research and/or mutual grant applications Part I and Part II. Efficiency, quality and legitimacy of employing judicial assistants in courts globally (Follow-up workshop): Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld, Germany.
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- 21 January 2020: co-presentation with Marco Velicogna 'Can Technology Provide an Answer to Cross-Border Litigation complexity? A Case Study on the e-CODEX Experience', Digitisation and Private Law, Law and Criminology in the New Digital Era (CT2020), Loyala University, Sevilla, Spain.
- 5 February 2020: *Electronic documents, Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence Abroad*, EJTN Civil Law Project, School of the Judiciary, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 21 February 2020: Access to Justice via e-Handling of Cross-Border Procedures. The Example of the European Uniform Procedures, Seminar on European Cross-Border Procedures, Erasmus School of Law Sigmund Freud University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- 31 March 2020: The European Small Claims Procedure in France & Abroad, Implementation issues and best practices in the ESCP Regulation, Online Workshop, Small Claims Analysis Net (SCAN), Etablissement d'Enseignement Superieur Consulaire Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Paris (HEC), France.
- 8 October 2020: Normalising the use of electronic evidence in civil procedure. Exploring
  ways to bring new forms of technology into a familiar normative path, Technologies of
  Normalization, Series of Online Seminars organised by Centre for Social Studies (CES)
  University of Coimbra, National Research Council of Italy and Social Research Policy &
  Planning (SRPP, Sydney).

#### Priskila Penasthika

- 23 March 2020: The Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts: Inspirations for Asia and Latin America, Rotterdam Erasmus School of Law, Guest Lecture for European Private International Law Course.
- P.P. Penasthika & X.E. Kramer (2020). *Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts.* (podcast). Law Out Loud Erasmus Graduate School of Law. (available: 6 Oct 2020).

#### Niels Philipsen

- March 2017-February 2021: Project manager of ITN Project *'European Intellectual Property Institutes Network Innovation Society (EIPIN-IS)'*, March 2017-.February 2021.
- 11 June 2020: Assessment committee member PhD Defence Luisa Cortat Simonetti Goncalves on 'Legal Remedies Against the Plastic Pollution of the Oceans', Maastricht University.
- 29 June 2020: Promotor at PhD Defence Maria Fernanda Caporale Madi on 'Regulating Vertical Agreements: A comparative Law & Economics analysis of Brazil and Europe', Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 11 July 2020: Assessment committee member PhD Defence Du Du on 'A Comparative Study of the Legislative Designs Concerning Foreign Takeover Bids of Listed Companies: China and the Netherlands', Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- September-November 2020: Member of the course planning group Master course 'Law and Economics', University of Hasselt.
- September-November 2020: Course coordinator International course 'Lessons for the Design of Efficient Regulation', China-EU School of Law.
- October-December 2020: Course coordinator Master course 'Law and Economics', Maastricht University.
- 14 October 2020: Member PhD committee Constantijn van Aartsen, "A Journey Into Causes of Corporate Misbehaviour", Maastricht University.
- 19 November 2020: member PhD committee Xun Xiao, "Directors' Duties and Liabilities in China", Erasmus University Rotterdam.

#### Alberto Quintavalla

• 16 December 2020: PhD defence 'Water: Conceptualisations, Regulatory Approaches and Scrutinising EU Water Law' (promotores: prof. dr. Klaus Heine and prof. dr. Ellen Hey), Erasmus University Rotterdam.

#### Jeff Rachlinski

• 25 June 2020: Judging Autonomous Vehicles, online BACT seminar.

#### Renny Reyes Reyes

• 2 October 2020: PhD Defence (online) on 'Better Regulation in Latin American countries: A tool for accountability?' (promotores: prof. dr. Alessio Pacces and dr. Andrea Renda), Erasmus University Rotterdam.

#### Femke Ruitenbeek-Bart

• F.M. Ruitenbeek-Bart, Case note for Gerechtshof Arnhem-Leeuwarden 25 februari 2020, JA 2020/73.

#### Harriet Schelhaas

• H.N. Schelhaas & J.H.M. Spanjaard. Het wetsvoorstel franchise: verbeterd, maar nog steeds werk aan de winkel, Tijdschrift voor de Contractspraktijk 2020/2.3, p. 47-59.

- 27 May 2020: Course contract law, SSR.
- 3 June 2020: Cursus contract law, SSR.
- 10 June 2020: Online lecture 'Bezieling in het recht', for Lothgenoten (https://lothgenoten.nl/digitale-bijeenkomst-met-gastspeker-prof-mr-h-n-schelhaas/).
- 6 July 2020: presentation at online conference of Erasmus Honours Law College.

#### Ilja Tillema

- 17 November 2020: The rise of entrepreneurial mass litigation in the Netherlands. Rotterdam, Conference Frontiers in Civil Justice.
- 27 November 2020: Chair (together with Marnix Hebly) of Workshop Liability & Insurance lus Commune Conference 2020.

#### Martijn Scheltema

- M.W. Scheltema and C.C. Van Dam, *Opties voor afdwingbare IMVO-instrumenten* (External report). The Hague: none [go to publisher's site], 2020.
- R. McCorquodale & M.W. Scheltema, Core elements of an EU regulation on mandatory human rights & environmental due diligence, https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/expert-contribution-core-elements-of-an-eu-regulation-on-mandatory-human-rights-environmental-due-diligence.
- 31 January 2020: participated in a meeting of the American Bar Assocation's project on responsible contracting in supply chains in Washington.
- 7 February 2020: participated in a meeting of Wageningen University in the NWO Smart Governance program on governance of sustainability initiatives.
- 17 February 2020: delivered a presentation for banks on the research project for the Dutch government on legislative options for Human Rights due diligence.
- 18 February 2020: organized, presented and moderated at a stakeholder session on the research project for the Dutch government on legislative options for Human Rights due diligence.
- 18 February 2020: Opties voor afdwingbare IMVO-instrumenten. Utrecht, Stakeholder meeting organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 19 February 2020: organized, moderated and participated in a meeting with public supervisors on the research project for the Dutch government on legislative options for Human Rights due diligence.
- 20 February 2020: presented at a meeting of the VNO-NCW committee for multinational enterprises on legislative and treaty developments in the business human rights arena.
- 31 March 2020: participated in an expert session organized by the Dutch Social Economic Counsel (SER) on legislative options in the business human rights arena also in connection with the International Responsible Business Conduct Agreements.
- 3 April 2020: participated in a stakeholder consultation on monitoring of human rights due diligence organized by the Ministry of Foreign affairs.
- 28 May 2020 (onwards): participated as foreign expert in 8 sessions of the Supply Chain Transparency Study Committee of the US Uniform Law commission on legislative options regarding human trafficking and human rights due diligence.
- 10 June 2020: participated in a UN consultation on the recovery of stolen assets (through corruption) and human rights on June 10.
- 16 June 2020: participated in a meeting of the American Bar Association's project on responsible contracting in supply chains.
- 26 June 2020: presentation and discussion on responsible business conduct at ING.
- 10 September 2020: presented at a seminar organized by the International Responsible Business Conduct Agreement in the insurance sector on access to remedy in connection with human rights abuse.
- 21-22 September 2020: Participated in the ad hoc working group of the Council of Europe (CAHAI) on artificial intelligence and human rights.

- 24 September 2020: presentation for the global counsel and members of boards of Dutch multinationals on legislative developments in connection with business human rights.
- 30 September 2020: Presentation for legal counsel of companies involved in the negotiation process for an International Responsible Business Conduct (IRBC) Agreement in the Wind Energy sector regarding legislative developments in the field of human rights due diligence and legal consequences of an IRBC agreement on 30 September.
- 1 October 2020: Member of the inner committee of the PhD defence of Qiqi Fu, A Comparative Study of Minority Shareholder Protection in China, the US and the Netherlands, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 5 October 2020: Participated in an expert consultation organized by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on challenges regarding access to remedy in connection with human rights abuse caused or contributed to by artificial intelligence (B-Tech project).
- 6 October 2020: Participated in the stakeholder board meeting of the SHERPA project commissioned by the European Commission on ethical challenges of artificial intelligence.
- 5 November 2020: Participated as a panel member in the annual conference of the International Bar Association on arbitration regarding human rights issues. As member of the international group of experts who have developed arbitration rules on business human rights arbitration (The Hague Rules) he has introduced and explained those rules.
- 13 November 2020: Participated in a panel organized by the Asian Arbitration Association, Bridging the divide: International Arbitration and Human Rights, on arbitration and business human rights in which he has focussed on the Hague Rules on Business Human Rights arbitration.
- 17 November 2020: Chaired an expert meeting on the legal implications of the legislative proposal on sustainability initiatives ('Wet duurzaamheidsinitiatieven') organized by the Social Economic Council (SER) and the Ministry of Economic Affairs.
- 19 November 2020: Member of the inner committee of the PhD defence of Xun Xiao, Directors' Duties and Liabilities in China, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 15 December 2020: Participated as an observer in the CAHAI ad hoc committee of the Council of Europe on human rights challenges of artificial intelligence.
- 17 December 2020: Presented at a conference organized by NEN on artificial intelligence and ethics.

#### Louis Visscher

- H.O. Kerkmeester & L.T. Visscher (2020). Rechtseconomie. *Ars Aequi KwartaalSignaal*, 2020 (155), p. 9173-9174.
- B.F.H. Nieuwesteeg, M.G. Faure & L.T. Visscher, Aansprakelijkheid voor digitale onveiligheid in b2b-relaties, (Extern rapport): Ministerie van Economische Zaken en Klimaat 2020.
- L.T. Visscher, Over vaccins en immuniteit tegen aansprakelijkheid. AV&S 2020, p. 211-213.
- M.R. Hebly, S.D. Lindenbergh, L.T. Visscher & P.T.M. Desmet, *Compensatie en verhaal van schade door strafbare feiten. Verkenning van bronnen, volumes en publieke kosten,* Den Haag: WODC 2020.

#### Denard Veshi

• 19 November 2020: PhD Defence 'Refugee Flow: A Law and Economics approachOpens external.' (promotores: prof. dr. Michael Faure and prof. dr. Eli Salzberger), Erasmus University Rotterdam.

#### Josje de Vogel

• 17 September 2020: featured in EGSL Podcast 'Law Out Loud', together with Johan Vannerom. More info on Law Out Loud (here); link to podcast (here).

#### Franziska Weber

- 23 June 2020: lecture 'Is compensation fine? Sanction regimes and their effects on deterrence and trust', within the Bucerius Law School (Hamburg) lecture series "New Frontiers in Law and Economics" (online).
- 25 June 2020: lecture 'Tackling pass-on in cartel cases: a comparative analysis of the interplay between damages law and economics', ASCOLA conference (online).
- 1 October 2020: Tagung des Arbeitskreises Kartellrecht, Bundeskartellamt, participation upon invitation (online).
- 4 December 2020: Promoter at PhD defence Lukas Böker "Nudge im Spiegel des allgemeinen Persönlichkeitsrechts" (summa cum laude), Hamburg University.
- 9 December 2020: Staffel 2 Folge 13 Gesundheitspolitische Videosprechstunde, Titel: "Nur ein Schubs in die richtige Richtung" Nudging im Gesundheitswesen', Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung.

#### Xun Xiao

• 19 November 2020: PhD Defence 'Director's Duties and Liabilities in China' (promotores: prof. dr. Michael Faure and prof. dr. Yuwen Li), Erasmus University Rotterdam.

#### Anran Zhang

- 13 June 2020: The Role of Chinese Young Scholars in Investor-State Arbitration. Virtual, Invited by Qingdao Center for Global Governance and International Law.
- 11 October 2020: The Youth in International Investment Arbitration. Virtual, Moot Court Training (Southwest University of Political Science and Law).