

KEY PUBLICATIONS

GLAWnet - Globalisation & Law Network

- Volume *The Legitimacy of EU Environmental Governance and the Role of the European Courts*, co-edited by Mariolina Eliantonio (OUP, 2025).
- Volume *Comparative Concepts of Criminal Law*, co-edited by Johannes Keiler (Larcier-Intersentia, 2025).
- Special Issue 'The Logic(s) of International Law' of the Hague Yearbook of International Law, co-edited by Henrique Marcos and Antonia Waltermann (Brill, 2025).
- Article 'Guardians of Digital Rights: Exploring Strategic Litigation on Data Protection and Content Moderation in the EU', co-authored by Valentina Golunova and Sarah Tas, published in the *Nordic Journal of European Law* (2025).
- Article 'Consent to Jurisdiction Under the Brussels I Regulation and the 2005 Choice of Court Convention' by Marta Pertegás Sender, published in the *German Law Journal* (2025).
- Report 'Transforming Global Migration Governance Through and Beyond the Global Compacts', co-authored by Lilian Tsourdi, published in the context of the ENSURED project (2025).

ICGI - Institute for Corporate Law, Governance and Innovation Policies

- *Mieke Olaerts, Tom Vos, Bastiaan Kemp, Constantijn Van Aertsen en Rob Bauer, Tussentijdse evaluatie van de wettelijke bedenktijd voor het bestuur van beursvennootschappen (2024) (WODC Report evaluating the reflection period)*
- *European Corporate Law* Kluwer International (2022).
This book was written by several current and former members of ICGI and is used in the mastercourse Comparative Company Law.
- *European Company Law Journal*
The journal *European Company Law* which is managed by members of the ICGI institute. It allows us to build our network and disseminate research in the area of company law. The contributions in turn are also used for educational purposes in our masterprogramme.
- *B. Kemp, 'Gedrag norms en rechtsvorming in het ondernemingsrecht. Oratie van prof. mr. B. Kemp', Maandblad voor Ondernemingsrecht 2024/3-4;*
In this publication the focus is on the development of legal behavioral norms in corporate law through efforts of the legislators and the courts. It is discussed how our society develops certain legal norms, how norm can be expanded as "building blocks" and what the advantages and disadvantages of the various techniques of the development of the law are.

IGIR - Institute for Globalisation and International Regulation

- *Alexovicova I. (2025), 'Trade in Services' in Collins D. and Vadi, V. Routledge Handbook on International Economic Law, Routledge, pp. 130-144, doi: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003399711-9>. This book chapter discusses recent developments in respect of international regulation of trade in services, highlighting an important policy shift away from substantive obligations and towards procedural facilitation of trade and investment.*
- *Coppens, D. and Lockhart, N. (forthcoming 2026), 'Tipping points for climate change action? The ICJ, ITLOS, and IACtHR advisory opinions on climate change', forthcoming in the special issue of the Netherlands International Law Review. IGIR member Dominic Coppens and his co-author represented participants in the ICJ and ITLOS advisory opinions (Antigua and Barbuda before the ICJ; and the African Union and the Comoros before ITLOS) and analyse the courts' landmark findings on the international law obligations of States to address climate change.*
- *Prevost, D. (2025). 'Market access and quantitative restrictions' in Collins D. and Vadi, V. Routledge Handbook on International Economic Law, Routledge, pp. 100-112 doi: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003399711-9>. This book chapter examines contemporary challenges and emerging issues related to the regulation of quantitative restrictions to trade in the context of environmental, geopolitical and economic developments.*
- *Moerland, A. (2024), 'Intellectual Property Law and AI', in: Lim, E. and Morgan P., The Cambridge Handbook of Private Law and Artificial Intelligence, Cambridge University Press, p. 362 – 383; 3961 downloads on SSRN of the pre-print show a significant societal impact.*
- *Zheng, K. and N.J. Philipsen (2025), "Regulation of Digital Markets with Competition Soft Law – A law and economics perspective", Journal of Competition Law and Economics, vol. 21 (3), doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/joclec/nhaf010>. This paper, which analyzes the role of competition soft law, is a strong example of the inter-disciplinary research carried out within IGIR.*
- *Kamperman Sanders, A. (2022). Intellectual property in digital agriculture. Law, Innovation and Technology, 14(1), 113–127, an open access contribution central to the MATS project and re-published in (2026) Law Technology and Disruption, Routledge, Ch. 5, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17579961.2022.2047522>.*

ITEM - Institute for Transnational and Euregional cross border cooperation and Mobility

- *Report for OECD, Mobility and Integrated Labour Markets for Third-country Nationals in Greater Copenhagen. Sivonen, S., Mertens, P., Unfried, M. (2025). Commissioned by OECD and DG REGIO, ITEM wrote the two fundamental chapters "Barriers to cross-border labour mobility for TCNs – learning from other EU cross-border regions" and "Information-sharing and co-ordination of employment and skills systems". Connected to the publication, ITEM presented and co-organised two panels preceding and during the [OECD Local Development Forum 2024](#) in Malmö.*
- *The revised Schengen Borders Code – an ex-post evaluation in times of border controls: Effects of internal border controls across European cross-border regions. Mertens, P., Sivonen, S., Unfried, M. (2025). Many of the cross-border regions at the internal borders of the EU are today faced with the reintroduction of border controls. In these areas, the (negative) impacts of such controls may be especially visible due to*

the high degree of integration, intensive cross-border cooperation, and the daily movement of commuters across the border. This joint Cross-Border Impact Assessment by ITEM and the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN) examines several border regions across Europe, looking at what are the current effects of the reintroduction of internal border controls on (cross-)border regions, and what potential impacts might arise from the amended Schengen Borders Code, including the new requirement to carry out cross-border impact assessments. It is one of the first studies actually looking to the cross-border regional level of Schengen, also discussed thoroughly with the policymakers at the European Commission.

- *Report for Interreg project Crossquality - The quality of cross-border cooperation in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine and effects of the INTERREG Programme: Application of the impact assessment methodology to the quality of cross-border cooperation, Unfried, M. & Mertens, P. (2023).* ITEM is involved in many Interreg projects, an EU fund to foster cross-border cooperation. However, the qualitative effects of Interreg on cooperation have never been studied. This project was a very special one, namely investigating the influence of Interreg on the quality of cross-border cooperation. We developed a special methodology for assessing the effects in a qualitative manner and applied it. The results as well as the methodology have been shared with Interreg secretariats across Europe and the pan-European INTERACT, where the methodology is also disseminated.
- *Report for the European Commission - Legal, procedural and administrative pathways for awarding the European degree label. Sivonen, S., Mertens, P., & Azhar, A. (2023).* The European Commission launched in 2022 an initiative to pilot the concept of a European degree (label). Through the Erasmus+ programme, the European Commission funded six policy experimentation projects, among them FOCI. Eight universities from three European Universities Alliances (YUFE, ECIU and EPICUR) partnered in piloting an innovative approach to the European degree label through the FOCI (Future-proof Criteria for Innovative European Education) project. First, in this report ITEM evaluated the legal feasibility of the EDL criteria pursuant to the national regulatory frameworks and addressed the challenges that may arise in the creation of joint programmes. Secondly, this report explored three potential outcomes in which format the European degree label could be issued pursuant to the current regulatory framework.
- *Reports for Interreg project EMRLingua - Legal and administrative obstacles in the mobility of secondary school teachers in the Euregio Meuse-Rhine (EMR). Sivonen, S., & Coppens, D. (2023) & Connecting through education in a border region: Why schools in the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion do/do not invest in neighbouring language education and Euregional school activities, Hovens, D. (2023).* EMRLingua (Interreg Euregio Meuse-Rhine) has the overarching goal of promoting knowledge of the so-called 'neighbouring languages' (Dutch, French and German) in the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion. ITEM carried out an analysis of existing needs, bottlenecks, and practices regarding language and intercultural education at secondary schools, and an analysis of legal obstacles for teachers working in a neighbouring country (within the Euregio Meuse-Rhine).
- *Report for Auswärtiges Amt – German Government - Konzeptstudie zur Analyse der Auswirkungen neuer Rechtsvorschriften auf die Grenzregionen. Unfried, M. & Mertens, P. (2022).* Commissioned by the German government, ITEM together with colleagues from MOT and the Euro-Institut have investigated how a cross-border impact assessment method could be incorporated in the framework of the German-French Treaty of Aachen. The report resulted in recommendations for implementation

of a regulatory cross-border impact assessment, that also resulted in follow-up in several presentations and workshops with the German-French *Ausschuss für Grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit*. The recommendations have been implemented, so that there is a cross-border impact assessment at German level.

Law&TechLab - Maastricht Law and Tech Lab

- *Louis, A., van Dijck, G., & Spanakis, G. (2023). Finding the Law: Enhancing Statutory Article Retrieval via Graph Neural Networks. In A. Vlachos, & I. Augenstein (Eds.), Proceedings of the 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (pp. 2761–2776). Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://doi.org/10.18653/v1/2023.eacl-main.203>*
This publication exemplifies high research quality through methodological innovation at the intersection of law and computer science, introducing a graph-based model that reflects the internal structure of legislation. Scientifically, it advances state-of-the-art legal information retrieval, while societally it contributes to improved access to law for both legal professionals and citizens. The work also underpins open science efforts through reusable datasets and models.
- *Westermann, H., Savelka, J., & Benyekhlef, K. (2023). LLMediator: GPT-4 Assisted Online Dispute Resolution. In Proceedings of the ICAIL 2023 Workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Access to Justice (pp. 1-12). [arXiv:2307.16732v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.16732v1)* This paper explores the responsible use of large language models in access-to-justice contexts, directly engaging with questions of research quality and AI governance. It demonstrates societal impact by investigating how AI-assisted mediation could support lay users in resolving disputes. The work reflects the Lab's programming focus on Technology for Law and interdisciplinary experimentation.
- *Gunawan, J., Hartzog, W., Richards, N., Choffnes, D., & Wilson, C. (2025). Dark Patterns as Disloyal Design. Indiana Law Journal, 100(4), 1389-1429. <https://www.repository.law.indiana.edu/ilj/vol100/iss4/3/>* This article represents a significant legal-theoretical contribution by proposing a novel regulatory framing for dark patterns grounded in established legal doctrines. It has strong societal and policy relevance, offering lawmakers and regulators a clearer and more operationalizable concept. The publication illustrates how interdisciplinary insights from design theory and computer science can strengthen doctrinal legal scholarship.
- *Duffourc, M., Gerke, S., & Kollnig, K. (2024). Privacy of Personal Data in the Generative AI Data Lifecycle. NYU Journal of Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law, 13(2), 219-268. <https://jipel.law.nyu.edu/privacy-of-personal-data-in-the-generative-ai-data-lifecycle/>* This publication addresses pressing scientific and societal questions concerning generative AI and data protection in both the EU and US. It demonstrates research quality through systematic legal analysis across the full AI data lifecycle and contributes to policy debates on AI regulation. Integrating computer science and legal insights, the article aligns with the Lab's Law for Technology agenda and its focus on emerging technologies.
- *Halil, D., Kollnig, K., & Tamo-Larrieux, A. (2025). Regulating pressing systemic risks-but not too soon? Internet Policy Review, 14(2), Article 2010. <https://doi.org/10.14763/2025.2.2010>* This article combines legal analysis with empirical research to evaluate the practical functioning of the DSA's data access regime. It contributes to societal impact by highlighting barriers that currently prevent meaningful research into platform risks, informing regulators and policymakers. Methodologically, it reflects the Lab's emphasis on legally grounded empirical

research.

- *Methoden van rechtswetenschappelijk onderzoek (2023)* This textbook contributes to research quality and programming by providing a structured and reflective account of legal research methods. It supports education and capacity-building within the legal discipline and beyond, including interdisciplinary contexts. The work strengthens the methodological foundations on which the Lab's broader research agenda builds.

MCEL - Maastricht Centre for European law

- *Bellenghi, G. (2025). 'Neither Normalcy nor Crisis: The Quest for a Definition of Emergency under EU Constitutional Law'. European Journal of Risk Regulation, 1-20. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1017/err.2025.17>.* This article stems from the research carried out by Guido in the framework of his PhD research. Although at that moment only in his second year, Guido demonstrates a level of maturity in his writing which is confirmed by the publication in this international peer reviewed journal. The article is open access.
- *Bonelli, M. (2024). 'Growing pains: Direct effect, primacy and fundamental rights after Lin'. Common Market Law Review, 61(4), 1045-1076. <https://doi.org/10.54648/cola2024068>.* This case note article of 32 pages is exemplary of publications by EU lawyers. In one of the top journals of EU law, Matteo meticulously analyses the recent trend of expansion of the notion of direct effect in the Court's case law and its impact of direct effect and primacy on fundamental rights.
- *Dawson, D., B. De Witte, & E. Muir (Eds.) (2024), Revisiting judicial politics in the European Union (pp. 352-372). Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035313518.00022>.* This publication is the outcome of a joint project by Bruno and two external scholars in EU law Mark Dawson and Elise Muir (former MCEL members). Five MCEL scholars have contributed to this volume: Ellen & Luca ('When EU Courts meet science: judicial review of science-based measures post-Pfizer'), Fulvia (together with E. Spaventa, 'The role of judges in academic and political discourse') and Matteo & Monica ('Judicial politics in the EU rule of law crisis'). In addition to the high quality of the publication, it also shows the excellent connections MCEL scholars have with colleagues in the field. The entire edited volume is open access.
- *Peeters, M., M. Eliantonio, K. Kulovesi, and A. Savaresi (eds.) (2026), Greening the EU and the Rule of Law — Opportunities and Limits of the EU's Legal Powers (Edward Elgar).* This publication is the outcome of a joint project by Marjan and Mariolina and two external renowned experts in environmental law, Kati Kulovesi and Annalisa Savaresi, within the context of the Jean Monnet Network: The European Green Deal: Governing the EU's Transition towards Climate Neutrality and Sustainability (GreenDeal-NET) of which Marjan is a partner. The volume brings together experts in the field of environmental law, the Green Deal and the rule of law. It recognises the expertise by Marjan and Mariolina also in the international context. In addition to the contributions by Marjan and Mariolina, also Alessandro Cuomo published in this volume. The entire edited volume is open access.
- *Ristuccia, F. (2023). Ties that bind and ties that compel: Dependency and the Ruiz Zambrano doctrine. Common Market Law Review, 60(5), 1227-1268. <https://doi.org/10.54648/cola2023092>.* Fulvia received for this article the Annual AISDUE prize for best EU law article, awarded by the Italian Association of EU law

Scholars (AISDUE) in 2024. The AISDUE Committee praised Fulvia for the clarity of the structure of her writing and the in-depth analysis.

- *Tsourdi, E. and Zardo, F. (2025), 'Migration Governance Through Funding: Theoretical, Normative, and Empirical Perspectives', In: Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies. 23, 1, 1-15.* This publication builds on the research results obtained in Lilian's NOW Veni project Financial Governance: Policy Implementation and Solidarity through EU funding Outputs (2019-2024) and her Jean Monnet Chair in EU Migration Law and Governance (MILE) (2023-2026). This article is open access.

MCHR - Maastricht Centre for Human Rights

- *Jure Vidmar, Territorial Status in International Law (Oxford, Hart, 2024).* - This book develops a novel/new theory of territorialism and international legal status of territories. It (i) defines the concept of territory, explaining how territories are created; (ii) redefines the concept of statehood, illustrating that statehood (rather than the statehood criteria) is territorial legal status established in the formal sources of international law; and (iii) grounds non-State territorial entities in the sources of international law to explain their international legal status. This fresh new theoretical perspective has both scholarly and practical importance, providing a tool to help decision-makers and judges in the practical application of international law both internationally and domestically.
- *Andrea Broderick and Jennifer Sellin (eds) Socio-economic Rights, Inequalities and Vulnerability in Times of Crisis: Building Back Better, edited volume [Edward Edgar Publishers, 2024].* - This timely book explores the key lessons that can be learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, adopting a forward-looking approach to the socio-economic rights of vulnerable groups. It highlights the ways in which we can better prepare for future times of crises. Both editors (members of the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights) authored several chapters in the book.
- *Hanxu Liu, 'The Role of National Human Rights Institutions and Organizations of Persons with Disabilities in the National Monitoring of the CRPD', (with Colin Caughy) in M. H. Rioux, A. Buettgen, E. Zubrow, & J. Viera (Eds.), Handbook of Disability: Critical Thought and Social Change in a Globalizing World (Springer Nature 2024)* This chapter is one of the first publications to explore the complex relationship between national human rights institutions and organizations of persons with disabilities in the context of the relatively recently adopted United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It analyses the obligation placed on states to establish an independent monitoring framework and how States are meeting this obligation in practice. It looks at the different models which States have adopted when developing their monitoring frameworks, noting that the designation of a national human rights institution within the framework as the independent monitoring mechanism has in practice been shown as the strongest guarantee of both independence and effectiveness.
- *Alexandre Skander Galand, 'Defer or Revise? Horizontal Dialogue Between UN Treaty Bodies and Regional Human Rights Courts in Duplicative Legal Proceedings' Human Rights Law Review 23(2) (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1093/hrlr/ngad009>* - This article examines the practice of duplicative proceedings of United Nations treaty bodies and makes the argument that the *res judicata* and *lis pendens* principles have not prevented the treaty bodies from reviewing cases previously examined by a regional human rights court. In finding so, novel opportunities for horizontal dialogue between United Nations treaty bodies and regional human rights courts are identified.

- Marieke Hopman, 'The Child's Right to Freedom of Expression in Moroccan controlled Western Sahara' 27 (2023) *International Journal of Human Rights*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2022.2142210> - This article presents the results of a mixed-methods study, including qualitative data, on the child's right to freedom of expression in Moroccan-controlled Western Sahara. The data is analysed using a legal doctrinal perspective, a normative pluralism perspective, and a narrative theory perspective. The paper presents an alternative 'silent narrative', which has the potential to be a new political space where certain topics can be discussed more freely.
- Lisa Waddington and Andrea Broderick, *Major thematic report Court Practices regarding Disability Discrimination, including Reasonable Accommodation, at EU and Member State Level, and in light of the UN CRPD (report written for the European Commission 2023)*, https://www.migpolgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Court-Practices-Disability-Discrimination_web_Final.pdf This key report examines jurisprudence interpreting the prohibition of disability discrimination and the duty to provide reasonable accommodation that is developing within the Court of Justice of the European Union, in the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and in national courts and quasi-judicial equality bodies across the EU. The report also provides an analytical overview of the growing body of case law, thus constituting a highly useful source of inspiration and information for lawyers active in this field across the EU.

MCLJ - Maastricht Centre for Law & Jurisprudence

- Reyes Molina, Sebastian (2026). "A Matter of Pedigree: Legal Interpretation and Judicial Review." *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*, available in open access. <https://doi.org/10.1017/cjlj.2025.10059>. The paper is the result of research embedded in the MCLJ's research stream 'Law, Normativity, and Authority'. Its main focus is the role of values in judicial institutions; the paper argues for an innovative approach to countermajoritarianism in judicial review by combining insights from legal interpretation, political philosophy, and constitutional theory
- Garcia-Salmones, Monica & Janwillem Oosterhuis (2025). "Grotius and Hobbes: The Necessities of Human Nature." *Grotiana*, Volume 46: Issue 1, pp. 130–155. <https://doi.org/10.1163/18760759-46010017>. Today's global order of great powers seems to have parallels to Hugo Grotius and Thomas Hobbes's period, a fact that prompted an analysis of their concept of necessity and necessities. Against realist interpretations, the article critically argues that Grotius and Hobbes coincide in establishing clear limits to violence in international order and in advocating the goal of a peaceful preservation of human beings as individuals and as a species. The article concludes that Grotius's position is the most promising for the survival and flourishing of human beings, which is even more topical in light of international events
- Ubertone Michele (2025). "Legal Methodology and Complexity: A Comment on Allen." *Ratio Juris*, Volume 38: Issue 2, pp. 108-128, available in open access. <https://doi.org/10.1111/raju.12427>. This paper critically analyzes the proposal by one of the leading theorists of evidence, Ronald Allen, to use complexity theory in the legal field. The paper does not reject the proposal but questions some of the conclusions that Allen draws from this theory, particularly with regard to the usefulness of conceptual analysis and other traditional methods of research in legal scholarship
- Lenaerts, Mariken & Antonia Waltermann (2024). "Folk concepts and the effective regulation of new technologies." *Law, Technology and Humans*, Volume 6, Issue 1,

pp. 75-87, available in open access. <https://doi.org/10.5204/lthj.2794>. This publication combines legal theoretical and legal historical methods to investigate the relationship between legal concepts and folk concepts, using the example of (legal) personhood and emergent technologies. With its focus on the relationship between law and folk psychology, the publication contributes to the *Law and Mind* stream of the Centre; its focus on personhood and emergent technologies addresses core concepts of the *Law beyond the Human* stream.

- Pierik, Roland & Marcel Verweij (2024). *Inducing Immunity: Justifying Immunization Policies in Times of Vaccine Hesitancy*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (Basic Bioethics series), available in open access. <https://doi.org/10.7551/mitpress/15307.001.0001> ISBN: 9780262547796. This book explores both non-mandatory and mandatory ways to regulate collective immunisation within constitutional democracies. It approaches the problem as a conflict between the government's responsibility to protect public health and citizens' basic right to fundamental freedoms. The book employs an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating legal philosophy and public health ethics, and is the first book-length argument to integrate normative discussions of childhood vaccination and vaccination for adults (Covid-19).
- Dzedzic, Lukasz. (2024). "Administrative Lawfare at the European Union's External Borders: Some Perspectives on Administrative Regulation of NGO Search and Rescue Activities in Italy and the Situation at the Polish-Belarusian Border." *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, Volume 16, Issue 3, pp. 739-753, available in open access. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jhuman/huae028>. This article assesses how law can be used in an emancipatory or oppressive fashion in the context of migration management at the EU's external borders. It demonstrates that while activists can mobilise the law to demand accountability for rights violations, they are often confronted with state uses of administrative law as a form of 'lawfare', crippling said activism and raising serious rule of law concerns.

MCT - Maastricht Centre for Taxation

- Van Doesum, A., Van Kesteren, H., Cornielje, S. & Nellen, F. (2025). *Fundamentals of European VAT Law (3rd ed.)*. Kluwer Law International. This book offers an exhaustive and systematic analysis of the current state of EU Value Added Tax law, combining a detailed exposition of legislative provisions with an in-depth explanation of the rationale and structure of the EU VAT system. With its strong emphasis on systematics, interpretation, and extensive references to case law and literature, it serves as an indispensable reference for practitioners, legislators, judges, and researchers in European VAT law. 3rd edition!
- Nellen, F., Abdullah, K. & van Doornik, E. (2026). *Customs in a Day. Fonds Indirecte Belastingen*. This book mirrors the "VAT in a Day" concept – a concise overview of the EU VAT system, suitable for students and professionals new to the topic, recently published in a 4th edition – but for EU customs law. It provides an introduction to the functioning and rationale of the EU customs system, drawing on the Union Customs Code and other customs legislation. It aims to give readers a foundation in how customs duties are structured in the EU, what the key legal frameworks are, and how basic concepts (e.g. customs valuation, classification, origin and import/export procedures) work in practice. Unique of its kind.
- Korving, J. (2024). *30 Years of the Economic European Area; a Tax Law Perspective*. *Intertax*, 52(10), 647-663. This peer-reviewed article analyzes three decades of the

EEA, focusing on how EU and EEA law interact in tax matters. It examines the application of fundamental freedoms, key case law from the CJEU and EFTA Court, and the limited incorporation of EU tax directives into the EEA. It highlights the legal and policy challenges of extending EU tax rules within the EEA and assesses their impact on the internal market and cross-border taxation, providing valuable insight into EU economic integration from a tax law perspective.

- *Luja, R. (Ed.) (2024). National Tax Autonomy and the European Union: 17th conference of the Group for Research on European and International Taxation (GREIT). IBFD. GREIT Conference Series.* This volume compiles scholarly contributions from the 17th GREIT Conference (Maastricht, October 2023) focused on the theme of national tax autonomy within the EU context. It explores questions around how far Member States retain competence over their tax systems in light of EU legal and political pressures, how EU legislative procedures affect democratic representation, and how national prerogatives interact with EU internal market rules and broader EU tax policy. This makes it significant for understanding current debates on sovereignty, competence and EU tax harmonisation.
- *Korving, J., Kerinc, N., & Souza de Man, F. (Eds.) (2022). Taxes Crossing Borders (and Tax Professors Too): Liber Amicorum Prof. Dr R.G. (Rainer) Prokisch, Maastricht University Press.* This Liber Amicorum honors Prof. Dr Rainer Prokisch and offers essays on various international and EU tax law topics, reflecting the careers and contributions of tax law scholars. It is one of Maastricht University Press's first open access publications.
- *Serrat Romani, M., Korving, J. & Eliantonio, M. (Eds.) (2024). Exchange of Information in the EU: Taxpayers' Rights, Transparency and Effectiveness. Edward Elgar Publishing.* This edited volume provides a holistic and multidisciplinary analysis of exchange of information regimes in EU tax law – a topic of growing importance in global efforts against tax evasion and avoidance. It examines how exchange of information procedures intersect with taxpayer rights, transparency norms and procedural law. This work is key for understanding how transparency tools operate within EU tax governance and the outcome of an MCT workshop.

M-EPLI - Maastricht European Private Law Institute

- *Anna Beckers, Hans-W. Micklitz, Rodrigo Vallejo, Pia Letto-Vanamo (eds), The Foundations of European Transnational Private Law, Hart Publishing 2024.* This publication suggests a novel conceptual foundation for the global reach of European and EU private law. It connects to the debate on the Brussels effect but expands its explanatory power by means of (a) shifting the focus from public law and regulation to EU and European private law and (b) discussing the global reach in connection to not only effects on other countries or international law but also including transnational legal processes. The book is reviewed positively (in the Common Market Law Review) and its conceptual suggestion of European Transnational Private Law has been the topic of a dialogues section in the Maastricht Journal, Volume 32, Issue 4.
- *M. Duffourc & S. Gerke, 'Decoding U.S. Tort Liability in Healthcare's Black-Box AI Era: Lessons from the European Union', 27 Stan. Tech. L. Rev. 1 (2024):* This publication can be regarded as a key contribution within M-EPLI's research focus on Digitalisation and the changing infrastructure for private law because it directly addresses one of the most pressing challenges posed by digital technologies to core private law doctrines: liability in the context of AI-driven decision-making. The article advances scholarly understanding of how digitalisation reshapes the infrastructure of private law and

informs normative discussions on the desirability and design of legal responses to AI-driven innovation. The comparative approach closely aligns with M-EPLI's emphasis on understanding digitalisation through interdisciplinary and comparative research.

- *V. Petersen, V. Solnes, B. Akkermans & G. van Dijck, 'A Network Analysis for Determining the Topics and Precedents of Article 1 of Protocol No 1 (A1P1) to the European Convention on Human Rights', European Property Law Journal 14.2 (2025), pp. 147–176. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1515/eplj-2025-0009> Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (A1P1) of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), which protects the right to property, is one of the most litigated provisions of the ECHR. A1P1 mentions the peaceful enjoyment of property and provides requirements for the deprivation of property and the control of its use. Previous research shows that most of the scholarship is centered around a limited number of landmark cases that establish a set of three rules used to approach cases under this article. While the three rules remain central to A1P1 case law, the analysis of judgments reveals a more layered doctrinal structure. Beyond the conventional framework, the Court often makes assessments based on the specific circumstances of the case. This finding, which moves beyond abstract principles to fact-sensitive reasoning, introduces a degree of complexity that has not been fully acknowledged in existing legal scholarship. The study shows this complexity, suggests new avenues for understanding A1P1-case law, and offers practical insights for litigants, scholars, and judges engaging with A1P1 judgments.*
- *B. van Houtert, 'De tekortschietende Nederlandse conceptwet implementatie anti-SLAPP-richtlijn: Aanbevelingen om te voorkomen dat de richtlijn een papieren tijger wordt', Nederlands Juristenblad 2025, p. 2226-2234:* This publication critically analyses the Dutch draft legislation implementing the EU Anti-SLAPP Directive (EU) 2024/1069, arguing that the proposal fails to provide adequate safeguards to protect persons engaged in public participation from manifestly unfounded claims or abusive court proceedings ('strategic lawsuits against public participation'). Through a systematic assessment of Dutch procedural law in light of the Directive's requirements, the article identifies shortcomings and formulates concrete proposals to ensure effective safeguards concerning early dismissal mechanisms, legal costs, sanctions, and private international law. Its intrinsic quality lies in the depth of legal analysis and its engagement with EU and Dutch law and policy debates. By contributing to the safeguarding of freedom of expression and democratic debate, the article also has a significant societal impact, as it informs legislators, courts, SLAPP targets, such as journalists, and civil society actors addressing abusive litigation. The article directly aligns with M-EPLI's research focus on the interaction between EU law and national legal systems, as well as the protection of fundamental rights, access to justice, and cross-border litigation.
- *A. Parise, 'A Bicentennial Approach to an Exegetical School of Private Law in Louisiana', Journal of civil law studies 2025, 59-127:* The paper is an expansion of the 44th Tucker Lecture on Civil Law delivered by the author on March 20, 2025, at Louisiana State University. These lectures have been offered by legends of the law since 1972 (<https://law.lsu.edu/ccls/tuckerlecture/>). Lecturers include Peter Stein, John Henry Merryman, TB Smith, Paul Crépeau, René David, Alan Watson, Allan Farnsworth, and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. From the Low Countries, the lecture was offered by Walter van Gerven (Leuven) and by Jacques Vanderlinden (Belgium). The paper was presented in the context of the bicentennial celebrations of the 1825 Louisiana Civil Code, and its contents allowed the author to return to and to draw upon works he elaborated in the twenty-year period encompassed between 2005 and 2025. Half of that time was spent at M-EPLI as a fellow. The paper is enrolled in the literature on mixed jurisdictions, and enabled the author to explore the doctrinal foundations of

such jurisdictions, an aspect he is familiar with in his capacity as secretary general of the World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists.

- *Woo, M. Y. K. & van Rhee, C. H., Comparative Civil Procedure, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2025, 540 p.* : The book can be regarded as a key publication within M-EPLI's research programme because it directly reflects the institute's core commitment to high-quality, comparative legal scholarship. By offering a systematic and transcontinental analysis of civil procedure, the volume advances fundamental academic understanding of how procedural rules shape access to justice and the effective enforcement of private law. Its global comparative perspective aligns closely with M-EPLI's focus on European private law in an international context, situating EU procedural developments within broader legal traditions. The handbook's analytical depth and scholarly reach make it a significant reference work with lasting scientific impact.

MICS - Maastricht Institute for Criminal Sciences

- *Claessen, J., Post, E. & Slump, G.J. (2023). Herijking en verrijking van het strafrechtelijke sanctiestelsel met het oog op het terugdringen van de korte vrijheidsstraf: Burgerinitiatiefwetsvoorstel. Boom Juridisch.* This open access study was based on citizen-initiative conducted research and functioned as basis for the legislative proposal *Wet Slimmer Straffen* which was submitted in Sept 2025 by D66, CDA and NSC to Tweede Kamer. It exemplifies social pre-impact, where societal engagement guides research, preceding the actual social impact (so also an example of social impact) which is the legislative proposal.
- *Giardi, G. (2023). Illegal waste management activity in the process of bunker fuel production: a criminological case study of corporate environmental crime and its enforcement. Eleven. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.26481/dis.20230524gg>* Giulia's dissertation is a criminological study of a complex current pressing social phenomenon, conducted with empirical methodology and in collaboration with legal practice and stakeholders such as the police. It received the prestigious UM Dissertation Prize at the 49th Dies Natalis celebration, recognising it as an outstanding thesis in 2025 and it is an example of a study with significant scientific impact and research quality.
- *Nelen, H., Wingerde, K. van, Bisschop, L. & Moerland, R. (2023). Koers Bepalen. Over de lessen van de versterking aanpak georganiseerde drugscriminaliteit. Den Haag: Boom Criminologie. ISBN 978-94-6236-347-2; ISBN 978-94-0011-228-5 (e-book); NUR 741.* This book is the outcome of a three-year collaboration with Erasmus University Rotterdam, offering a meticulous criminological analysis of how efforts to strengthen the response to drug-related organized crime in the Netherlands were designed and implemented between 2019 and 2022. Drawing on extensive empirical research, it identifies concrete points for improving and refining current approaches for this long-standing social and cultural criminological phenomenon in the Netherlands.
- *Peristeridou, C. & Klip, A. (Eds.) (2024). Comparative Perspectives of Criminal Procedure. Intersentia.* This edited volume represents laborious work of seven MICS researchers who collaborated closely over several years. Although it appears as edited volume, the chapters emerged through iterative collaborative writing enhancing research quality. It stands as an example of genuine MICS in-house product, comparative law craftsmanship, and a deliberate effort to stay close to legal practice, through the inclusion of courtroom ethnography and practitioner interviews. The

volume has been adopted as a handbook in several university programmes, including our own.

- Vanderhallen, M. & Sauerland, M., & (2024). *Remaining silent during investigative interviews: a perspective of prisoners convicted for a serious crime. Psychology Crime & Law. Advance online publication.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2024.2376242>
This article is an example of collaboration of legal psychologists of MICS and FPN (Science in Court research group) and an example of using empirical methodologies (research quality). It breaks new ground by introducing original empirical legal-psychological research into the study of the right to remain silent. Rather than examining the right from a doctrinal or practitioner perspective, it foregrounds defendants' own understandings, decision-making processes, and experiences through systematic qualitative research with convicted persons in two jurisdictions.
- Yates, D. and Brodie, N. (2023) *The Illicit Trade in Antiquities is not the World's Third Largest Illicit Trade: A Critical Evaluation of a Factoid. Antiquity* 97(394): 991–1003. <https://doi.org/10.15184/aqy.2023.90> This paper, in perhaps the world's foremost archaeological journal, provides an evidence-based critique of one of the oft-repeated tenets of contemporary understanding of heritage crime, challenging the evidentiary underpinnings of existing heritage crime policy. One year after publication, the paper has had 5315 HTML views, 1546 PDF views, 5302 abstract views, and has been covered in the popular news media, with clear policy influence and it is an example of work of significant scientific quality and impact.

MILE - Maastricht Institute for Legal Education

- Claessens, S. (2025). A response to Kerin Developing a curriculum-wide assessment strategy: Assessment in Legal Education Back to the future. *Law Teacher*, 59(3), 330-339. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03069400.2025.2541993>
- Willemse, A., & Parise, A. (2025). Law in historical fiction: A research-based approach to legal history and legal philosophy. *European Journal of Legal Education*, 6(1), 477–495. Article 1.

MOSaR - Maastrichts Onderzoekcentrum voor Samenleving en Recht

- Sillen, J. (2023). *'Law for whom?': Staatsrecht en staatsrechtbeoefening van en voor een andere generatie.* Boom Juridisch, <https://doi.org/10.26481/spe.20232909js> and Schlössels, R. (2024). *De bestuursrechtelijke rechtsbetrekking: Burger en openbaar bestuur verbonden door het recht.* Wolters Kluwer. These two publications are the inaugural lectures of the professors of constitutional law and administrative law, which partly form the basis for the launch of MOSaR. Both chairs express the desire of the aculty to revitalise and continuously stimulate research into national law. Partly on the basis of these two inaugural lectures, other research projects are being initiated, such as Peetam's doctoral research into the constitutionalisation of administrative law.
- TSmits, J. (2024). De toekomst van de functionele methode van rechtsvergelijking. *Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht*, 61, 709-717. The MOSaR research project aims to focus specifically on the methods of dogmatic legal research. To this end, a collection will be published in collaboration with Radboud University Nijmegen in the course of 2026. Important methods of legal dogmatics also include comparative law and the various ways in which it can be practised.

- van Hout, F.J.C. & Maarsen, J.G. (2024). 'We voeren 'm niet uit!' revisited? Hoorzittingen met kandidaat-bewindspersonen zonder staatsrechtelijk toegevoegde waarde. *Tijdschrift voor Constitutioneel Recht*, 3, 213-230. <https://doi.org/10.5553/TvCR/187966642024015003005> and Schlössels, R. & Broeksteeg, H. (2023). De onafhankelijkheid van Nationale Regulerende Instanties in het licht van democratisch-rechtsstatelijke waarden. In Vereniging voor de vergelijkende studie van het recht van België en Nederland (Ed.), *Preadviezen 2023 Vereniging voor de vergelijkende studie van het recht van België en Nederland* (pp. 195-238). Boom Juridisch. These publications clearly illustrate that MOSaR wishes to continue to highlight topics that fall within the remit of national parliamentary law, including within the broader field of constitutional law. Topics that touch on the heart of the national constitutional organisation are also highlighted, with everything being weighed against the EU legal frameworks and the fundamental values of the democratic constitutional state. Whereas much constitutional research focuses on fundamental rights, MOSaR's research also aims to explicitly serve areas such as decentralisation law and political (national) constitutional law.
- Morijn, J. & van Vugt, E. (2024). *Evaluatie van de Rijkswet van 21 april 2017, houdende wijziging van de Rijkswet goedkeuring en bekendmaking verdragen (Rgmv) in verband met het informeren van de Staten-Generaal over een ieder verbindende bepalingen van verdragen: Een onderzoek naar de doeltreffendheid en effecten van de Rijkswet van Taverne in opdracht van de minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.* <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/11fd0726-c881-4643-9a0f-c7a5f23cdea4/file> MOSaR also wishes to conduct (commissioned) research that is particularly relevant to the national legal system. This publication is an example.

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- Ai, H. & Philipsen, N. (2023). A critical reflection on the 'Public Interest Exemption' in China's merger control regime. *Journal of Antitrust Enforcement*, 11(3), 491-508. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaenfo/jnac030>
- Eliantonio, M. & Richelle, J. (2023). Why Procedures Matter and Sanctions Much Less: 'Second-Round' Infringement Proceedings in Environmental Matters and the CJEU's Ruling European Commission v Bulgaria. *European Law Review*, 48(4), 458-468.
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- Faure, M.G. (2024). The EU Environmental Crime Directive 2024: A Revolution in EU Environmental Criminal Law? *Journal of Environmental Law*, 36(3), 323-342. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jel/eqae020>
- Wu, Q. & Philipsen, N.J. (2023). The Law and Economics of Tying in Digital Platforms: Comparing Tencent and Android. *Journal of Competition Law and Economics*, 19(1), 103-122. [nhac011]. <https://doi.org/10.1093/joclec/nhac011>