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Upcoming events

Symposium on 'The EU Culturally Corrected Market Economy' (4 February 2022) organised by Sarah Schoenmaekers, speakers include Bruno de Witte, Evangelia Psychogioupoulou, Sabine Verheyen (chair committee on Culture and Education European Parliament) and others

Conference on 'Transparency and Participation in the Face of Scientific Uncertainty' (27-28 January 2022) organised by Sabrina Röttger-Wirtz, Mariolina Eliantonio and Annalisa Volpato

Conference on 'EU agencies before the Court of Justice' (30-31 May 2022) organised by Annalisa Volpato, Mariolina Eliantonio, Merijn Chamon, Ellen Vos and Herwig Hofmann at the University of Luxembourg

Focus

Professor Herke Kranenborg's inaugural lecture as a chair on European Data Protection and Privacy Law - 15 October 2021

As of 15 October 2021, MCEL Member Professor **Herke Kranenborg** has been appointed as chair of the European Data Protection and Privacy Law. He will be connected to the European Centre on Privacy and Cybersecurity (ECPC). We congratulate Prof. Kranenborg wholeheartedly.

In his lecture titled "The state of data protection in the European Union – 20 years after the *Lindqvist* case" prof. Kranenborg placed the seminal *Lindqvist* ruling of the EU Court of Justice of 2003 (C-101/01) in the current legal context.



As explained in the lecture, the Court of Justice, in the *Lindqvist* ruling, made sure the EU data protection rules maintained their effectiveness and credibility. This concerned in particular the material scope of the rules, the additional rules on the transfer of personal data to third countries and the relation of the right to data protection with other fundamental rights, such as the freedom of expression. In his lecture, prof. Kranenborg explained however that precisely on these issues the General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR") is currently under pressure. He called upon all actors involved in the data protection area, to be vigilant not to lose support for the EU data protection rules

from citizens, businesses, Member States and even from third countries.

In an unexpected twist at the end of the lecture, anticipating the audience to question the lawfulness of the personal data of Ms Lindqvist being disclosed during the lecture, prof. Kranenborg revealed that after having found Ms Lindqvist and spoken to her, he received her consent. She had been pleased to hear her case was still of interest to the data protection community.

The lecture can be watched on the YouTube page of Maastricht University.

MCEL/GlawNet Event – 22 October 2021

On 22 October MCEL member Assistant Professor **Lilian Tsourdi** co-convened, with Dr. Niovi Vavoula and Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas of the Queen Mary University of London, a hybrid workshop: "Intertwining Criminal Justice and Immigration Control in the EU: Theoretical, Interdisciplinary, and Practical Perspectives" at UM Campus Brussels. The workshop was a collaboration between MCEL, GlawNet Research Network, and the Law Faculty of the Queen Mary University of London. It explored the theoretical, normative, and philosophical underpinnings of EU and national policies intertwining criminal and migration law, as well as their practical use (and abuse) and impact on the protection of fundamental rights of migrants and the rule of law. For more information on the conference, you can consult the following link: <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/events/intertwining-criminal-justice-and-immigration-control-eu-theoretical-interdisciplinary-and>



Workshop: Intertwining criminal justice and immigration control in the EU (GLaw): theoretical, interdisciplinary, and practical perspectives



Final workshop of the NOVA-EU – 8 December 2021

On 8 December 2021 the final workshop of the Jean Monnet project NOVA-EU (Innovating and Transforming the European Union) took place. The project addressed between 2019 to 2021 four key challenges that heavily impact the EU's governance structure, regulatory framework, identity and, most importantly, its future. The first workshop on Digitalisation, Ethics and EU Fundamental Rights took place on 9 and 10 January 2020 in Maastricht and was devoted to the impact of digitalization on EU fundamental rights and the development of ethical principles. The second workshop under the title Migration and Borders on 3 December 2020 addressed the ramifications of the EU's 2015-2016 'migration crisis'. The third NOVA-EU workshop "Sustainable Europe and

its global reach”, organized on 16 October 2020, critically reflected on the concept of ‘sustainable development’ and assessed how it implemented by the EU institutions, and it finally examined how it impacts the EU’s external policies. The fourth workshop on 24-25 June 2021 addressed EU Democracy and Rule of Law, namely how the rule of law and constitutional crises in EU Member States, especially in Hungary and Poland, can be tackled from the EU side.

The final workshop aimed to reflect on the research findings in these key areas, addressing conclusions and come up with follow-up research questions.

Symposium on ‘The EU Culturally Corrected Market Economy’ - 4 February 2022

Symposium will take place at the Open University in Heerlen and is organised by **Sarah Schoenmaekers**. Among others, **Bruno de Witte**, **Evangelia Psychogiopoulou** and **Sabine Verheyen** will present at the Conference. **Bruno** will deliver a keynote speech on ‘Legal creativity for Creative Europe: the development of the EU’s role in cultural policy’. **Evangelia** will speak on ‘Culture v. the internal market: Unity and diversity in the case law of the European Court of Justice’. **Sabine** Verheyen, Chair Committee on Culture and Education at the European Parliament will present on ‘Culture and the European Parliament’. **Sarah Schoenmaekers** will also hold an inaugural lecture on ‘De positie van cultuur in het recht van de Europese interne markt: Van correctie naar affectie tot essentie?’. More information can be found on the following website: <https://www.ou.nl/en/-/symposium-de-cultureel-gecorrigeerde-markteconomie-van-de-eu-op-4-februari-2022>

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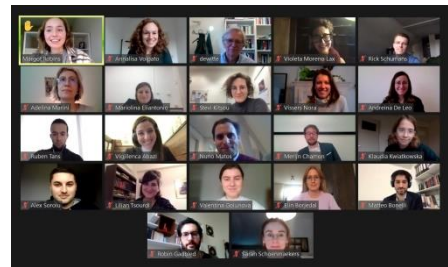
In the second half of 2021, MCEL featured several guest speakers at its Research Seminars.

The last MCEL Research Seminar of the academic year 2020/2021 took place on 15 June and featured **Pavlos Eleftheriadis**, who is a professor of Public Law at the University of Oxford. He is the author of *Legal Rights* (OUP, 2008) and *A Union of Peoples* (OUP, 2020), as well as the co-editor with Julie Dickson of *Philosophical Foundations of EU Law* (OUP, 2012). Pavlos delivered a presentation entitled: "A Union of Peoples: A Theory of EU law". **Bruno de Witte** acted as discussant during the meeting.



The first MCEL Research Seminar of the academic year 2021/2022 took place on 26 September and featured **Oana Ștefan**, Reader in European law and Assistant Director for the Centre of European Law at King's College London. She delivered a presentation about the role of soft law as an instrument to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. **Mariolina Eliantonio** acted as discussant.

During the second MCEL Research Seminar of the academic year 2021/2022 on 23 November MCEL had the pleasure to host Professor **Violeta Moreno-Lax** from Queen Mary University London. The topic of her presentation elaborated on a co-written paper about the different uses and conceptualisations of 'autonomy' in EU law and public international law.



On 14 December the Third Research Seminar took place. At this last seminar of the calendar year 2021 MCEL had the pleasure to host **Tamara Harvey**, a Jean Monnet Professor of EU law at the City University of London. Tamara presented about the EU response to Covid-19 crisis from the point of view of the basic principle of health law, namely autonomy, equality, solidarity and 'do no harm'.

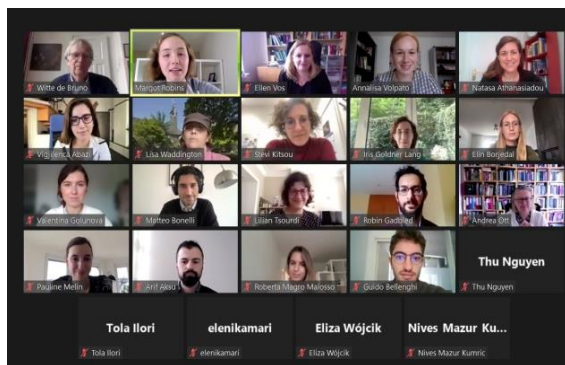
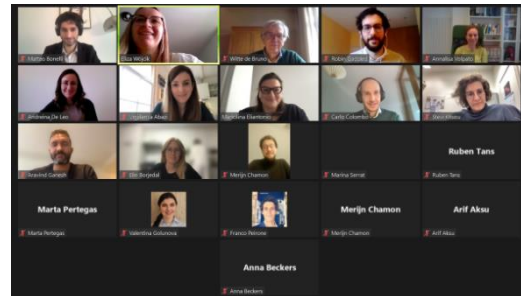
MCEL also organises Research Forums where its members have the opportunity to present their ongoing research.

The last MCEL Research Forum of the academic year 2020/2021 took place on 29 June and featured **Elin Börjedal**, who presented on the topic "Positive Obligations under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights". Some of the questions addressed were whether the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights gives rise to positive obligations and if so, who the duty bearers of such obligations are and what the consequences of such obligations are. These questions are also dealt with in Elin's PhD project, provisionally entitled "Positive Obligations under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Division of Labour." During her presentation, Elin discussed some preliminary findings and took the MCEL Members along on her thought process of the different components of her thesis.

The academic year 2021/2022 started with the first Research Forum taking place on 12 October. In this meeting, the MCEL members shared their current research activities and research plans for the coming year, including book publications, the organisation of workshops and applications for funding.

The second Research Forum of the academic year 2021/2022 took place on 9 November. At this Forum, **Joana Neto**, a visiting researcher at MCEL gave a presentation on her PhD project entitled ‘Employees with disabilities or illnesses: reasonable accommodation of the workplace’. Professor **Lisa Waddington** and **Anna Lawson**, professor of Law at the University of Leeds, presented their paper: “Disability in times of emergency: exponential inequality and the role of reasonable accommodation duties”. This paper is a contribution to the project and forthcoming book ‘Exponential Inequalities: Equality Law in Times of Crisis.’

The third Research Forum was a joint session of MCEL and GLawNet and took place on 9 December. At this Forum, **Robin Gaddled**, a visiting PhD researcher at MCEL and GLawNet presented on the topic of ‘pressure’ in the EU constitutional legal order.



On 28 September 2021 MCEL opened the academic year 2021/2022 with a Zoom conference on the theme of the Multifaceted Effects of Covid-19 on EU Law. The first aspect discussed was the EU response to the health crisis with Professor **Iris Goldner Lang** and her presentation on the ‘law of fear’ and free movement of persons in the EU in the time of COVID-19. The second aspect, the EU response to the economic crisis, was firstly addressed by **Bruno de Witte** and his presentation “the recovery plan: the legal engineering of an economic policy shift”. Finally, **Natasa Athanasiadou’s** presentation on the institutional dynamics of the adoption of the recovery plan concluded the event.

Many students participated this year in the MCEL **Master Working Paper series**, which seeks to allow excellent Master students to publish their final thesis and to make their work accessible to a wide audience.

The first Master Working Paper of the academic year 2021/2022 was written by **Jasper Nebel** and is titled “Constitutional Pluralism in the aftermath of the PSPJ judgment. Reflections on the enhancement of judicial dialogue in the EU.”

The second Working Paper was written by **Alexander Merkulov** on the topic of “European Union Competition Law and Environmental Policy. Is there a place for environmental considerations in contemporary European Competition law? If not, what are the possible ways of filling the sustainability gap?”.

The third Master Working Paper written by **Emma Pessotto** is titled “To What Extent Does the Conclusion of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement Demonstrate That EU-only Conclusion Can Be Legally Obligatory in Cases of Facultative Mixity?”.

The fourth Master Working Paper was written by **Mateus Correia de Carvalho** on the topic of “Mutual Trust amidst the Rule of Law Backsliding Crisis: a Janus-faced principle?”.

All the Master Working Papers can be found on the [MCEL website](#).

Our members have been prolific and active on many fronts. Below is a **non-exhaustive anthology**:

The summer of 2021 saw the successful completion of ten master theses for the MCEL thesis project “Greening Europe”. The topics discussed are diverse, and vary from the codification of climate neutrality in the new European Climate Law to the protection of wolves in France as required by EU nature conservation law. The students were supervised by MCEL staff members and several seminars were organised to discuss research methodology and research results. Abstracts and theses will be published on the MCEL website. This project was coordinated by **Marjan Peeters**. Also in the Academic Year 2021-2022, selected master students will be able to

participate in a new MCEL thesis project whose overall theme is: The effects of COVID-19 on EU law; it will be coordinated by **Sabrina Röttger-Wirtz**.

Sabrina, together with MCEL Members **Mariolina Eliantonio** and **Annalisa Volpato**, organised the panel ‘Global Standards and EU Law: Challenges for EU Public Law’ within ICON-S Mundo Conference on 6-9 July 2021. **Annalisa** and **Mariolina** presented work on “Standards on the move: Global standards and EU Transport Policy”.

Sabrina, **Mariolina** and **Annalisa** will also organise a conference together with Kathryn Wright on “Transparency and Participation in the Face of Scientific Uncertainty” on 27 and 28 January 2022. The conference will address the role of transparency and participation of civil society in situations characterised by wicked problems of risk regulation as a way to strengthen the effectiveness of open EU decision-making. **Sabrina** will talk about sectoralised transparency in EU risk regulation – the visibility of science in the EU agencies, **Mariolina** will present on ‘Soft Law Behind the Scenes: Transparency, Participation, and the EU Soft Law Making Process’, and **Annalisa** will present on ‘Public Participation in the Greening of the Farm-to-Fork policy: the Case of Pesticides’.

Sabrina published the monograph of her PhD thesis “The Interplay of Global Standards and EU Pharmaceutical Regulation: The International Council for Harmonisation”, analysing the implementation of global pharmaceutical impact standards in the European risk regulation framework for pharmaceuticals and questioning its legitimacy.

Lisa Waddington presented on ‘The Prohibition of Disability Discrimination with regard to Healthcare in the European Union on 15 June at the European Disability Forum Workshop on Access to Health. She was also partaking in ‘Annual Conference Inequality in a time of global crisis: what have we learned about effective & proportionate responses?’ organised by Berkeley Centre on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law. On 16 October, **Lisa** organised the Seminar on EU Law and Policy Promoting Diversity and presented a paper on EU Equality Strategies and Action Plans, both part of the 143rd annual conference of the Japan Association of Social Policy.



Lisa published two articles together with Mark Bell. The first one is “Similar, Yet Different: The Work-life Balance Directive and the Expanding Frontiers of EU Non-Discrimination Law”, (2021) Vol. 58, Issue 5, Common Market Law Review, 1401-1432 and the second one is “The right to request flexible working arrangements under the Work-life Balance Directive – A comparative perspective”, (2021) European Labour Law Journal. **Lisa** also published a report for the European Disability Forum on ‘Prohibition of Disability Discrimination with regard to Healthcare in the European Union’, May 2021.

Matteo Bonelli organised a webinar ‘NOVA-MCEL Workshop EU Democracy and the Rule of Law: Maastricht University’ on 24-25 June. He also organised an event on UM Campus Brussels on ‘Article 47 of the EU Charter and effective judicial protection – the national courts’ perspectives’ on 23-24 September.

Matteo published ‘Article 47 of the Charter, effective judicial protection and the (procedural) autonomy of the Member States’, in Matteo Bonelli, Mariolina Eliantonio and Giulia Gentile (eds.), Article 47 of the EU Charter and Effective Judicial Protection – Volume 1: the Court of Justice’s Perspective (Hart Publishing, forthcoming in 2022). He also published a blog entitled ‘Let’s take a deep breath: on the EU (and academic) reaction to the Polish Constitutional Tribunal’s ruling’, Iconnect blog, 17 November 2021.

Merijn Chamon was interviewed in June by Devex regarding EU institutions in a power struggle over Africa, the Caribbean, Pacific pact to clarify the legal background of the political standoff between the Commission and the Member States. He also wrote a number of posts for EU Law Live, Verfassungsblog and op-eds in Belgian newspapers, commenting on EU affairs. **Merijn** also wrote a case note discussing the Court of Justice’s reasoning in ruling on the EU’s liability for the actions of the Eurogroup and its holding in *Chrysostomides* judgment holding that the Eurogroup is a body outside the EU legal framework. In his Opinion of 25 November in the *Commission v. Council (IMO)* case, AG Szpunar referred to Merijn’s work on the ERTA doctrine.

The work of both **Matteo** and **Merijn** was also relied upon a week later by AG Campos Sánchez-Bordona in his Opinion in the case brought by Poland and Hungary against the Rule of Law conditionality regulation.

In July **Lilian Tsourdi** (project leader) and **Nasrat Sayed** (laureate) were awarded an NWO Hestia Impulse grant by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) for their 18-month research project titled ‘External Financial Governance:

Migration Management and Solidarity with Non-EU Countries through EU Funding'. **Lilian** and **Nasrat** use an original combination of legal and empirical analysis to examine the role of EU funding in migration governance, and more specifically how it can enhance global responsibility sharing and operationalise policy objectives.

On 4 June **Lilian** delivered a keynote lecture titled "The effective judicial protection of asylum seekers under the Dublin III Regulation" in a workshop targeting expert asylum and migration judges organised in the framework of the EU-funded "TRIIAL project" coordinated by the Centre of Judicial Cooperation of the European University Institute (EUI). On 22 June, she presented at the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament the co-authored policy report: 'The EU Approach on Migration in the Mediterranean' as one of the study's expert co-authors.

On 8 July **Lilian** convened a panel titled 'Constitutional Principles and Migration Law and Practice in the EU, US and Canada: Influence and Cleavages' in the framework of the Annual ICON-S conference. The panel was chaired by Professor Bruno De Witte and featured, apart from Lilian's presentation, the presentations of Professors Sabi Ardalan (Harvard University), James Simeon (York University/Toronto), Iris Goldner-Lang (University of Zagreb) and Boldizsár Nagy (Central European University).

On 1 November, **Lilian**, on behalf of the Maastricht Young Academy, co-organised with Lumiere cinema a public screening of the film "Midnight Traveller", followed by a debate-event on seeking asylum in Europe and the perils of such journeys which she moderated. The event targeted the local community in Maastricht.

Lilian also spoke at numerous events in 2021. On 10 June **Lilian** was a panellist in the event 'The externalisation of EU migration policies in light of EU constitutional principles and values a global actor to trust?' co-organised by the ESIL interest group on the EU as a Global Actor and the University of Salamanca. On 9 September **Lilian** was a panellist in the event 'The New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Dead or Alive?' co-organised by the Odysseus Academic Network and the Royal Institute for International Relations (Egmont Institute). On 28 October **Lilian** was a panellist in the event 'Separation of Powers within Contemporary Europe: Power Shifts in Trade, Migration and EMU' organised by the University of Amsterdam (UvA). On 13 November 2021 **Lilian** was a panellist in the 15th Autumn Conference of the German Network Migration Law titled 'The Future of Migration Law - beyond Eurocentrism and New Nationalism?.'

MCEL Member **Sarah Schoenmaekers** has recently published 'Public Procurement, culture and mozzarella: 'Que dici?' in European Procurement and Public Private Partnership Law Review, vol 16 issue 3, Lexion, Berlin, 2021, pp. 205-219. **Sarah** also participated in a number of conferences as a speaker: 'De Afwezigheid van een krachtig Europees taal en- cultureel beleid: Hup paardje hup voor Grensoverschrijdende Samenwerking of wordt het paard achter de wagen gespannen?', organized by Algemeen Nederlands Verbond, C-mine Genk, 4 September 2021, 'Public Procurement in Times of Crisis: The Limitations and Opportunities of Cross-border Procurement during the Covid-19 Crisis and Recommendations for the Future, Conference on Transformative effects of Covid-19 on Globalisation & Law (TEGL)', Organized by University of Amsterdam, Maastricht University, Tilburg University and the Open University, Zoom, 16 September 2021 and 'The role of eco-design and ecolabels in procurement and life-cycle costing, Sustainability and European Public Procurement Law', organized by Global Electronics Council and ERA, Academy of European Law, 30 September 2021.

Some MCEL Members have left Maastricht University.

Maja Brkan has left Maastricht University and she was appointed as judge of the EU General Court. She will be an honorary member of MCEL.

Lavinia Kortese has left Maastricht University and is now an Assistant Professor in EU law at Utrecht University

Marcus Meyer has left Maastricht University and is now a Senior Researcher in the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) in Brussels.

People

Joana Neto, Nuno Castelo Branco Albuquerque Matos and Robin Gadbled and Marek Pivoda have recently joined MCEL as visiting researchers. The PhD researchers Stavroula Kitsou, Justine Richelle, Andreina de Leo, Ruben Tans and Anna de Jong have also recently joined MCEL. Below they briefly present themselves. Welcome!



Stavroula Kitsou is a PhD Researcher at the Department of International and European Law. Her PhD project examines the multifaceted challenges posed by hate speech on social media for the EU legal order. Her research interests lie primarily in EU law, the protection of fundamental rights and digital governance. She is a member of the *Ius Commune* Research School and the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR). Stavroula holds an LL.B. from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, a Masters in Media and Cultural Studies from the University of Sussex and an LL.M. in Public International Law from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (full scholarship), while she is a qualified lawyer at the Athens Bar Association since 2015. Stavroula has an extensive working experience in human rights institutions and organizations in Greece and in the UK and she has been actively involved in civil society initiatives. In 2017, Stavroula joined the Golden Dawn Watch initiative where she served as a rapporteur monitoring the trial of the Golden Dawn neo-nazi party. She has been a board member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights (2017-2021), a Humanity in Action Fellow (Amsterdam 2018) and, since 2020, she is a founding member and research associate at Simeio/Signal for Researching and Confronting the Far-Right.

Justine Richelle is a PhD candidate at the Public Law department since February 2021, jointly with the University of Hasselt (Belgium). Her research focuses on public participation in environmental decision-making. More specifically, it explores the rules in place in Belgium, France and Ireland in light of the obligations set in the Aarhus Convention and the implementing EU law in the fields of air, water and waste. She holds a LL.B in European Law from Maastricht University, a LL.M in European Law and Market Integration from Maastricht University and a LL.M in Climate and Energy Law from the University of Groningen (the Netherlands). At the Faculty of Law, Justine is a member of the Institute for Transnational Research.



Andreina De Leo is a Early Stage Researcher (ESR) within the LIMES doctoral programme's project "EU's Shifting Borders - Scrutinizing Externalization of Migration Management and International Protection Responsibilities". She is based at the Department of International and European Law of the Faculty of Law. Her research focuses on the role of EU funding in the external dimension of EU asylum and migration policies. Andreina has a BA in Political Science, International Relations and Human Rights (University of Padua), a MA in European Legal Studies (University of Turin) and a LL.M in International Migration and Refugee Law (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam). She was previously a trainee in the Asylum and Migration Programme of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), a Legal Researcher at the European Legal Support Center (ELSC), a Junior Research Associate at the Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG), a Legal Field Team Coordinator at Advocates Abroad, and a trainee at the Embassy of Italy in Algiers. Andreina has also worked as a pro-bono legal advisor to asylum seekers within the Refugee Law Clinic of the International University College of Turin (IUC).

Ruben Tans started working as a double degree PhD candidate at the department of International and European Law and the University of Hasselt (Belgium) in January 2021. His research focuses on the integration of beneficiaries of international protection in the labour market and educational systems of Belgium and the Netherlands. By conducting a comparative analysis of the Belgian and Dutch legislation and policy on integration, he endeavours to answer the question whether the integration of the beneficiaries of international protection who have arrived in the EU after the 2015 migration crisis was successful. Ruben holds an LLB in European Law School, as well as two LLMs in European Law School and in Globalisation and Law (both cum laude) from Maastricht University. Next to his research, he is a member of the Institute for Transnational and Euregional cooperation and cross-border Mobility (ITEM) and the Ius Commune Research School. Ruben combines his work as a PhD candidate with a job at the GrensInfoPunt Maastricht, giving advice to cross-border workers.



Anna de Jong is a PhD researcher with the department of International and European Law, after having first started as a lecturer Private Law. Before joining Maastricht University she has been employed by Clifford Chance and NautaDutilh, as well as having served as a client counselor at Rabobank Netherlands. She has a diverse educational background having first gained an LL.B. in Dutch Law (Rechtsgeleerdheid - Utrecht University), complemented by an LL.M. in international law (Globalisation and Law: specialisation Corporate and Commercial Law - Maastricht University) next to her LL.M from Duke University. Her current research focuses on the efficacy and legal history of recent European measures aimed at combatting money laundering, terrorism financing, and the destruction and looting of cultural heritage.

Joana Neto, born in Porto, Portugal, is a graduate in Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Porto and a Postgraduate in Labour Law, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. She obtained her Master's degree in Labour and Business Law at the University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) and PhD Scholarship in Research Centre on Law and Society of the Faculty of Law (Nova Law School). She worked as a Lawyer and as Parliamentary Adviser in the Portuguese Parliament. At the MCEL Forum in November, Joana presented her PhD project about employees with disabilities or illnesses: reasonable accommodation of the workplace. Some of her publications include: (2014 and 2016), Dismissal for inadaptability - Reform or legal consecration of dismissal without just cause? Almedina, 2014; (2019), "In the downstage of the legal framework for employment contracts for entertainment professionals", Editorial Novembro;), Book Review "The UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities in practice. A comparative analysis of the role of courts" (Lisa Waddington and Anna Lawson), Journal of Adult Protection; (2021), Disability, illness and discrimination: the 3 D's o employment inequality, The discrimination on the grounds of disability and disease according to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Prontuário de Direito do Trabalho I, Centre for Judicial Studies, 2021, p.181-209.



Nuno Castelo Branco Albuquerque Matos holds a Bachelor in Law and a Master degree in EU law (summa cum laude) from the University of Coimbra, Portugal, where he also undertook post-graduate studies in EU competition and banking law. He was an Erasmus student at KU Leuven. Currently a PhD candidate at the Global School of Law of Portuguese Catholic University, financed by an FCT scholarship, his research focuses on how to strike a balance in EU economic union integration, namely by resorting to comparative institutional analysis. He was an intern at DG Competition of the European Commission. Currently, he is a legal adviser at the Bank of Portugal (on leave), guest lecturer at the Catholic University of Portugal and a member of the Council for European Studies at Columbia University (Law Research Network). Some of his most

relevant publications include: *Judicialisation of Economic and Monetary Union: between a rock and a soft place?* (2021) 65 *Deusto Journal of European Studies* 73; *EU multiannual financial framework 2021-2027: A lost opportunity?* (2020) 38-39 *Temas de Integração*; *Administrativisation of private enforcement of competition law? The binding effect of NCAs decision on civil courts and judicial review*, Francesco Munari and Chiara Cellerino (eds), *L'impatto della nuova direttiva 104/2014 sul Private Antitrust Enforcement*, Aracne editrice, 2016, 135; *Financing of Services of General Economic Interest*, Coimbra Legal Research Press, 2015 (Master thesis, in Portuguese); *The role of the BUPA Judgement in the legal framework for Services of General Economic Interest* (2011) 16 *Tilburg Law Review* 83.

Robin Gaddled is the Coordinator of research activities at the Institute for European Law at KU Leuven, and a Teaching Fellow for the Europeum Scholars Programme (coordinated by Oxford University). He worked as a Lecturer in Comparative Constitutional Law at Sciences Po (Reims campus, France). He holds a PhD in law from the European University Institute in Florence, a Master's degree in Political Theory from Sciences po Paris, a Master's degree in pluridisciplinary European studies from the IEE-ULB in Brussels (magna cum laude), and an LL.M in Comparative, European and International law from the EUI. His research focuses on constitutional theory, EU constitutional and fundamental rights law, euro-crisis law and responses to the Covid-19 crisis, and methodologies of legal and pluridisciplinary research. His stay in Maastricht takes place in the framework of a re:constitution post-doctoral fellowship to conduct work on the tools available to EU institutions to induce the compliance of Member States with different sets of requirements via "pressure".



Marek Pivoda is a visiting researcher coming to MCEL from the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic.

Publications

Selected publications

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