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As the Academic Year 2022/23 ends, in this Newsletter, the Globalisation and Law Network wishes to highlight some events and congratulate their members on their achievements and successes!

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Seminar Series 2022/23

This year, the Globalization and Law Network Seminar Series 2022/23 turned out to be a prolific one, counting 20 seminars hosted at the Faculty of Law, with the participation of some of our members and invited guests coming from other Universities.

During these seminars, the speakers had the opportunity to present their research, followed by a discussion and Q&A.

In September, we had the pleasure to host **Dr. Antoine Duval**, from Asser Institute, who gave a presentation entitled “*For Ruggie’s Double Movement: Assembling the Private and the Public through Human Rights Due Diligence*”, while in October, **Prof. Giovanni De Gregorio**, from Católica Global School of Law, presented his research on “*Digital Constitutionalism: Reframing Rights and Powers in the Algorithmic Society*”.

In November, we hosted 3 seminars. Playing home, **Dr. Aravind Ganesh**, from Maastricht University, gave a presentation entitled “*Riddling in Threes, The Empty Fourth, and the Invisible Empire: Kant and EU Law*”, followed by **Dr. Philip Paiement**, from Tilburg University, who presented his research on “*The Agency of Transnational Strategic Litigators in Global Governance*”. Lastly, **Prof. Lucas Carlos Lima**, from the University Federal of Minas Gerais in Brazil, talked about “*Regional Jus Cogens: a perspective from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*”.



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Prof. Vanessa Franssen, from the University of Liège, senior researcher at the Institute of Criminal Law of the KU Leuven and guest lecturer at the University of Luxembourg, was our guest for the only seminar held in December, where she presented her research entitled "*The EPPO: From Conundrum of Laws to Catalyst for Approximation of National Criminal Procedure?*".



In the first two months of the new year, we had the pleasure to host 3 more seminars. The first was organized in collaboration with the Department of Foundations and Methods of Law, where **Prof. Wouter Werner**, from the International Law at the Centre for the Politics of Transnational Law of the VU Amsterdam, presented his research on "*International Law and the Absurd*".

This was followed by another seminar with **Prof. Reijer Passchier**, from Open University and Leiden University, who talked about "*Digitalization and the (im)balance of power among the three branches*". Afterwards, we welcomed **Isadora Dutra Badra Bellati**, from the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law Hamburg, who gave a presentation entitled "*Coloniality within the Brazilian Constitutional Court decisions: The case of unlimited outsourcing of labor*".

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After the Carnival break, two of our members, **Sarah Tas** and **Dr. Lukasz Dzedzic** presented their research, respectively on “*Europol and the Schengen Information System: a dangerous 'unsupervised' extension of powers*” and “*Solidarity and the New Pact on Migration and Asylum - Taking Stock*”, in a discussion led by Dr. Lilian Tsourdi.



Followed by that, we had the honor to host **Prof. Patricia Popelier**, from the University of Antwerp, on the topic of “*Trust in multi-tiered systems*” from a legal perspective, where our member Sejla Imamovic acted as discussant.

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Collaborations are always greatly appreciated. This is why at the end of March, one of the Globalization and Law Network seminars was organized in collaboration with **MCEL**. On this occasion, **Prof. Ramses Wessel**, from the University of Groningen, talked about “*The implementation of Article 31 of the Treaty on European Union and the use of Qualified Majority Voting*”, while in May, another seminar was organized with **M-EPLI**. Here, we had the pleasure to host **Dr. Klaas Eller**, from Amsterdam University, to discuss “*The Price of Human Rights. Confronting Price Squeeze in the Regulation of Global Value Chains*”.



Moreover, in April, we had the pleasure to have **Dr. Floris de Witte** (London School of Economics and Political Science) present his paper, ‘*Here be Dragons: Legal geography and EU law*’, where our members Carlo Colombo and Matteo Bonelli acted as discussants.



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In April, **Dr. Fernando Lusa Bordin**, from Cambridge University, was our guest to talk about “*The Consent of International Organizations in the Making of General and Conventional Rules of International Law*”, followed by another interesting talk with **Dr. Signe Larsen**, from Magden College, University of Oxford joining us on Zoom, who presented her research on “*The Foundations of Constitutional Tolerance*”.

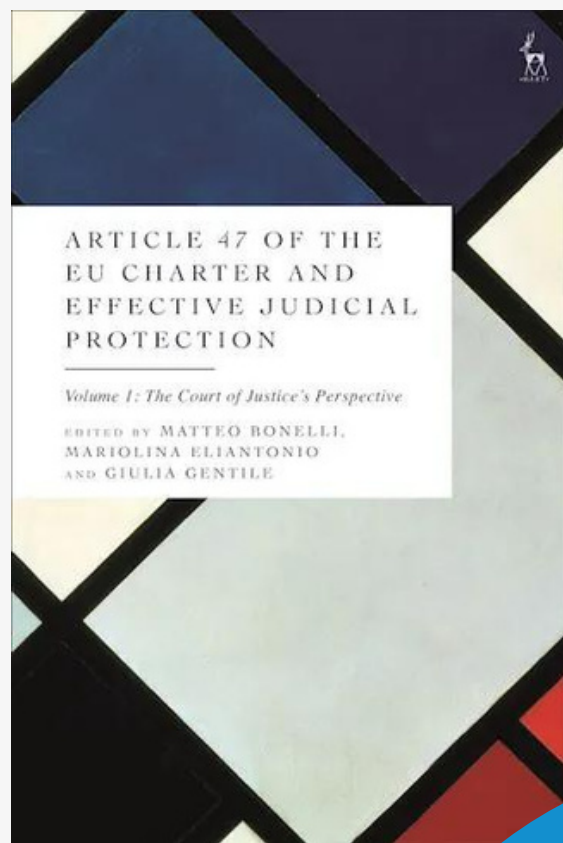
For the last two seminars of the season, we had the pleasure to have **Dr. Marco Benatar**, from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the International Tribunal for the Law of Sea, talk about “*The Law and Practice of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*” and one more time, our member **Dr. Aravind Ganesh** for a discussion on “*Waves of Freedom: Justifying a Human Right to Rescue on the High Seas*”.

Our members' latest publications

During this academic year, our members have been quite active in writing and publishing their research. Here are some highlights!

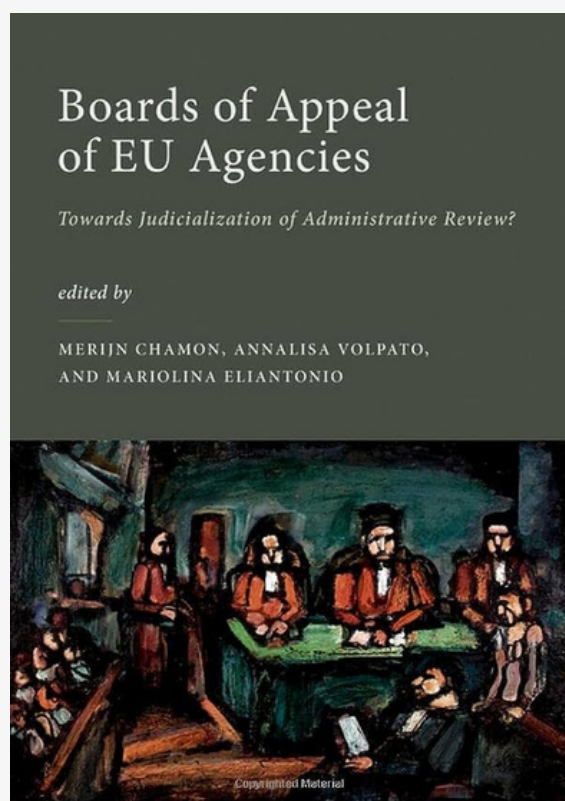
In 2023, **Anna Beckers**, together with G. Teubner, wrote an article for the Journal of Law and Society on “*Human-Algorithm-Hybrids as (Quasi-)Organisations? On the Accountability of Digital Collective Actors*” and another special issue, together with K.H. Eller and P.F. Kjaer for **European Law Open**, on “*The transformative Law of Political Economy*”. We also wish to highlight her book, published at the beginning of 2022, written with G. Teubner, entitled “*Three liability regimes for artificial intelligence: Algorithmic Actants, hybrids, crowds*”.

Going back a little, in 2022, our members **Matteo Bonelli** and **Mariolina Eliantonio**, together with Giulia Gentile, co-edited the book on “*Article 47 of the EU Charter and Effective Judicial Protection: Volume 1: The Court of Justice's Perspective*”, where the team explored how the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) has interpreted the PEJP, as expressed in particular by Article 47, in selected policy areas, and reflected on the impact of the principle on the EU's constitutional structure. The launch of the book was held on January 27th, 2023 in Florence.



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Matteo Bonelli also contributed to the **German Law Journal** with an article, in March 2022, entitled “*Linking Money to Values: the new Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation and its constitutional challenges*”.



In March 2022, **Mariolina Eliantonio**, together with **Merijn Chamon** and our former member **Annalisa Volpato**, who now transferred to the Università of Padova, co-edited a book published by **Oxford University Press**, with the title “*Boards of Appeal of EU Agencies: Towards Judicialization of Administrative Review?*”. The book was also cited by AG Campos Sánchez-Bordona in his Opinion in case *C-46/21 P ACER v Aquind*, later that year, in September.

In 2022, **Merijn Chamon** also published a book on “*The European Parliament and Delegated Legislation: An Institutional Balance Perspective*”, which belongs to the collection of Parliamentary Democracy in Europe, published by **Hart Publishing**. The book offers critical new perspectives on executive rulemaking in the EP.



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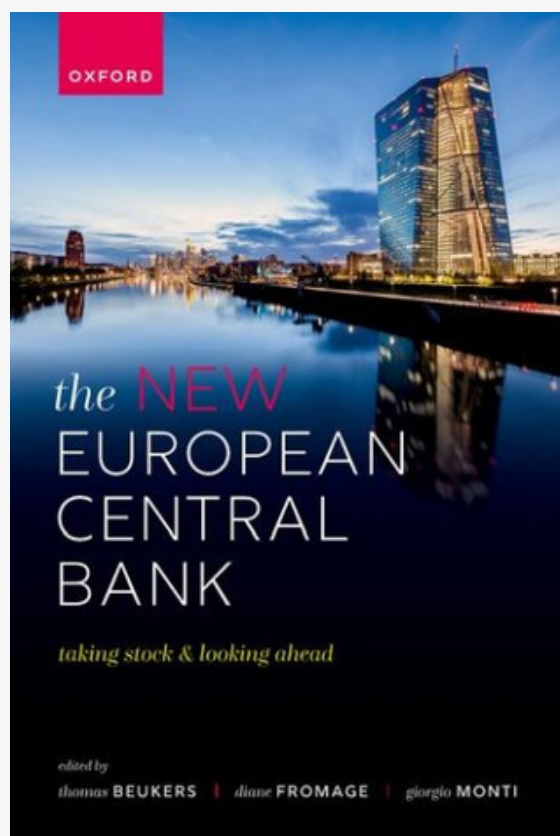
An article on “*Soft law and multilevel cooperation as sources of (new) constitutional challenges in EU economic and monetary integration*”, written by Diane Fromage, **Mariolina Eliantonio** and Kathryn Wright, was published in the **Journal of Banking Regulation** in March 2022.

In September 2022, our member **Valentina Golunova**, wrote a chapter entitled “*In Tech we Trust? Fixing the Evolutionary Interpretation by the Court of Justice of the Prohibition of General Monitoring in the Era of Automated Content Moderation*”, for the book “*Digital Media Governance and Supranational Courts: Selected Issues and Insights from the European Judiciary*”, published by **Edward Elgar Publishing**.



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“*How to turn a supertanker: mainstreaming climate objectives in the EU through independent institutions*” is the title of the paper written by our member **Marijn van der Sluis** together with Francesca Colli, who analyzed to what extent two independent institutions of the EU, **the European Central Bank** and **the Court of Justice of the European Union**, are involved in, and are likely to promote or frustrate, the achievement of the goals of the European Green Deal. In 2022, he also wrote a chapter entitled “*The Role of Constitutional Law for the ECB: Past, Present and Future*” for the book “*The New European Central Bank: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead*”, published by **Oxford University Press**.



In 2022, **Annalisa Volpato** published a book with **Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group**, entitled “*Delegation of Powers in the EU Legal System*”. This book analyses the legal mechanism through which these powers are conferred on the most relevant bodies in the EU institutional landscape, namely the European Commission, the Council, the ECB, and EU agencies, and the democratic controls in place to limit and oversee the exercise of these powers.

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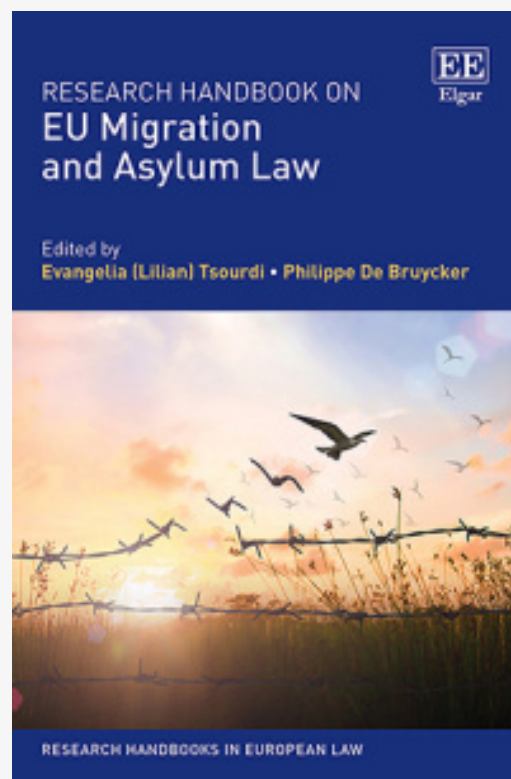
Some of our members contributed to the **European Journal of Risk Regulation**, by writing several articles. We would like to highlight, first, the one written by **Mariolina Eliantonio**, together with our member **Danai Petropoulou Ionescu**, by the title *“Soft Law Behind the Scenes: Transparency, Participation and the European Union’s Soft Law Making Process in the Field of Climate Change”*.



Moreover, in June 2023, our former member **Annalisa Volpato**, together with Astrid Offermans, wrote an article on *“Lessons for Participation from an Interdisciplinary Law and Sustainability Science Approach: The Reform of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive”*, while another of our former members, **Sabrina Roettger-Wirtz**, together with Marta Morvillo and Alie de Boer, contributed with an article entitled *“Fragmented Transparency: The Visibility of Agency Science in European Union Risk Regulation”*.

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2022 was a prolific year for **Lilian Tsourdi**, who co-edited together with Philippe De Bruycker, the “*Research Handbook on EU Migration and Asylum Law*”, published by **Edward Elgar Publishing** in December 2022. Together with Elizabeth Mavropoulou, she wrote a chapter by the title “*Solidarity as Normative Rationale for Differential Treatment: Common but Differentiated Responsibilities from International Environmental to EU Asylum Law?*” for the book “*Netherlands Yearbook of International Law 2020*” (**T.M.C. Asser Press**).



Annalisa Volpato, Ellen Vos and **Guido Bellenghi** were asked by the **ENVI Committee of the European Parliament** to write a report on the “*Independence and transparency policies of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)*”, published in April of this year and presented in front of the European Parliament in June.

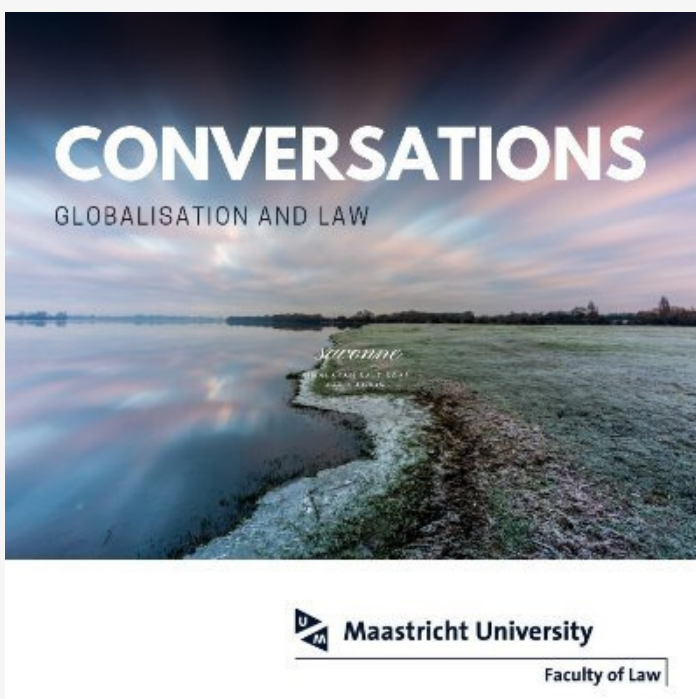
Globalization and Law Network: Podcast

Special mention goes to our member **Aravind Ganesh**, who, in the past year, dedicated himself to the creation of the Globalization and Law podcast.

The podcast entitled “***Conversations: Globalization and Law***”, features 1 season of 10 episodes, where the host engages with a diverse range of guests, alongside other members of the network, to delve into interesting legal topics and explore the most pressing questions of globalization, human rights, and international law.

The podcast can be listened to and downloaded on the main streaming platforms such as ***Spotify*** or ***Apple Music*** where it recently hit 1000 downloads!

We look forward to a new promising season!



News and Events

Our members have been active on other fronts as well! During the past academic year, they have organized conferences or were invited to various events to give comments, contributions, or keynotes! Here are some highlights.

During this spring, **Matteo Bonelli** and **Sejla Imamovic** organized two conferences at our faculty: first the “*Ius Commune workshop on "The EU’s accession to the ECHR: Status Quo & Future Perspectives"*”, which took place in May 2023 and then the “*2023 Young European Law Scholars conference on "The Future of EU Fundamental Rights"*”, held at the beginning of June 2023.



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Matteo Bonelli was invited to several events during this academic year. Amongst those, we highlight the presentation on “*The primacy of judicial independence in the CJEU’s case law*”, given for the STALS seminars at **the Sant’Anna University of Pisa** this June, the presentation on “*Judicial independence, primacy and the preliminary reference in the CJEU case law*” given at **Bocconi University** in April and the presentation for the **COMECE Legal Affairs Commission** in Brussels in March.

Marjan Peeters launched her series of **Environmental Law Lectures** in March, organized by **GreenDeal-NET** in collaboration with the **Globalization and Law Network**. The opening lecture, held at Maastricht University, was given by Professor Micheal Faure on the topic of “*Criminal Law as an Enforcement System of the Environmental Acquis*”.

Antonia Waltermann was invited to participate in a two-part symposium on the *philosophy of international law* (held in November 2022 in Richmond, Virginia, and June 2023 in Toronto, respectively).

David Lefkowitz and Andreas Follesdal were the organizers of the symposium, which will result in an edited book.



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In May 2023, **Annalisa Volpato** gave a presentation entitled “*Disputed Environmental Protection: Dynamics of Steering and Resistance in the Common Agricultural Policy*” at the workshop “*Governing through Funding in the EU*” which was convened by Lilian Tsourdi and Marijn van der Sluis.

In 2022, **Annalisa Volpato** and **Mariolina Eliantonio** organized two conferences: the first on “*Transparency and Participation in the Face of Scientific Uncertainty*” which was held online in January, and the second one on “*EU Agencies before the Court of Justice*” at the University of Luxembourg in June. Here **Annalisa** also gave a presentation on “*the intensity of the review of Boards of Appeal decisions*”.



This March, **Valentina Golunova**, together with Ph.D. candidates **Ruben Tans** and **Anna de Jong**, organized a hybrid workshop on *the war against Ukraine & EU law*. The event was later featured in the June 2023 edition of the **UMagazine** as well.



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In November 2022, **Mariolina Eliantonio** and **Marina Serrat Romani**, together with Jasper Korving, organized a hybrid workshop at **Maastricht University Campus Brussels** on the "*Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes and Administrative Cooperation within the European Union: Taxpayers' Rights, Transparency and Effectiveness*".

The workshop covered the historical development, application, limits (if any), effects on taxpayers' rights and the necessity and effectiveness of continuously widening the exchange of information requirements, from both tax law and administrative law perspectives within the EU.

Furthermore, in the past academic year, the **Globalization and Law Network** co-sponsored the **Expert Lectures on International Trade Law**, organized by the **Institute of Globalization and International Regulation**. The lectures aimed at giving students, Ph.D. candidates, and Faculty members the opportunity to discuss the most current topics of international trade law with experts from various universities and institutions from abroad. The latest hybrid event took place in October with the guest lecturer, **Prof. Peter Van den Bossche**, on the topic "*Global Economic Disorder: Confrontation and Fragmentation*".



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It was a very prolific year for our member **Anna Beckers** as well, who recently got appointed **Professor of Private Law and Social Theory at the Faculty of Law**, starting from September 1st, 2023. The Private Law and Social Theory chair focuses on central private law institutions and their relationship to societal dynamics from a doctrinal, empirical, and theoretical perspective.

She has also been invited to several conferences, some of these being the Conference "*The Future of the Person*", at the **University of Florence**, in October and, the "*Conference on Governance of Global Value Chains*", at the **University of Trento**.



But most importantly, **Anna Beckers** has been awarded an **ERC Starting Grant 2022** (in November 2022) for the Project **CHAINLAW** (Responsive Law for Global Value Chains). The project will start on 1 September 2023 and will lay the foundation for developing a regulatory framework in response to the socio-economic institutions that make up global value chains.

Visiting scholars and researchers

Ylenia Maria Citino is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Political Sciences (DISP) at **Luiss Guido Carli University** and a Research Member of the **Center of Parliamentary Studies (CESP)** in Rome.

During her stay in Maastricht, she researched on the "*Unwritten rules shaping the EU's 'form of government': A study of conventions and their constitutional implication*". The paper was recently published in the **Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law**.



Francesco Liguori is a Ph.D. candidate at the **Sapienza University of Rome**.

He actively contributed to the work of the Globalization & Law Network. Francesco's paper "*Taking Soft Law Into Account... of Course! But What Does That Concretely Mean?*", written during his stay in Maastricht was recently published in the **Review of European Administrative Law**.



Concluding remarks

The Globalization and Law Network wishes to thank all our members, guest speakers, and visiting fellows for actively participating in our events and collaborating to the growth of the network.

The Network has now suspended its activities and will restart again in September, with the beginning of a new Academic Year, with a new season of Seminars and so much more.

Thank you for reading and collaborating with us.
Enjoy the Summer break!



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