



In the spotlight



Call for Papers - Workshop June 2025

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Crises and Emergencies in EU Integration invites the submission of abstracts for the interdisciplinary workshop 'EU Crisis and Emergencies: What's in a name?', which will be held in Maastricht on 16-17 June 2025.

Abstract submission deadline: 28 February 2025.

[Submit an abstract](#)

Sarah Tas co-authored a study for the EPRS

The European Parliamentary Research Service commissioned MCEL member Sarah Tas and Flavia Patanè to conduct a targeted substitute impact assessment on the proposed Regulation to enhance police cooperation and reinforce Europol's role in the fight against migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings. The study has now been published, and the two authors presented their findings during the LIBE Committee on the 17 February 2025.

[Read the study](#)



Sarah Schoenmaekers appointed as member of the EC Expert Group on Public Procurement

Sarah Schoenmaekers has been appointed as a member of the European Commission's stakeholder expert group on public procurement, which provides the European Commission with legal, economic, technical and practical insights to further shape the European Union's public procurement policy.

[Learn more about the group](#)



Proposal for a
regulation on
police
cooperation to
counter
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Fulvia Ristuccia awarded annual AISDUE prize for best EU law article

The Associazione Italiana Studiosi di Diritto dell'Unione Europea has awarded MCEL member Fulvia Ristuccia the prize for the best paper on EU law published in a law journal (IVth edition 2024) for her article: 'Ties That Bind and Ties That Compel: Dependency and the Ruiz Zambrano Doctrine' (2023) 60 Common Market Law Review 1227-1267.

[Read here the motivation](#)



Journal Publications



Article 340 TFEU and judicial unpredictability

Alessandro Cuomo and Phedon Nicolaides published "EU Liability and Judicial (Un)predictability: An Appraisal of the Test for a Serious Breach of Law under Article 340(2) TFEU" in 49(6) European Law Review, 615-631 (2024).

[Read the paper](#)



"Why cohesion policy is not about cohesion"

Leticia Díez Sánchez's article "Why Cohesion Policy is not about Cohesion" was published in 62(1) Common Market Law Review, 14-48 (2025).

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Comparators and comparisons in EU Equality Law

Nozizwe Dube's article, 'A Typology of Comparators and Comparisons in EU Equality Law' was published in 62(1) Common Market Law Review, 49-84 (2025).

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EU's liability regime for human rights violations

Sarah Tas and Joyce de Coninck's case note 'Investigating Five Dimensions of the EU's Liability Regime: Marián Kočner' was published in 62(1) Common Market Law Review, 195-214 (2025).

[Read the paper](#)



Mutual trust and the European arrest warrant

Matteo Bonelli and Mateus Correia de Carvalho published "No need to look, trust me! Mutual trust and distrust in the European arrest warrant system" in 3(2) European Law Opem. 28-311 (2024)



EU law and cultivated meat

Guido Bellenghi and Luca Knuth published "EU Food Law and the Politics of the Internal Market: The Challenge of Cultivated Meat" in 17 Review of European Administrative Law, 39-62 (2024)

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MCEL seminars

MCEL organises a series of monthly research seminars where high-level speakers are invited to discuss specific topics in EU law.

For an overview of our past and upcoming seminars click the link below.

[More info](#)

Other selected publications by MCEL members

- Guido Bellenghi, 'The European Parliament's Proposal for an EU State of Emergency Clause: A Comparative and Constitutional Analysis' (2024) 20 Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy, 1–30;
- Mariolina Eliantonio, 'Composite Procedures, the Violation of Fundamental Rights, and the Availability of Sufficient Remedies in the Multi-level EU Judicial Architecture' in Melanie Fink (ed) Redressing Fundamental Rights by EU Law (CUP 2024);
- Valentina Golunova and Sarah Tas, 'Guardians of Digital RightsExploring Strategic Litigation on Data Protection and Content Moderation in the EU' (2024) Nordic Journal of European Law 49;
- Marta Maroni, 'The Idea of Data and European Constitutional Imaginaries: an Immanent Critique of the Data Governance Act' in Filiberto Brozzetti and Mariavittoria Catanzariti (eds), EU Data Institutionalism (2024) 2V Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia del Diritto (special issue) 285–315;
- Lisa Waddington and Melanie Regine Hack, "Work-Life Balance and EU Law" , in S Garben and L Gormley (eds), Oxford Encyclopedia of EU Law (OUP 2024).

[See here all MCEL members' publications](#)

Upcoming events

- Environmental Law Lecture Series, organised by MCEL member Marjan Peeters. [See here for past and future events](#)
- Online book launch on the 28 February 2025: "European Union economic law and culture: Towards a European culturally corrected market economy?" organised by MCEL member Sarah Schoenmaekers. [More info here](#)
- The ICON-S Benelux Chapter will organize its second conference on 22-23 May 2025. The conference will take place in Bruxelles (BE), hosted by the Université libre de Bruxelles. The Conference theme is "Public Law in an Age of Contestation and Systemic Change". MCEL members Mariolina Eliantonio (co-chair of the Benelux regional ICON-S Chapter) and Franco Peirone (Chapter Manager) are part of the organizing committee. [More info here](#)

Past events



Book Launch: The European Ombudsman Investigated

MCEL and Glaw-Net organised the launch of the book "The European Ombudsman Investigated: From Old Battles to New Challenges" (Hart 2025), co-edited by Deirdre Curtin, Tanja Ehnert, Anna Morandini and MCEL member Sarah Tas.

The open-access book traces the evolution of the European Ombudsman and focuses on challenges and future perspectives of this institution. During the event, the editors were joined by Emily O'Reilly (European Ombudsman) as keynote speaker, and discussants Ellen Vos (Co-director of MCEL) and Maria Weimer (University of Amsterdam). The event was chaired by MCEL member Mariolina Eliantonio.

[More on the book](#)

Ius Commune Annual Conference

Several MCEL members organised panels in the Ius Commune annual conference held in Utrecht in November 2024. Monica Claes convened a panel on "Shared Responsibilities for the Protection of Fundamental Rights in Europe"; Ellen Vos, Guido Bellengi, Alessandro Cuomo, Alex Soroiu and Rita Aroso Duarte organised the workshop "EU Law, Expertise, Democracy, and Accountability"; Pauline Melin and Fulvia Ristuccia convened a panel on "Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion in EU Citizenship Case Law"; Mariolina Elia Antonio organised a workshop on Judicial Protection and Law Enforcement.

MCEL members Justine Richelle, Stevi Kitsou, Nozizwe Dube, Naz Yilancioglu, Sarah Tas, Andreina de Leo, Rónán Riordan, Gaetano Ancona and Alessandro Marcia also presented on their research in the Ius Commune workshops.

[More on the conference](#)



TEGL Annual Conference

MCEL members Mariolina Elia Antonio and Sarah Tas were part of the organizing committee of the 2024 TEGL Annual Conference hosted in Maastricht "Re-imagining Law for Sustainable Globalization: Navigating Uncertainty in a Globalized Era".

The conference explored the intricate relationship between law and uncertainty. In an era of daunting global challenges, it sought to transcend traditional views of law solely as a mitigator of uncertainty, exploring the diverse conditions under which law can enable or create uncertainties.

[More on the conference](#)



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