

# NEWSLETTER

UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL RESEARCH

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September(s)...

I am writing this Editorial in the first days of September and the “cold rain” that has just fallen reminds me that the “astonished and timid smile of summer” will remain for some time in the chromatic warmth of “roses”. Sommer lächelt erstaunt und matt in den sterbenden Gartentraum. More than these words by Hermann Hesse in “September”, it is above all the memorable music which Richard Strauss composed for them (in the second of the Vier letzte Lieder) that I dare to evoke here. The feeling of repose, free from time, that its unmistakable melodic melismatic line teaches us to “live” (illuminating a farewell without anguish, if not a promise of eternity), actually contrasts with the message that accompanies UCILeR’s new beginning ... and with its implacable counting down (as if this message were proclaimed by the strident loudspeakers of a Brave New World).

As UCILeR is one of the three hundred and twelve R&D units to be evaluated in 2023/2024, the first stage of this process is actually already there: I am considering the registration procedure which triggers this evaluation and which has as insurmountable limits September 14th and October 10th. With regard to this evaluation, it is important not to forget that it focuses on the activities carried out between January 1, 2018 and August 31, 2023... but also on the “objectives, strategy, activity plan and organization” that (until January 2024) we will be able to programme for the 2025-2029 cycle... Is this compatible with the miraculous suspension of time (free of deadlines) that we considered supra? Certainly not, which means that our September will inevitably be another one...

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# I. Latest UCILeR events



## Final Symposium– MediMARE: Mediation in Maritime Disputes

The MediMARE MEdiation in Maritime Disputes Final Symposium happened on 30 June and 1 July at Colégio da Trindade, in Coimbra. The event was able to count on the participation of several specialists in the maritime disputes area, namely Maria de Assunção Cristas, Associate Professor at da Nova School of Law, coordinator of the Law and Economy of the Sea Master and former Ministry of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Territory Ordinance between 2011 and 2013, and Ministry of Agriculture and Sea of Portugal between 2011 and 2015; João Reis, Secretary of State of Fisheries; and Marisa Lameiras da Silva, General Director of Sea Policy.

During the event, there was also the presentation of papers in a Call for Papers, which written papers were published in a Book of Abstracts, available [here](#). The event was broadcast live on the YouTube channel, and is available [here](#).

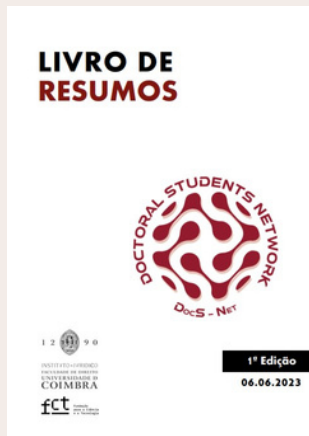


## IV International Research Talks

On 25 July 2023, the IV International Research Talks were held in room 1.01 of Colégio da Trindade. This annual event, which took place in person, aimed to disseminate the research developed by the invited researchers who visit the UCILeR. The debate was open to researchers interested in the themes of the event or in the international research process.

## II. Latest UCILeR publications

### a) UCILeR publications



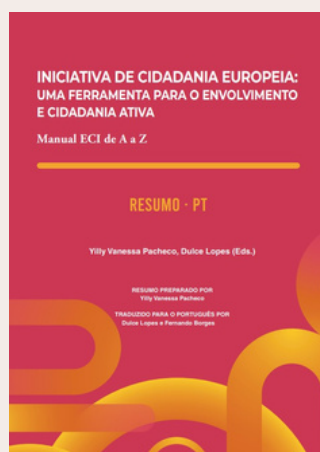
#### DocS-Net: Book of abstracts

Coordinators: Niedja Santos and Luiza Barbosa

Year: 2023

DOI: 10.47907/DocSNet/2023

The book of abstracts brings together papers of doctoral students who participated in the 1st Doctoral Students Network on 6 June 2023. The Doctoral Students Network takes place every year with institutional support from the UCILeR and is organised by a committee of doctoral students. In 2023, the Organising Committee was composed of UCILeR doctoral student Niedja de Andrade e Silva Forte dos Santos and Luiza Nogueira Barbosa. The book is available [here](#).



#### Iniciativa de Cidadania Europeia: Uma ferramenta para o envolvimento e cidadania ativa

Coordinators: Yilly Vanessa Pacheco and Dulce Lopes

Year: 2023

DOI: 10.47907/manualECI/2023

This document is the result of the "ECI: From A to Z" project, funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, and comprises a summary in Portuguese of the "ECI Handbook from A to Z - European Citizens' Initiative: A tool for involvement and active citizenship". The publication is available [here](#).



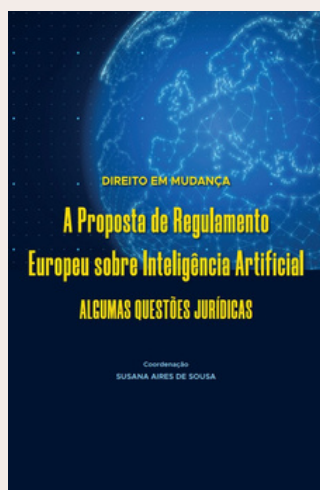
## MediMARE: Book of abstracts

Coordinators: Dulce Lopes, Fernando Borges, and Roberta Donato

Year: 2023

DOI: 10.47907/livroderesumos/ProjetoMediMare/2023

This Book of abstracts was produced as part of the Final Symposium of the MediMARE, a project funded by the EEA (PT-INNOVATION-0065), which was held on 30 June and 1 July 2023 at Colégio da Trindade. The Book of abstracts is available [here](#).



## The European Proposal for a Regulation on Artificial Intelligence (Ai Act): Some legal questions

Coordinator: Susana Aires de Sousa

Year: 2023

e-ISBN: 978-989-9075-50-4

DOI: 10.47907/DireitoemMudança/2023/livro

The book is a compilation of the papers presented at the webinar "Changing Law: The proposed European Regulation on Artificial Intelligence: some legal issues", which was held on 28 March, and it is available [here](#).

# I. Internal life of the UCILeR



## Training in Mediation in Maritime Mediation

The intensive Training Programme in Maritime Mediation happened in-person in Leiria, Portugal, from 19 June 19 until 30 June 2023, with 24 participants. The course was structured in the framework of the MediMARE Project and was directed towards interested participants in maritime mediation disputes. They had the opportunity to acquire knowledge for two weeks on mediation in general, the characteristics of maritime mediation, legislation on maritime law, and modes and concepts of maritime mediation, among others.



## Meeting with Science and Technology in Portugal

This year, the Meeting with Science and Technology in Portugal was held in Aveiro, from 5 to 7 July. It was the first time that FCT's annual meeting took place outside Lisbon, with the main theme being the Oceans.

The UCILeR was present at the event to disseminate the results of the MediMARE Project and for the presentation of posters by 4 doctoral students, fellows and collaborating researchers of the UCILeR (Roberta Donato, Niedja Santos, Louise Beja and Isabela Nascimento).



## Missions Out

During the months of July and August, several researchers participated in several international events, namely: Ana Margarida Gaudêncio (“Combating Gender-Based Violence”, 3-6 July, France); Ana Rita Alfaiate and Paula Távora Vítor (8th (Golden Jubilee) World Conference of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL), 12-15 July, Belgium); Luiza Nogueira Barbosa (27th World Congress of Political Science: Politics in the Age of Transboundary Crises: Vulnerability and Resilience, 15-19 July, Argentina) and David Magalhães (76e Session de la Société Internationale Fernand De Visscher pour l’Histoire des Droits de l’Antiquité, 22-26 August, Finland).



## Provisional results: FCT awards 7 PhD scholarships to students hosted by the UCILeR

On 31 July, the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) published the provisional results of the 2023 Call for PhD Studentships in all Scientific Domains. In the scientific panel for law, 24 research grants were recommended for funding, seven of which were awarded to students whose host research centre is the UCILeR.



## Funding applications

The project **EU-CIEMBLy: Creating an Inclusive European Citizens' Assembly** has been selected for funding under the topic Intersectionality and equality in deliberative and participatory democratic spaces TOPIC ID: HORIZON-CL2-2023-DEMOCRACY-01-07 in Cluster 2 of Horizon Europe. EU – CIEMBLy addresses the need for the introduction of new forms of citizens' participation and deliberation in EU political life and, particularly, an EU Citizens' Assembly whose design and implementation fully addresses issues of intersectionality, inclusiveness, and equality. The project will be coordinated by the UCILeR, led by Dulce Lopes.

The **Policies, Law and Services for Migrants** project, submitted to the Fulbright Specialist programme, has been approved. The specialist, Sharvari Karandikar, a professor at the College of Social Work at the Ohio State University (US) will collaborate with the UCILeR for 16 days starting in October, organising workshops on the theme of migration and designing a research project focusing on the refugee and migrant population in Portugal. The Fulbright specialist will be accompanied by Ana Margarida Gaudêncio and Marta Graça.

The **CHANGER - Challenges and Innovative Changes in Research Ethics Reviews** was approved in the Horizon Europe Programme (HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-12). This project is coordinated by the National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos, Greece, and it aims to promote changes in ethical reviews in research projects that strengthen researchers' capacities to incorporate ethical judgments in project design and implementation, and support ethics committees in addressing new challenges posed by new technologies and new research practices. The participation of the UCILeR is led by André Dias Pereira.

The **ELHEC-RA - Environmental Literacy in Higher Education Context for Preventing Radicalization in Climate Activism** was approved in the Erasmus+ Programme. The project is coordinated by the University of Siena (Italy) and it aims to prevent radicalisation processes within the contexts of activism related to environmental sustainability issues and the fight against climate change by enhancing the environmental literacy of university students. The participation of the UCILeR is led by Alexandra Aragão.

## II. UCILeR Scheduled Events



**28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

5th Civil Law Meetings - Personality Rights

More information [here](#).



**2&3 OCTOBER 2023**

Current Issues in Public Law: Comparative analysis Brazil-Portugal

More information [here](#).



**9 OCTOBER 2023**

MoveS seminar Portugal-Spain - Mobility of workers between Portugal and Spain and their Social Security Rights: Strategies for coordination, cooperation, and control

More information [here](#).



**12&13 OCTOBER 2023**

Transatlantic Dialogues on Private International Law: Family and personal status on the move

More information [here](#).





**27 OCTOBER 2023**

Corporate Sustainability, Human Rights, and the Environment

More information [here](#).



**23 NOVEMBER 2023**

Webinar Hague Rules: Transport Law under discussion

More information [here](#).



**30 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Legal SciComm Conference: Conference on legal research communication**

More information [here](#).



**6&7 DECEMBER 2023**

Aristotle (and Aristotelianism) on Justice and (In)equality: Contemporary projections

More information [here](#).

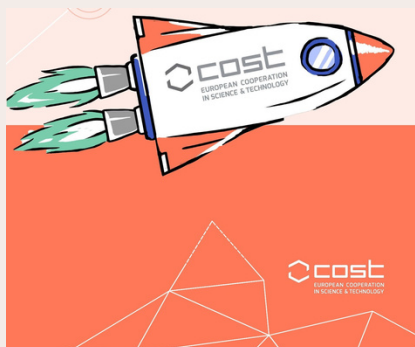


**7 DECEMBER 2023**

The New Proposal for an Insolvency Law Directive

More information [here](#).

### III. UCILeR Challenges

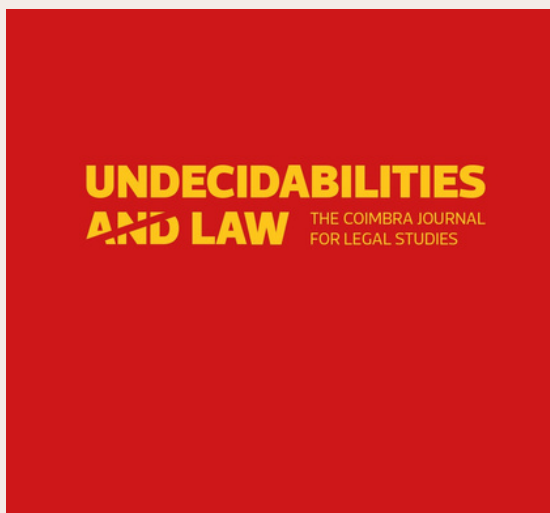


#### i.COST Actions

**Submission deadline: 25 October 2023**

A COST action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings together researchers and innovators to explore a topic of their choice for 4 years. COST Actions are typically composed of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions, and other relevant organizations or stakeholders.

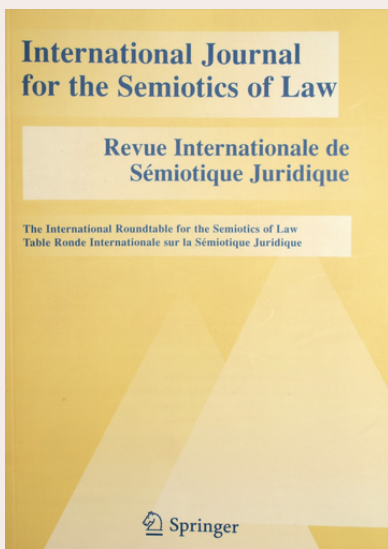
More information can be found [here](#).



#### ii.Call for Papers: Undecidabilities and Law

The scientific journal Undecidabilities and Law - The Coimbra Journal for Legal Studies is receiving articles for its fourth volume, to be published in 2024. The theme of this issue is Legality and Proportionality in the Performance of Law and the editor is Marek Zirk-Sadowski, from the University of Łódź. Proposals can be submitted until **10 January 2024**.

More information [here](#).



### iii. Call for Papers: International Journal for the Semiotics of Law

The International Journal for the Semiotics of Law has launched several calls for papers:

[Gender and Law Issues](#): submission deadline: 1 January 2024

[On Ricoeur: Justice, Hermeneutics, Responsibility, and Personal Identity](#): submission deadline: 1 January 2025

[Spatial Dynamics and Cultural Changes in Contemporary Legal Experience](#): submission deadline: 15 February 2024

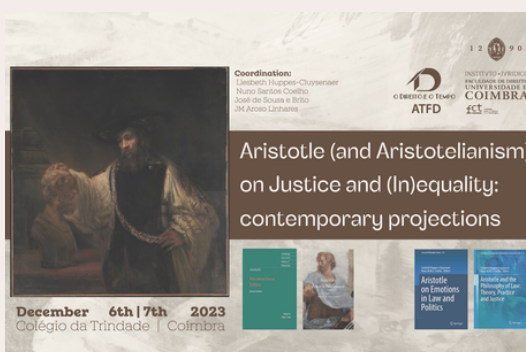
### iv. Call for Papers: 24th International Roundtables for the Semiotics of Law

The International Journal for the Semiotics of Law is also promoting a call for papers for the 24th International Roundtables for the Semiotics of Law, which will be held from 16 to 18 July 2024 in the United Kingdom. Submissions until 26 January 2024. More information [here](#).



### v. Call for Papers: Transatlantic Dialogues on Private International Law: Family and personal status on the move

The call for papers, aimed at young researchers, runs until 20 September 2023. The aim of the seminar is to discuss topics related to novelties in the regulation and recognition of family and personal status. More information [here](#).



### vi. Call for Papers: Aristotle (and Aristotelianism) on Justice and (In) equality: Contemporary projections

Researchers, academics and experts in philosophy, political science, law, ethics, psychology and related fields are invited to submit their original research papers for presentation at the conference. Submissions are due by 25 September 2023. More information [here](#).

**I Legal SciComm Conference**  
Communicating Legal Research  
30 November 2023 | Coimbra, Portugal

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Ways and tools to communicate legal research to the private sector, policy makers and lay audiences.

Abstracts with up to 250 words, English ou Portuguese

Articles can be selected for publication in English in an international journal

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER, 10 | SUBMISSIONS TO: msgraca@ij.uc.pt**

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### viii. Call for Papers: Legal SciComm Conference: Conference on legal research communication

A call for papers is open to discuss various topics related to the communication of legal research with non-specialized audiences, such as the private sector and policy makers.

Possible topics include: techniques, ways/tools, participatory and/or performative forms of construction and critical reflection (e.g. visual law and legal design, legislative theatre, etc.); communication through podcasts, social networks, videos, comics, press releases, among others.

Abstracts in Portuguese or English with up to 250 words should be submitted by **10 October 2023**.

More information [here](#).



**Sustentabilidade Empresarial, Direitos Humanos e Ambiente**

Antes e para lá da diretiva anunciada (Dever de diligência das empresas em matéria de sustentabilidade)

Congresso Internacional  
**27** outubro 2023  
Auditério do Colégio de Jesus  
Universidade de Coimbra  
Portugal

SAVE THE DATE  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
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### viii. Call for Papers: Corporate Sustainability, Human Rights, and the Environment

The call is open to students and researchers in bachelor's, master's, doctoral, postdoctoral, postgraduate or non-degree specialisation courses, jurists and other specialists.

Papers should discuss or reflect on legal and/or interdisciplinary perspectives related to the proposed directive. Submissions until 13 October 2023. More information [here](#).



# UCILeR projects

The work plan of the UCILeR is based on reflection on legal solutions to contemporary issues. As a research unit, the UCILeR establishes a bridge between the UC's legal academic community and society through its various research projects. Each edition of the UCILeR Newsletter will feature UCILeR projects. Complete and detailed information on all UCILeR projects can be found [here](#).

## INTERFACE SEGURA

### I – INTERFACE SEGURA

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Fernanda Paula de Oliveira

Purpose: 1) Characterisation of the territory, with identification and assessment of the risk in terms of the occurrence of fires in the Urban-Forest Interface (UFI), based on case studies; Characterisation of the surroundings and the built environment and their vulnerability; 2) Application of the principles of Fire Safety Engineering in UFI zones considering forest fire scenarios; Mitigation of ignitions in the built environment by analysing and characterising the behaviour in terms of reaction and resistance to fire of construction products; Development of technical recommendations for the protection of buildings and relevant technical infrastructures; 3) Use of predictive computational tools; Modelling the spread of forest fires; Computational Fluid Dynamics modelling of IUF forest fires and their impacts on the built environment; and 4) Education/awareness-raising among the population; Development of more resilient communities.



### II - HAGUE RULES - 100 YEARS

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Alexandre Soveral Martins

Purpose: celebrate the 100th anniversary of the "Hague Rules", with several initiatives planned to discuss the "Rules" and their application.

# Calls UCILeR



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