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On the eve of a decisive year (without needing to quote Mies van der Rohe's minimalist celebration...), I allow myself the briefest of all editorials. May the next year fully correspond to what UCILeR, as a community of researchers ("persistently rewriting" their community of ideas and their community of memory(s)), rightly expects and deserves!

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I. Latest UCILeR events



Hague Rules: Anniversary Celebrations Closing

The International Congress marking the closing of the celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the Hague Rules, an event dedicated to transport law and international contracting, was held on 8 November 2024.

Throughout the year, a series of initiatives, including webinars, congresses and a special publication, were organised to celebrate this milestone. The aim of these activities was to promote in-depth reflection on the Hague Rules and their application, as well as to debate the future challenges of maritime transport, such as safety issues, environmental concerns, and the development of autonomous shipping, among others. This centenary was also an occasion to honour Portugal's rich maritime tradition.

More information on the project to commemorate 100 years of the Hague Rules can be found [here](#).



II Legal SciComm Conference: Research and Practices

The 2nd Legal SciComm Conference, an event focused on legal communication, was held on 12 November 2024 at Colégio da Trindade. This year, under the theme 'Research and Practice', the conference brought together researchers, academics, students, and legal and linguistic professionals to debate innovative strategies for simplifying and clarifying legal language for lay audiences. The programme included lectures, a practical workshop, and round tables addressing challenges and advances in the practice of communicating legal topics to the public and the scientific community, promoting an inclusive dialogue between law, science, and society. It also included the presentation of research and experience reports resulting from the call for papers.



1st Luso-Brazilian Seminar on Reproductive Rights

The 1st Luso-Brazilian Seminar on Reproductive Rights, organised by researchers André Pereira and Raíssa Lima e Salvador, was held at Colégio da Trindade on 18 and 19 November 2024.

The aim of this seminar was to strengthen the protection of reproductive and sexual human rights, both by sharing experiences and good practices from Brazil and Portugal and by strengthening joint strategies to ensure bodily autonomy, equitable access to reproductive health and the promotion of effective public policies for the most vulnerable human groups.

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

Check out an infographic with the main conclusions [here](#).



Law and Time: X Meeting of doctoral researchers

On 25 November 2024, the event 'Law and Time: X Meeting of doctoral researchers' was held at Colégio da Trindade.

This event featured two conferences, one dedicated to Justice and wisdom: ethical and intellectual virtues and the realisation of law, given by Nuno M Santos Coelho (USP) and the other entitled Phronēsis as openness to the situation: existential heritage and appropriation. Heidegger's exegesis in the Natorpbericht of EN VI, given by António de Castro Caeiro (NOVA FCSH/IFILNOVA). The special session was attended by António Sá da Silva, Ana Elisabete Ferreira and Bruno Moura.

PhD researchers Aline Sousa, Ana Carolina Silvestre, Fernando Turchetto, Isabela Nascimento, Luiza Barbosa, Marcelo Othon Pereira and Pedro Pizzotti presented their papers. The book of abstracts is available [here](#).



Democracy: Futures, pasts and memories to come - The Carnation Revolution and the Law

The meeting 'Democracy: Futures, Past, and Memories to Come - The Carnation Revolution and the Law' was held on 27 November 2024. This meeting is part of a cycle of conferences that began in 2023, to link the 50th anniversary of the Carnation Revolution with the chronology of the revolution of 1383-1385. The aim was to debate the meaning of the revolutionary phenomenon and its relationship with the law, taking into account the Portuguese experience of the events of April 1974 and all their legal consequences.



Sustainability: Achievements and Challenges

The event Sustainability: Achievements and Challenges was held on 29 November 2024, coordinated by J.M. Coutinho de Abreu and organised by Alexandre Soveral Martins, Carolina Cunha and João Pedro Rodrigues.

The event covered a range of topics that have been debated and/or changes made to the respective legal framework, with the main theme being sustainability, both from an environmental and from an economic and social point of view. The role of companies was highlighted, not only because they are responsible for a large part of the decarbonisation effort, but also because they ensure economic development.



The reform of the Brazilian Civil Code and the Portuguese civil codification

On 2 and 3 December 2024, the 6th ADFAS International Congress - The reform of the Brazilian Civil Code and Portuguese civil codification in the light of the principles of vulnerability and legal certainty, was held at the Colégio da Trindade. The event was co-ordinated by Regina Beatriz Tavares da Silva (President of ADFAS, Brazil) and André Dias Pereira (President of the Portuguese Biodoctrinal Commission of ADFAS, Portugal), and Paula Távora Vítor was a member of the Scientific Council. This Congress featured several international speakers.



On the 30th anniversary of the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts

The webinar 'On 30 years of the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts' was held on 6 December, organised by Alexandre Soveral Martins and César Pires.



VII Forestry and Legislation Debate: Penalties for the prevention of and reacting to forest fires

The VII Debate on Forests and Legislation: Sanctions for the prevention of and reacting to forest fires was held on 9 December at Cultiva- Business Incubator in the municipality of Tábua, an event organised by the UCILeR in partnership with the Coimbra District Council, the Evacuate Forest Project and the Tábua Town Council.

Check [here](#) the infographic.



Insolvency and Business Recovery Code in relation to Corporate Law: some current issues in Portugal and Spain

The Workshop “Insolvency and Business Recovery Code in relation to Corporate Law: some current issues in Portugal and Spain” took place at Colégio da Trindade on 11 December 2024. This event, to which access was restricted, was organized in partnership with the Faculty of Law (ICADE) of the Universidad Pontificia Comillas and coordinated by researchers Alexandre de Soveral Martins and Cecilio Molina Hernández.



Climate Justice Activism: it is possible to change the world without breaking the rules?

The Climate Justice Activism Conference: is it possible to change the world without breaking the rules? was held on 11 December 2024. This conference was organised as part of the ELCRA Project, in which the University of Coimbra participates as a partner, through the UCILeR. The Conference aimed to present the main results of the research carried out so far and brought together researchers from partner universities, students, and environmental activists to discuss issues relating to climate justice movements.

The evaluation and planning meetings for the project's next actions with all the partners took place on 10 and 12 December in the FDUC history room.

ELCRA is a project funded by the ERASMUS+ programme, which aims to understand the attitudes and opinions of university students on issues related to environmental sustainability and the fight against climate change, studying the phenomenon of youth participation in environmental activism movements as a preventative measure against radicalisation phenomena that can lead to violence.

Alexandra Aragão coordinates the team from the University of Coimbra. Dulce Lopes, Sónia Fidalgo, Fernando Borges, Marta Graça, Maria Paixão and Patrícia Moura e Sá from FEUC are also part of the team.



II. Latest UCILeR publications

a) UCILeR publications



Legal Science Communication Conference Proceedings: Communicating Legal Research

Editors (scientific committee): Ana Margarida Gaudêncio; Fernando Borges; Marta Graça.

ISBN: 978-989-9075-75-7

DOI: 10.47907/LegalSciComm2023/Conference

Year: 2024

Available in open access [here](#).



A Proteção da interface urbano-florestal (IUF): dimensões jurídicas

(Protection of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI): Legal Aspects)

Coordinators: Maria João Antunes; Dulce Lopes; Carlos Oliveira

ISBN: 9789899075801

DOI: 10.47907/InterfaceUrbanoFlorestal/livro

Year: 2024

Available in open access [here](#).

III. Internal life of the UCILeR



Applying for projects

Thus, as part of the Individual Call to Scientific Employment Stimulus - 7th Edition, the UCILeR has received 5 applications for the positions of junior researcher or assistant researcher. If successful, the candidates will be hired by the University of Coimbra for a period of 3 years and they will be integrated into the UCILeR's team.



Post-Doctoral Programme in Law 2025-2026

Applications are open from the 1st phase - 2 January to 28 February 2025, 2nd phase - 2 May to 30 June 2025.

The post-doctoral programme, coordinated by Professor Maria João Antunes, is a specialized training programme for doctors, recognized through diploma awarded by the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra.

Learn more about the fields and specialties, the regulations and the application form [here](#).



“Missions Out”

During the months of November and December, several researchers participated in various international events: Stéfani Reimann Patz and Marcelly Fuzaro Gullo (XV Congress of the Associação dos Portos de Língua Portuguesa - APLOP, 30-31 October, Matosinhos, Portugal); Dulce Lopes, Fernando Borges and Lucia Muñoz (EU-CIEMBLY project activities, including workshop on citizens' assemblies and intersectionality, 4-6 November, Madrid, Spain); Stéfani Reimann Patz (IAPP Europe Data Protection Congress 2024, 20-21 November, Brussels, Belgium); Dulce Lopes (Conference 'Good and Bad Practices in European Housing Law and Policy', 21-22 November, Bremen, Germany); Pedro Correia (Encontro de Administração da Justiça - EnAJUS 2024, 26-29 November, Natal, Brazil); Carolina Cunha (European Law Institute workshop on corporate foundations as part of the POWer Project, 2-3 December, Copenhagen, Denmark). Carla Barbosa, Stéfani Reimann Patz and Marcelly Fuzaro Gullo (ICMarkTech'24 - International Conference on Marketing and Technologies, 5 - 7 December 2024, Azores, Portugal, and at the NEXUS: Transição Digital e Verde nos Portos Marítimos – Tendências e Desafios (DGTMP 2024), 10-13 December, in Évora and Sines, Portugal).



Final results 2024: FCT awards 7 PhD scholarships to students hosted by the UCILeR

On 5 November, the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) published the final results of the 2024 Call for PhD Studentships in all Scientific Domains. In the scientific panel for law, 21 research grants were recommended for funding, seven of which were awarded to students whose host research centre is the UCILeR.

Students Ana Carolina Rodrigues, João Narciso, Luiza Franco, Pedro Domingos, Pedro Pizzotti, Stéfani Reimann Patz and Túlio de Aguiar were recommended for funding for their research.



Navigating Abortion Laws after the end of Roe v. Wade

On the morning of 26 November, several UCILeR researchers met with Professor Robin Wilson - University of Illinois College of Law, co-director and founder of the Family Law and Policy Programme and co-director of the Epstein Health Law and Policy Programme, specialising in family law and health law - debating the issue of voluntary termination of pregnancy, a topical issue in Portugal and the USA. In the light of civil law and common law perspectives, repercussions at a personal, family, social and political level were analysed, verifying vulnerability as an intrinsic feature of the human condition and exploring the most appropriate and constructive responses that the Law can offer.



Plan D promotes art and science communication workshop

On 16 December 2024, the Plano D - Diálogos com o Direito project held a workshop at the Colégio da Trindade dedicated to science communication, bringing together researchers from law, other scientific areas (biology, psychology, among others) and members of civil society linked to communication and tourism to reflect on visual and artistic forms that establish a connection between different scientific areas, art and current social problems. This workshop was led by architects and DARQ lecturers Carlos Antunes and Désirée Pedro, and painter Juan Domingues.

Find out more about the project [here](#).



Plan D - Dialogues with the Law launches promotional video on social networks

Plan D - Dialogues with the Law has already released a promotional video on the official YouTube channel of the UCILeR. The first episode, climate action, is scheduled to premiere in January 2025. This initiative, promoted by the UCILeR in partnership with the Instituto Superior Miguel Torga (ISMT), aims to highlight the relevance and cross-cutting nature of law in all areas of human life. Plan D explores the interactions between law and other areas of scientific knowledge and society, which are fundamental to tackling current challenges.

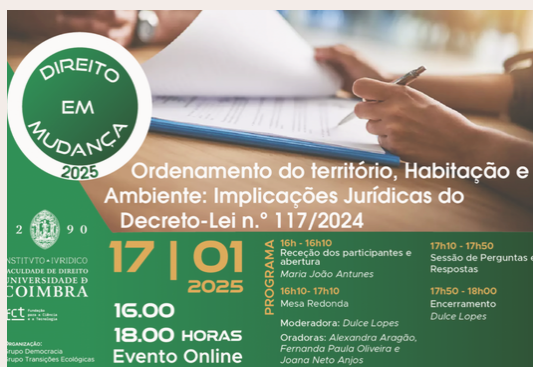
Over the course of the series, 8 conversations were recorded with researchers from the UCILeR, other UC research centres/faculties or the ISMT, and representatives of civil society, NGOs or companies. The debates include topics such as climate action, virtual currencies, mental health, housing challenges, armed conflicts and war, drug policies, gender identity and artificial intelligence. These conversations were held and filmed in various spaces at the UC, depending on the theme.

This initiative was one of the 10 activities supported by the Initiative for the Promotion of Scientific Culture.

Watch the video [here](#).



IV. UCILeR Scheduled Events



17 JANUARY 2025

Direito em Mudança: Ordenamento do território, habitação e ambiente: Implicações jurídicas do Decreto-Lei n.º 117/2024 (Changing Law: Urban planning, housing and the environment: Legal implications of Decree-Law 117/2024)

More information [here](#).



21 JANUARY 2025

Encontro de Doutorandos de Direito Económico e Financeiro (Meeting of Doctoral Students in Economic and Financial Law)

More information [here](#).



24 JANUARY 2025

Comemorando 25 anos da Lei da Droga em Portugal – Um diálogo internacional (Commemorating 25 years of the Drugs Act in Portugal - An international dialogue)

More information [here](#).



10-14 FEBRUARY 2025

Researchers' Camp 2025

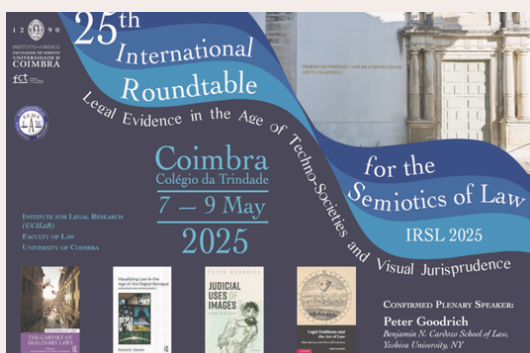
More information [here](#).



27-29 MARCH 2025

III Congresso Luso-Brasileiro de Filosofia do Direito (III Luso-Brazilian Congress of Philosophy of Law)

More information [here](#).



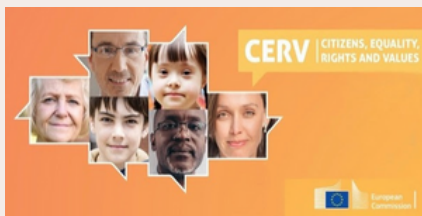
7-9 MAY 2025

25th International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law

More information [here](#).



V. UCILeR Challenges



i) Call for proposals CERV

1. Call for proposals for 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements and for operating grants in the areas of Union Values Applications until **28 January 2025**
2. Call for proposals on rights of the child and children's participation (CERV-2025-CHILD) Applications until **29 April 2025**
3. Call for proposals for Networks of Towns (CERV-2025-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT) Applications until **27 March 2025**
4. Call for proposals to foster public engagement and participation (CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CIV) Applications until **29 April 2025**
More information [here](#).



ii) Call for proposals Justice Programme

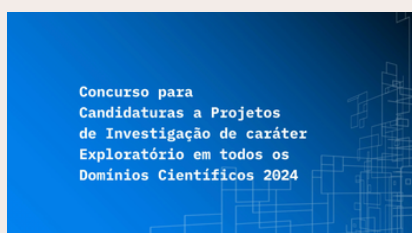
1. Call for proposals to promote judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters Applications until **23 April 2025**
2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects on judicial training covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights Applications until **26 March 2025**
3. Call for proposals for 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements and operating grants in the areas of judicial cooperation and access to justice Applications until **26 June 2025**
More information [here](#).



iii) Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar Awards

Applications until **1 February 2025**

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar awards recognise promising researchers in the final year of writing their doctoral thesis examining an important aspect of violence.
More information [here](#).



iv) Call for Applications for Exploratory Research Projects in all Scientific Fields 2024

Applications until **25 February 2025**

The aim of this call is to fund exploratory projects (PEX) in all scientific fields, with a particular focus on innovative proposals aimed at researchers at the beginning of their careers, or on original ideas and concepts that are highly novel and demonstrate a disruptive potential compared to previous work by more experienced researchers.

A narrative CV system will be adopted in the evaluation methodologies, with a view to a more comprehensive and effective assessment of the diversity of the backgrounds of the researchers responsible for the applications.

More information [here](#).



v) FCT Mobility

Applications until **31 December 2025**

The FCT Mobility programme is designed to support the international mobility of researchers. The programme will fund medium and long-term stays for national doctoral researchers in foreign institutions, and for foreign doctoral researchers in national institutions, with a view to carrying out research and/or fieldwork activities.

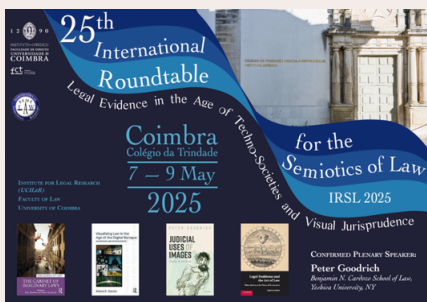
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vi) Call for papers: Restoration Ecology

1. Nature Restoration Legislation, Implementation and Enforcement: Status, Challenges and Solutions - submissions by **31 January 2025**

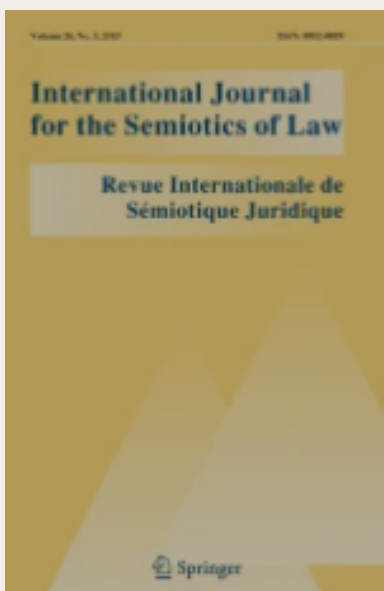
More Information [here](#).



vii) Calls for Papers: 25th International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law (IRSL 2025) - Legal Evidence in the Age of Techno-Societies and Visual Jurisprudence

– submissions by **31 January 2025**

More Information [here](#).



viii) Call for papers: International Journal for the Semiotics of Law

1. Exploring Tensions in Law and Legal Semiotics - submissions by **15 January 2025**
 2. The Legal Semiotics of the Elders - submissions until **15 January 2025**
- More information [here](#).
4. Public Vices, Poor Laws, and the Deterioration of Character - submissions until **31 October 2025** (More information [here](#)).



ix) Call for papers: International Seminar “Violence, Memory, Networks”

Submissions until **25 January 2025**

1. General Themes and Theoretical Issues
(Violence and the intertwining of discourse, action and systemic categories)
 2. Specific Issues and Empirical Areas
(How digital networks remedy hate speech)
- More information [here](#).



x) Call for papers: III Congresso Luso-Brasileiro de Filosofia do Direito (III Luso-Brazilian Congress of Philosophy of Law)

– Submission until **17 March 2025**

More information [here](#).



xi) Call for publications: Silenced Faces and Voices and Invisible Bodies - A Semiotics Investigation

Abstract submission until **15 February 2025**

Full paper submission until **31 July 2025**

More information [here](#).



xii) Call for publications: Justifying state interference with individual rights in Europe – between theory and practice

– Submission until **15 de March 2025**

More information [here](#).

Law and Humanities

xiii) Call for papers: Special Issue Law and Humanities: Kafka's The Trial

– Submission until **1 March 2025**

More information [here](#).



xiv) Call for papers: Heritage in War and Peace IV

Human Rights Perspectives through Past, Present and Future

Submissions until **6 September 2025**

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](#).



I – ELCRA PROJECT

Coordinator at the UCILeR/FDUC: Maria Alexandra de Sousa Aragão

Purpose: ELCRA is a project funded by the ERASMUS+ programme, which aims to understand the attitudes and opinions of university students on issues related to environmental sustainability and the fight against climate change, studying the phenomenon of youth participation in environmental activism movements as a preventative measure against radicalisation phenomena that can lead to violence.



II – CHANGER

Coordinator at the UCILeR /FDUC: André Dias Pereira

Purpose: CHALLENGES and innovative chaNGes in research Ethics Reviews (CHANGER) is a three-year Coordination and Support Action (CSA) project, funded by the European Union's Horizon WIDERA programme aiming to promote changes in research ethics reviews by strengthening the capacities of researchers to incorporate ethical judgements in the project design and implementation, and by supporting capacity building of Research Ethics Committees (RECs) to address new challenges posed by new technologies and new research practices.

UCILeR challenges



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