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Will the stage that September promised (and that I forced myself to highlight in our last newsletter) finally be accomplished in the second half of November? I think that for now this question suffices. When we take seriously UCILeR' s path and its demarcation into cycles — admitting however that this demarcation is compatible with an argument of continuity (concerning the thematic core of “societal challenges”) — it is certainly advisable to be restrained in words. Or at least (without further ado) to evoke the great Rita Dove... and a certain “November for Beginners”. As much as it may be difficult for us to admit it, we are certainly all beginners in some way. *[Even if it's not (or is it?) about] sitting in the smell of the past and rising in a light that is already leaving... [and even less about] memorizing a gloomy line or two of German.*

*J M Aroso Linhares*

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# I. Latest UCILeR events



## 5th Civil Law Meetings - Personality Rights

The fifth edition of the Civil Law Meetings - Personality Rights, coordinated by researchers Paulo Mota Pinto and Mafalda Miranda Barbosa, was held on 28 September. This event is a joint initiative with the Universidade Católica Portuguesa and took place in the Chapel of the Colégio da Trindade. The event was broadcast live on the YouTube channel, and is available [here](#).



## MediMARE: Final Seminar - Presentation of results

The final seminar of the MediMARE project was held on 29 September 2023 in room 1.01 of the Colégio da Trindade. This event, dedicated to the presentation of results, focused on publications, courses, the communication and dissemination of the project, and the involvement of stakeholders. The event was broadcast live on the YouTube channel, and is available [here](#).

# I. Latest UCILeR events



## Current Issues in Public Law: Comparative Analysis Brazil-Portugal

The Congress Current Issues in Public Law: Comparative Analysis Brazil-Portugal (under the Protocol between the Attorney General's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro and the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra) was held on 2 and 3 October 2023 at the Chapel of Colégio da Trindade. During the day and a half event, topics related to the separation of powers for the 21st Century, fundamental freedoms and digitalisation, freedom of expression, social media and artificial intelligence, and appeals to each country's constitutional courts were addressed.



## MoveS seminar Portugal-Spain - Mobility of workers between Portugal and Spain and their Social Security rights: strategies for coordination, cooperation, and control

The MoveS Seminar Portugal-Spain - Mobility of workers between Portugal and Spain and their Social Security rights: strategies for coordination, cooperation, and control was held in the Chapel of the Colégio da Trindade on 9 October 2023. During this event, topics related to the free movement of workers, social security and labour issues were discussed. The event was organised by MoveS with the support of UCILeR and the Universidad Pontificia Comillas.



## European Study Group on Corporate Asset Locks Workshop

The European Study Group on Corporate Asset Locks Workshop took place on 12 October at the European Parliament in Brussels. This working meeting was held as part of POWer - Purpose-Ownership Extensive Reflection, a project dedicated to the phenomenon known as purpose ownership or steward ownership, which is a current problematic nucleus that is in great need of study and solutions, both nationally and internationally.



## Transatlantic dialogues on Private International Law: family and personal status on the move

The "Transatlantic dialogues on Private International Law: family and personal status on the move" was held in a hybrid format in the Sala do Varandim Palácio dos Melos on 12 and 13 October 2023 and allowed for the debate of innovative topics in the field of private international law, such as socio-affective filiation and polyamorous families. The event included a call for papers aimed at young researchers.



## Democracy: Futures, Pasts and Memories to Come

The seminar Democracy: Futures, Pasts and Memories to Come was held on 23 October at the Colégio da Trindade. The seminar presented various reflections on the past, present and future of democracy.



## Corporate Sustainability, Human Rights, and the Environment

The international congress titled "Corporate Sustainability, Human Rights, and the Environment: before and beyond the announced directive on duty of Due Diligence in terms of sustainability" aims to foster a significant and meaningful debate on this crucial subject. The event will gather national and international experts and professionals on October 27, 2023, under the organization of the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research (UCILeR).

## II. Latest UCILeR publications

### a) UCILeR publications



#### **Penas e Medidas Não-Privativas da Liberdade nos Estados-Membros da União Europeia: Relatório Comparativo**

Coordinators: Anabela Miranda Rodrigues, Maria João Antunes, Sónia Fidalgo, Inês Horta Pinto, Karla Tayumi Ishiy

Year: 2023

DOI:

[10.47907/livroPenaseMedidasNaoPrivativasdaLiberdade/UniaoEuropeia/RelatorioComparativo/2023](https://doi.org/10.47907/livroPenaseMedidasNaoPrivativasdaLiberdade/UniaoEuropeia/RelatorioComparativo/2023)

The Portuguese version of the comparative study on non-custodial sentences and measures in the Member States of the European Union (EU), entitled "Non-custodial Sanctions and Measures in the Member States of the European Union: Comparative Report", has recently been published. The comparative study is the result of the project "Promoting non-discriminatory alternatives to imprisonment across Europe" (PRI ALT EUR), coordinated by Penal Reform International (PRI), with the University of Coimbra (UC) and the Hungarian Helsinki Committee (HHC) as partners, and funded by the European Union (JUST-JCOO-AG-2020). This project aimed to understand and promote the use of alternatives to prison sentences in the European Union, with a special focus on the most vulnerable people and the impact of the pandemic on the application and execution of these sentences.

The Portuguese version is now available [here](#), and the English version, published in November 2022, can be found [here](#).



#### **Florestas e Legislação. O novo sistema de Gestão Integrada de Fogos Rurais (SGIFR)**

Coordinators: Maria João Antunes, Dulce Lopes and Carlos Oliveira

Year: 2023

DOI: [10.47907/FOGOSRURAISSGIFR/2023](https://doi.org/10.47907/FOGOSRURAISSGIFR/2023)

The book "Forests and Legislation. The new Integrated Rural Fire Management System (SGIFR)", was coordinated by our researchers Maria João Antunes and Dulce Lopes, as well as by Carlos Oliveira, as part of the UCILeR's Risk, Transparency and Litigation research area.

This book presents the reflections arising from the "IV Debates on Forests and Legislation", organised as part of the House-Refuge project, and focuses on some of the measures introduced or reconfigured by the SGIFR, taking stock of them and anticipating their implementation in practice in Portugal.

The book is available in open access [here](#).

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](#).

# I. Internal life of the UCILeR



## Training at UCILeR prepares researchers for Horizon Europe applications

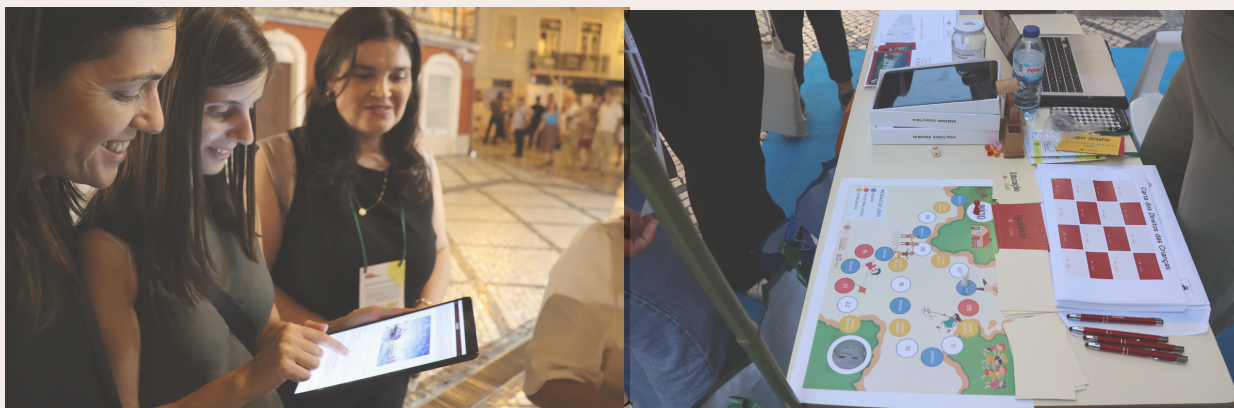
On 21 September 2023, the UCILeR welcomed trainer Seán McCarthy from Hyperion Ltd. who led a three-hour training session on how to write a competitive proposal for Pillar II of Horizon Europe. The aim of the training was to help researchers prepare an application for Horizon Europe. The training, which aimed to help researchers prepare an application to Horizon Europe, was organised in a partnership between the UCILeR and the Vice-Rectorate for Research and the Strategic Areas Centre, and was attended by researchers and science managers from various UC units.



## UC Women in Science. Dulce Lopes

Dulce Lopes, assistant professor at the FDUC, researcher and member of the UCILeR's Coordinating Border, is the October guest on UC Women in Science.

Read more [here](#).



## European Researchers' Night

The UCILeR was present at the European Researchers' Night 2023 on 29 September in downtown Coimbra. This year, the UCILeR presented a game on Children's Rights, aimed at both children and adults. The European Researchers' Night is an event that takes place simultaneously in several European cities and aims to bring research closer to the general public, stimulating interest in scientific careers, especially among young people.



## European Law Institute

UCILeR is formally a member of the European Law Institute (ELI). The ELI is an independent, democratic and membership-based organisation. Its members include judges, academics, legal practitioners, government officials as well as policy and decision makers.

The ELI aims to contribute to the improvement of European legal development in a global context by conducting and facilitating research in all areas of law. The ELI's work influences the European legislator, as well as laws at national and international level, thus having an impact on the lives of millions of natural and legal persons in Europe and beyond.

Find out more [here](#) and [here](#).





## Missions Out

During July and August, several researchers participated in various international events: Maria João Antunes and Cláudia Santos (14th International Congress of Criminal Sciences - "What is the future of criminal law? What is the criminal law of the future? Technology, communication, media and society", 30 August - 1 September, Brazil); Joana Ricarte (16th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, 5 - 9 September, Germany); Jónatas Machado (Annual Conference of the European Consortium for Church and State Research, 20-24 September, Finland).



## Approved projects

The UCILeR is part of the project "Bridging the Gap: Research Ethics Training and Education", funded by the Erasmus+ programme, within the scope of higher education partnerships. The consortium is led by Fraud Line Enterprise and includes partners from Romania, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Greece and Croatia. With a duration of 36 months, BriGRETE aims to improve the availability and accessibility of training in the field of ethics and education, as well as to promote collaboration between researchers and ethics committees and a responsible and inclusive approach to artificial intelligence research. To achieve these goals, the project will develop support tools for researchers in the field of ethics, as well as creating courses and forming a network on the subject. Researchers André Dias Pereira and Ana Gaudêncio are part of the project team.

## II. UCILeR Scheduled Events



14 NOVEMBER 2023

Webinar Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law

More information [here](#).



20 & 21 NOVEMBER 2023

Seminar Procedures for the construction of urban policies and plans - a Portuguese-Brazilian vision

More information [here](#).



23 NOVEMBER 2023

Webinar Hague Rules: Transport law under discussion

More information [here](#).



30 NOVEMBER 2023

I Legal SciComm Conference: Communicating Legal Research

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](#).



**11 DECEMBER 2023**

VI Forests and Legislation Debates

More information [here](#).



# III. UCILeR Challenges



Fundação  
para a Ciência  
e a Tecnologia

## i.Call for the National Study of Roma Communities

Submissions until 12 December 2023

With a maximum budget of 200,000 euros, Call aims to support the funding of a research project on the study of the socio-economic situation of the Roma community in Portugal and knowledge of their living conditions, in four key areas: employment, housing, health and education. The aim is to deepen multidisciplinary scientific knowledge in these areas, including the gender inequalities, discrimination and racism experienced by the Portuguese Roma population and which condition their full integration, with a view to defining public policies and action strategies.

More information [here](#).



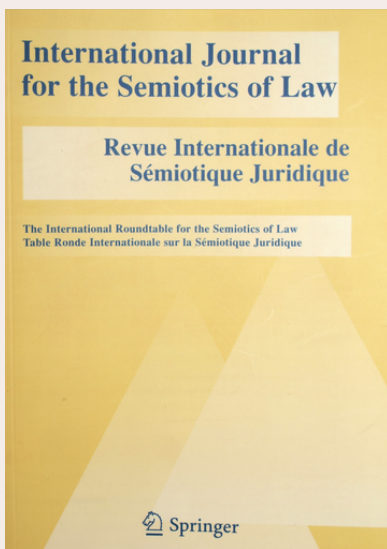
## ii.Call for Papers: Undecidabilities and Law

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](#).



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### 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: ESSE conference, Lausanne, August 2024

Topic: "What do the Humanities have to say to Law?"

Submissions until 31 January 2023

More information [here](#).

### vi. Call for Papers: 23d meeting of the Law and Humanities Workshop for Junior Scholars

9-10 June 2024

Submission until 15 December 2023

More information [here](#).

### vii. Call for Papers: International Conference In the Thick of Images: Law, History, and the Visual

10 - 11 June 2024

Submission until 19 January 2024

Submission until [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 – EVACUAR FLORESTA

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Fernanda Paula de Oliveira

Objectives: 1) To characterise the territory from the point of view of demographics, actual transport networks and current territorial planning/ordering, factors that can lead to significant problems in evacuation during a high hazard fire event; 2) To study the impact of three scenarios as emergency plans for communities: evacuation, shelter in place and/or shelter at home (or partial combinations), providing guidance on the circumstances that favour evacuation and those that do not; 3) Predicting the behaviour and profile of the individuals involved; 4) Estimating the risk of evacuation; 5) Determining support vehicles, timetables and routes required under uncertainties in the population of evacuees, time available and the spread of the fire; 6) Prioritising awareness and educating the population on this issue (using dissemination actions), promoting the resilience of populations.



## II - MIGRATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Ana Gaudêncio

Purpose: Research into the impact of migration in different contexts of citizenship in today's complex and heterogeneous societies, thus presenting itself as one of the possible measures to be implemented in pursuit of the millennium Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) proposed by the UN.

# Calls UCILeR



See previous issues of the Newsletter [here](#).

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