

NEWSLETTER

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Once the sequence of three stages (culminating with the sealing of the application on April 17th) has been completed, the evaluation process begins... and with it the “time” of our “interaction with the Evaluation Panel”... I just remember that the first meetings, promising to take place from May onwards as “remote interviews”, will include a plenary session (a presentation) of around 1 hour... and three partial sessions, the first with PhD students, the second with post-doctoral students and junior researchers (PhDs obtained less than 6 years ago), the third with the remaining researchers, so-called seniors (each session lasting 30mins). Only later will the visit to the site (to facilities) take place, not exceeding 60mins. I refrain from making any comment or any appeal to co-responsibility. By virtue of being incessantly repeated, this would lose strength and even meaning. It suffices us to recognize that *les jeux sont faits*... and that these *jeux* challenge us more than ever!

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I. Latest UCILeR events



Tax planning and the role of tax intermediaries

On 4 March, an open class was held at the Palácio dos Melos entitled “Tax Planning and the Role of Tax Intermediaries”, organised by researcher João Pedro Rodrigues. This open class aimed to reflect on one of the most important problems in current tax law.



III Portuguese-Spanish Meeting of Doctoral Students of Procedural Law

The 3rd Portuguese-Spanish Meeting of Doctoral Students in Procedure (in civil and criminal matters) was held in Salamanca on 6 and 7 March, jointly organised by the Instituto Jurídico and the University of Salamanca.

The III Luso-Spanish Meeting of Doctoral Students in Procedural Law (in civil and criminal matters) was held in Salamanca on 6 and 7 March, with the participation of researchers Maria José Capelo, Ana Pais, and Ana Francisca Pinto Dias. The event was jointly organised by the UCILeR and the University of Salamanca.



Justice, Equality and Gender in the Family

On 7 and 8 March 2024, the First Conference: Constitutional Transformations and the Principle of Equality in the Family: Meaning, Projections and Limits was held at the Palácio dos Melos.

This event aimed to promote a transdisciplinary discussion on gender equality problems and the vulnerability of specific social subjects, given the changes currently taking place in the family as a constitutive element of society and the corresponding projections in national and international Family Law. Gender equality was addressed in marital relations, de facto unions, parental responsibilities, medically assisted procreation, and the multiplication and informality of family relationships - to propose ways and mechanisms to resolve specific issues. In addition to the guest speakers, this event included presentations resulting from a call for papers.



International Congress on Current Issues in Consumer Law

On 16 March 2024, the International Congress on Current Issues in Consumer Law was held at Colégio da Trindade.

Photo gallery [here](#).



II Luso-Brazilian Congress of Philosophy of Law

The II Luso-Brazilian Congress of Philosophy of Law - Juridicity and morality: rethinking the theses of separation and non-separation in a context of plurality and vulnerability – was held at Colégio da Trindade from 4 to 6 April 2024.

The event was jointly organised by the Dikaion Philosophy of Law Study Group (PPGD/UFC), the Eduardo Correia I Institute (IEDC), and the UCILeR - and aimed to revisit the discussion of the "separation" and "non-separation" theses associated with the juridicity/morality counterpoint.



Round Table: a Portuguese-Brazilian perspective on the voluntary carbon market

The event "Round Table: a Portuguese-Brazilian perspective on the voluntary carbon market" was held on 9 April at Colégio da Trindade. In this event the legal and economic aspects of carbon credits were discussed, focusing on the specificities of the Portuguese and Brazilian contexts.



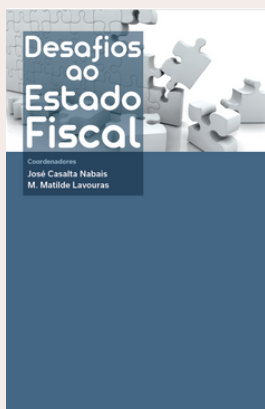
European Elections: Democracy and Youth Participation

The "European Elections: Democracy and Youth Participation" was held on 18 April 2024, at Colégio da Trindade. This debate featured Duarte Costa (Volt lead candidate to the European elections and political commentator), Sofia Craveiro (political journalist at Gerador magazine) and André Teixeira (Young European Federalists Portugal), and was moderated by Eduardo Figueiredo (Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra).



II. Latest UCILeR publications

a) UCILeR publications



Challenges to the Tax State

Coordinators: José Casalta Nabais; M. Matilde Lavouras
 ISBN: 978-989-9075-56-6
 DOI: doi.org/10.47907/livro/2023/desafiosaoestadofiscal/livro
 Year: 2023

The book includes contributions from several Portuguese and international authors. It addresses challenges to fundamental principles, to the fiscal-legal relationship, to the resolution of tax disputes, and to fiscal justice. The book is available in open access [here](#).



Transhumanism and posthumanism: humanity on its threshold

Author: Adriano Marteleto Godinho

e-ISBN: 978-989-9075-65-8

DOI: 10.47907/livro/2024/Transhumanismoeposhumanismo

Year: 2024

Transhumanism and posthumanism: humanity on its threshold is the conclusion work of a postdoctoral programme in Law at the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research. The work is available in open access [here](#).



I. Internal life of the UCILeR



Mission Out

Our researcher Natália Moreno attended the kick-off meeting of the PERSIST project on 1 March in Lucerne. The PERSIST - Positive EnerGy diStrctS driven by ciTizens project was approved in the DUT (Driving Urban Transitions) Call for Proposals 2022, as part of the "Positive Energy Districts Transition Pathway", and is coordinated by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. At UCILeR, the team led by researcher Fernanda Paula Oliveira includes Fernando Borges and Natália Moreno. PERSIST aims to gain a better understanding of how socio-economic, socio-cultural, and socio-political factors shape Positive Energy Districts (PED) and their interrelationships with technological, regulatory, and investment aspects in different geographical, cultural, and economic contexts.

From April 23 to 25, Fernando Borges took part in the annual conference of EARMA (European Association of Research Managers and Administrators), which was held in Odense. The UCILeR researcher gave two presentations: 'Supporting The Development Of Young Researchers' using the example of UCILeR's work in the Researchers' Camp and in supporting applications and 'Project Submission Is A Losing Game?' on the evaluation metrics of projects that were not funded. The last paper was presented in collaboration with researcher Rita Farinha from UC's CEMMPRE.



Collaboration protocol signed with the Pollux Association

The University of Coimbra, through the UCILeR, signed a collaboration protocol with the Pollux Association - Space Technologies, on 4 April 2024.

The aim of this protocol is for the two organisations to work together with common objectives relating to the promotion of research, educational development and the promotion of research projects in the field of geo-law/Space Law. This protocol formalises the informal collaboration that already exists between Pollux and two UCILeR researchers who are members of Pollux's Advisory Board.

Pollux, founded in 2021, is the only Portuguese junior initiative in the space sector, formed by a group of students from the University of Coimbra, which aims to simplify and support the relationship between the space industry and students. To find out more about Pollux, check out the Newsletter [here](#).



Research and Science Talks: FCT doctoral scholarships

On 20 March 2024, the UCILeR organised two sessions to support applications for FCT doctoral scholarships. The first session was organised by researcher Fernando Borges and researcher Joana Ricarte. The second session was a round table discussion with Ph.D. students who have received FCT grants, in which the participants were able to share experiences that could help current grant applicants.



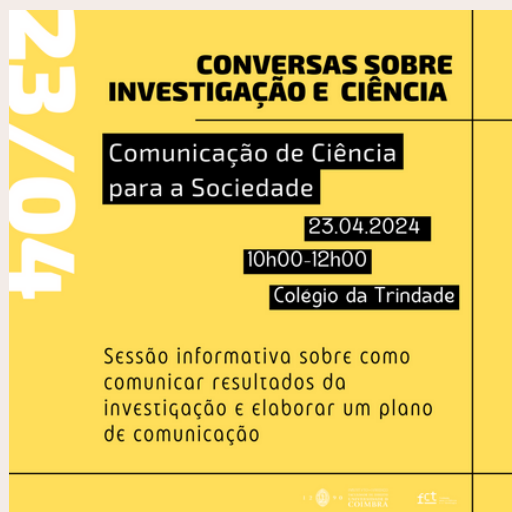
UCILeR researcher publishes book on responsible legal research

Responsible Legal Research and Innovation is the title of the book edited by our researcher Alexandra Araújo, in collaboration with Émilie Gaillard, and published by Mare & Martin.

The main aim of this book is to develop the field of legal meta-research by providing guidelines for future legal research and innovation that correspond to the European vision of ethics, social involvement, gender equality, open access and scientific education.

This book has the participation of several UCILeR researchers and was produced as part of the UCILeR project 'Responsible Legal Research and Innovation'.

The book can be found [here](#).



Research and Science Talks: Communicating Science to Society

The session on Communicating Science to Society was held on 23 April at the Colégio da Trindade. This activity, which lasted around two hours, was aimed at master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral students and young researchers from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. This information session aimed to raise awareness of the importance of conveying the topics researched at the UCILeR to society, providing tips on planning and evaluating communication activities aimed at non-specialist audiences.



Commemorating the 50th anniversary of 25 April: the words the revolution conquered and the words it overthrew

On 23 April, undergraduate Design and Multimedia students from FCTUC, under the guidance of Catarina Parente, participated in creating a mural to commemorate the 50th anniversary of 25 April. The mural is available to visit in the Cloister of the Colégio da Trindade until 25 May.

This mural includes 7 words overthrown and 7 conquered by the revolution, which resulted from a challenge to law students to nominate words that reflect change in different areas of law. The public is also invited to contribute words and post them on a panel.

At the end of this initiative, the students shared their opinions on 25 April in an informal conversation with our researcher Maria João Antunes, and other lecturers and students from the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra.



Project applications

March and April were very busy and diverse months in terms of submitting projects for funding. Internationally, the UCILeR coordinated the PhD SKILLS application under the Erasmus+ programme, in partnership with the Universities of Iasi (Romania) and Jagiellonian (Poland), aiming to promote transversal skills among PhD students. Nationally, within the scope of the FCT's call for projects in all scientific domains, UCILeR coordinated three applications: coordinated by the researcher Maria João Antunes, a team presented the proposal FIT for Democracy - Footprints for Integrity, Transparency and Democracy; researcher Carolina Cunha proposed the application SOWing - Steward Ownership - Implementation at National Level and researcher Fernando Borges submitted the proposal KnowLAWdge - Knowledge brokerege in Law, the last two within the framework of exploratory projects. Internally, two teams led by UCILeR researchers are competing in the 4th edition of the Initiative for the Promotion of Scientific Culture, organised by iiiUC. Researcher Marta Graça is taking part in the Plan D - Dialogues with the Law initiative and a group of PhD students are presenting the Student's Net proposal. Finally, as part of the FCT's call for PhD scholarships, the UCILeR supported more than 10 applications as a host institution.



II. UCILeR Scheduled Events



9-11 MAY 2024

Supporting Capacity

More information [here](#).



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5th Coimbra-Sevilha Conference on Administrative Law

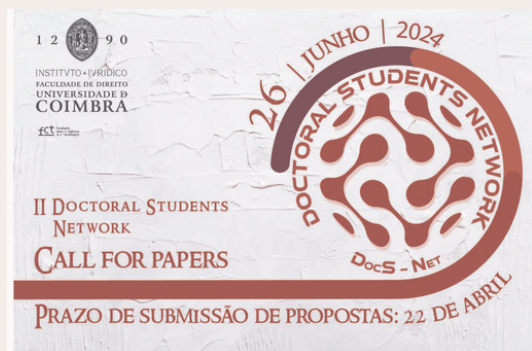
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The Welfare State in Perspective

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Doctoral Students Network

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III. UCILeR Challenges

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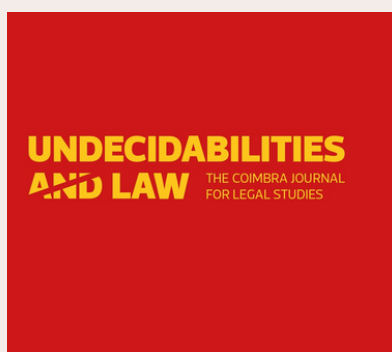
i) **Call for Papers: 5th Coimbra-Sevilla Conference on Administrative Law**
Submission deadline: **10 May 2024**
More information [here](#).



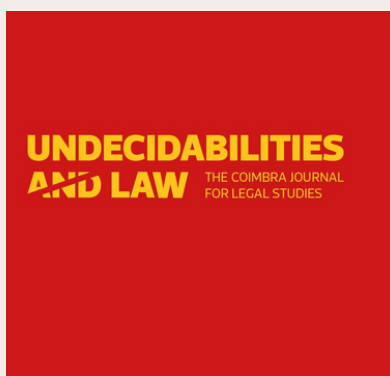
ii) **Call for Papers: International congress on “Law, Economics, Business and Innovation in Teaching”**
Submission deadline: **15 June 2024**
Themes: Law, Economics, Business and Innovation in Teaching
More information [here](#).



iii) **Call for Papers III ENCONTRO IJ/CEDA - "The environment belongs to everyone, for everyone's benefit: environmental activism as part of the solution"**
Submission deadline: **29 June 2024**
More information [here](#).



iv) **Call for Papers: Undecidabilities and Law Volume IV (2024)**
Theme: Legality and Proportionality in The Performance of Law
Editor: Marek Zirk-Sadowski - Uniwersytet Łódzki (University of Łódź)
Abstract deadline: **31 May 2024**
Full paper deadline: **31 December 2024**
More information [here](#).



v) Call for Papers: Undecidabilities and Law Volume V (2025)

Theme: Rhizomatic Law: Understanding the Linearity and Pendulum of Legal Evolution

Editors: Anne Wagner (Centre de Recherche Droits et Perspectives du droit (ULR 4487), équipe René Demogue - Lille University France) & Sarah Marusek (University of Hawai'i Hilo, USA)

Abstract deadline: **30 June 2024**

Full paper deadline: **31 January 2025**

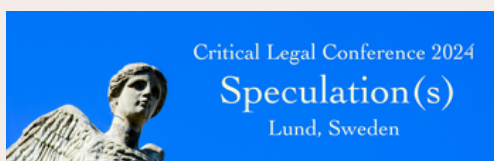
More information [here](#).



vi) Call for Papers: The Age of Human Rights

Continuous publication model

More information [here](#).



vii) Call for Papers: Critical Legal Conference 2024: Speculation (s)

16-18 September 2024

Call for streams deadline: **30 April 2024**

Call for papers: **30 June 2024**

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 – NEXUS: Innovation Agenda for Digital and Green Transition

Researchers at the UCILeR/FDUC: Carla Barbosa, Stéfani Reimann Patz and Fernando Borges

Purpose: Promotion of an Agenda around logistics and transport networks, focused on innovating, developing, demonstrating and initiating the valorisation and exploitation of products and services with strong export potential that address the main challenges and gaps identified in logistics in Portugal. The NEXUS Agenda will create an ecosystem of 28 products and services for the Green and Digital Transition in the transport and multimodal sectors. At the centre of this ecosystem, the core product, is the Nexus Open Data Collaboration Platform, comprising a set of applications and services (Nexus Federated Applications and Services). Finally, the Nexus Hardware Assets component, of innovative hardware products that exploit IoT principles and promote important synergies between the open data collaboration platform and the other applications and services. Each of these will have its own digital representation (digital twin), aimed at sharing and receiving data to improve the performance of operations.



II - EU-CIEMBLY

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Dulce Lopes

Purpose: EU-CIEMBLY aims to design a new tool for participation in the EU, not only from a theoretical point of view but also by setting up pilot assemblies that will make it possible to formulate relevant legal and political recommendations in the field of citizen participation. The project is funded by the Horizon Europe programme.

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