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# NEWSLETTER

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The current issue of our newsletter (with a stimulatingly packed “calls” section) comes to us at an intersection of waiting times (which are mainly expectation times)... and ends up reflecting the lights and shadows that these times impose (and the tensions that link them). I'm certainly talking about the well-deserved break that the summer solstice already heralds... and which promises us the vigor and freshness that we're missing. But I am also talking about the evaluation process and its culminating stages (which will soon be defined). May these waiting times, with their “nows” (“nows” that will always be more existentially intransitive than chronologically linear), be fulfilled harmoniously, resolving their tensions in the best possible way... That's all we can hope for at this moment!

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# I. Latest UCILeR events



## Before Democracy

On 8 May, the 50th anniversary of 25 April was commemorated with the testimony of Jorge Seabra, on the initiative of the Legal and Criminal Sciences department. Before democracy, Jorge Seabra, who was then a medical student at UC, was arrested by the political police and tried at the Porto Plenary Court. He was one of seven students from Coimbra who were tried at the Plenary Court. The event was moderated by UCILeR researchers Maria João Antunes and Pedro Caeiro.



## Supporting Capacity. The experience of the *acompanhamento* – a national and international perspective

On 9 and 10 May 2024, the event Supporting Capacity. The experience of the *acompanhamento* – a national and international perspective was held at Colégio da Trindade. It was held to serve as a platform for reflection on the Portuguese system regarding the capacity of adults (which, in 2018, underwent a major reform, with the introduction of a new support measure - *acompanhamento*) and its inclusion in the international context of the promotion of the fundamental rights of adults. There was also a call for papers aimed at young researchers.



## 5th Coimbra-Sevilha Conference on Administrative Law

On 17 May 2024, the 5th Coimbra-Sevilla Conference on Administrative Law was held in the Auditorium of the Bairrada Wine Museum, under the theme "The relationship between European law and national administrative law". The scientific coordination of the event is the responsibility of our researcher Suzana Tavares da Silva and Emilio Guichot Reina, from the University of Seville, Clavero Arévalo Institute. The event included a call for papers and was supported by Anadia City Council.



## Unlocking Understanding: an interdisciplinary exploration through eye-tracking research on UN disability rights convention

On 22 and 23 May, the UCILeR hosted two researchers and two PhD students from the University of Warsaw (Poland) for a workshop on eye-tracking. Two law students from the FDUC also participated in the workshop.

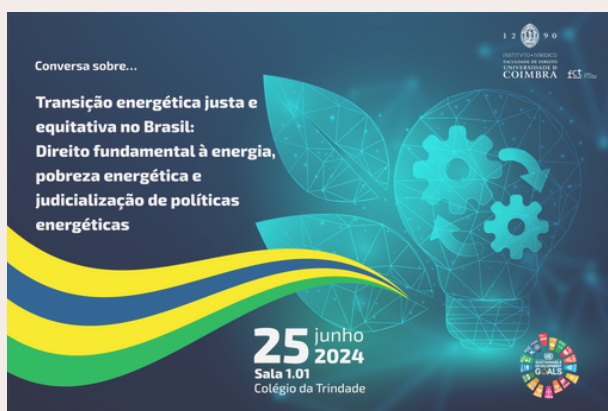
On 23 May, two conferences took place, "Special educational needs vs. inclusivity in Poland: law and regulations vs. reality", by Magda Zelazowska-Sobczyk (University of Warsaw) and "(In)visibility of persons with disabilities in human rights law: lights and shadows in the path towards the CRPD", by Eduardo Figueiredo (UCILeR/FDUC).



## The Welfare State in Perspective

The colloquium *The Welfare State in Perspective* was held on 11 June 2024 at Colégio da Trindade, to explore the issue of rebuilding the state after the COVID-19 pandemic from a social perspective, using examples from various European countries and other international experiences.

This event brought together researchers from different institutions to discuss the welfare state in various European countries, such as Portugal, Spain, France, and the United Kingdom. *The Welfare State in Perspective* is part of a collaborative relationship with the University of Vigo and the Complutense University (Vulneragood project, in which UCILeR researcher Dulce Lopes participates).



## Conversation on... A fair and equitable energy transition in Brazil: The fundamental right to energy, energy poverty and the judicialisation of energy policies

Following the presentation of three studies (The energy transition in the face of the judicialisation of public policies; A decolonial approach to poverty and the energy transition; and The concept of human dignity in relation to socially perceived needs in the face of energy poverty), the participants were invited to participate in a debate on the energy transition in Brazil on 25 June 2024.



## Doctoral Students Network 2024

On 26 June, the second edition of the Doctoral Students Network (DocS-Net) was held at Colégio da Trindade. In this second edition, the programme featured speakers and debaters from the University of Coimbra, the University of Santiago de Compostela, the Carlos III University of Madrid and the University of São Paulo.

The Doctoral Students Network is an annual event organised by a committee of doctoral students, with institutional support from the UCILeR.

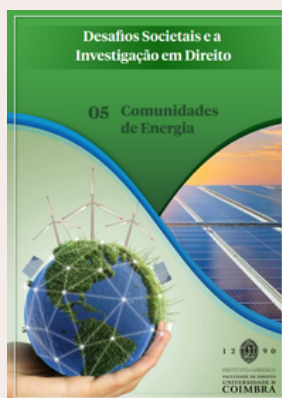


## V International Research Talks

On 28 June 2024, the 5th International Research Talks was held in room 1.01 of Colégio da Trindade. This recurring event was held in person and aimed to publicise the research carried out by guest researchers visiting the UCILeR. The debate was open to researchers interested in the event's themes.

## II. Latest UCILeR publications

### a) UCILeR publications



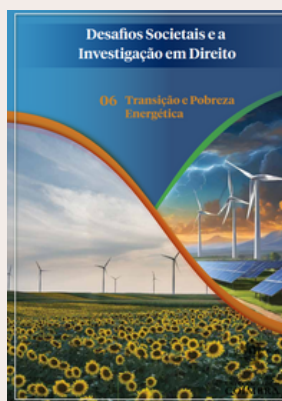
**“Desafios Sociais e a Investigação em Direito”  
“Volume 5: Comunidades de energia”**

Authors: Juliana Chediek, Mônica Faria, Nelson Silva Brito, Miguel Macias Sequeira, Evandro Ferreira, João Pedro Gouveia, João Filipe Graça

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.47907/DesafiosSociais5/2024>

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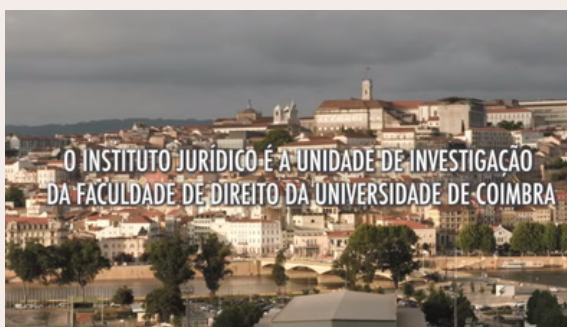
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### III. Internal life of the UCILeR



#### Launch of UCILeR videos

During May, two institutional videos were published on the UCILeR's social networks and website. The aim of these videos is to publicise the UCILeR's work to other researchers and society. The videos are available on the YouTube channel [here](#).



#### UCILeR project recognised by the Promoting Scientific Culture initiative

Plan D - Dialogues with the Law was one of the 10 activities supported by the Initiative for the Promotion of Scientific Culture. This activity aims to raise awareness of the cross-cutting nature of law in all areas of human life, by combining this area of knowledge with other fields of knowledge, which are fundamental to responding to current societal challenges.

The team, led by Marta Graça, is made up of Filipa Bessa (CFE), Tiago Cruz (CISUC), Hélder Sebastião (CEBER), Fernando Borges (UCILeR), Cristina Perestrelo (UCILeR), Louise Beja (UCILeR), and Júlio Costa Pinto (ISMT). This project is the result of a partnership between UCILeR and ISMT, more specifically with the Multimedia degree programme.

Learn more [here](#).



**NEXUS Project collaborates in the organisation of ICMarkTech'24**

The NEXUS Project, with the participation of the UCILeR, is collaborating in the organisation of ICMarkTech'24. Our researcher Carla Barbosa is part of the event's scientific committee, which for the first time will be organising a special session related to the themes of the NEXUS project: Special Session on Business Intelligence and Data Science for Sustainable Supply Chain.

ICMarkTech'24 - The 2024 International Conference on Marketing and Technologies will be held at the Regional Civil Engineering Laboratory (LREC) in partnership with the University of the Azores, from 5 to 7 December 2024. It is planned that the conference proceedings will be indexed and published by Springer.

Check out the conference website [here](#).



**UCILeR volunteers receive training**

On 14 May, UCILeR volunteers received training on organising events. This training, coordinated by Cristina Perestrelo, was attended by Sérgio Flores (UC Tourism Centre) and Maria do Rosário Pinheiro (Professor responsible for the GAE/FPCE Student Support Office).

During this training session, various topics were covered, such as motivation for volunteering, trends in volunteering around the world, aspects relating to the type of events and procedures, as well as the sharing of a volunteering testimonial.

Find out more about volunteering at the UCILeR [here](#).

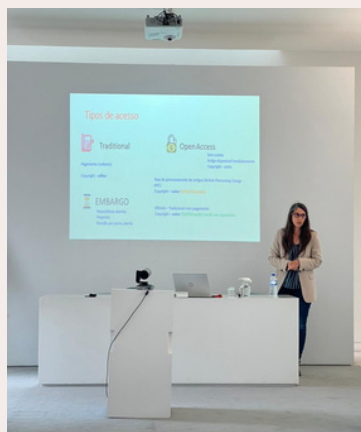
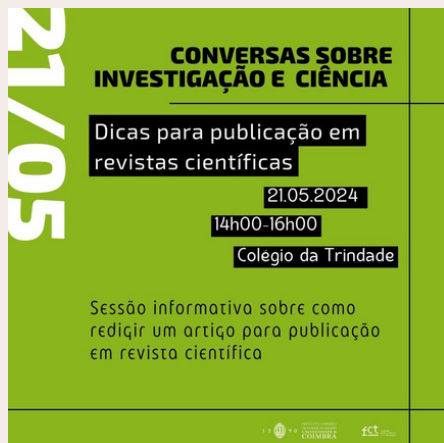




## JuLIA kick-off meeting

The kick-off meeting of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Artificial Intelligence - JuLIA was held on 16 and 17 May, at Colégio da Trindade. JuLIA, of which UCILeR is a partner, is a European research project implemented by a Consortium of eleven European partners led by the Universitat Pompeu Fabra. The project aims to investigate the impact of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by courts and other public and private institutions on fundamental rights. The project is coordinated at the UCILeR by our researcher Sandra Passinhas.

Find out more about JuLIA [here](#).



## Research and Science Talks: Tips for publication in scientific journals

On 22 May, a session on publishing in scientific journals was held at Colégio da Trindade, led by the researcher Marta Graça. Several essential topics were covered, such as the importance of communicating research results, evaluation indicators and journal rankings, Open Science, criteria for choosing scientific journals, the peer review process, and writing a scientific article. Useful resources and tools were also discussed, including bibliographic databases, reference managers, text editors, and tools for graphic presentations.



## EU-CIEMBLY project meets Volt candidate for European Parliament

On 6 June 2024, the EU-CIEMBLY project team met with the Volt candidate for the European Parliament, with the aim of informing and exchanging views on the objectives and activities of this project funded by Horizon Europe.

EU-CIEMBLY, coordinated by researcher Dulce Lopes, 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. Find out more about EU-CIEMBLY [here](#).



## UCILeR is a partner in a project approved by FAPESP

The project "Ministério Público e promoção de mecanismos participativos" has been approved for funding by FAPESP - the São Paulo State Research Foundation. This project is led by Celso Maranhão de Oliveira, a researcher at UFSCar, and the team includes Maria João Antunes, Alexandra Aragão and Dulce Lopes, researchers at UCILeR. The rest of the team is made up of: Carolina de Albuquerque, Elen Pessoa de Queiroz Ribeiro, Giulia Parola, Heitor Menezes Gomes, Luís Gustavo Santos Lazzarini, Marcel Britto, Maria Carolina Chaves de Sousa, Paola Camargo Sartori; and Tatiana Vieira de Moraes. The project started on 1 March and ends on 28 February 2026. More information [here](#).



## Workshop “European Security, Borders, Crime and EU Law”

The workshop “European Security, Borders, Crime and EU Law” was held on 18 June 2024. The event aimed to foster a qualified reflection and dialogue on the European Union’s security, migration, and the corresponding impact on crime control and criminal law. The meeting was organized and chaired by the researcher Pedro Caeiro.



## Mission Out: UCILeR researchers take part in a national Science Communication event

Researchers Fernando Borges, Louise Beja, Marcelly Gullo, Marta Graça, and Niedja Santos participated in SciComPt2024, which was held between 8 and 10 May in Braga, with several papers: "Communicating with Games: the development of games to communicate science" (Fernando Borges); "Communication Strategies in Social Networks by Research Units" (Louise Beja); "Law in schools for the exercise of citizenship" and "Experiences in the communication of legal research" (Marcelly Gullo); "How legal research is communicated" (Marta Graça) and "The target audience for the communication of legal research" (Niedja Santos). Researchers Marta Graça and Niedja Santos also participated in two demonstrations: "Communicating Law - the Role of Video in legal research communication" and "Social Responsibility at Stake: a legal research communication strategy".



## UCILeR researchers participate in a ground-breaking European initiative for circular economy

The University of Coimbra (UC) is taking part in the CHEERS4EU project, which focuses on creating "Circular Hubs" and promoting the circular economy through inter-regional cooperation and innovation, targeting different sectors of activity.

Circular Hubs serve as an engine for European regions to promote a circular economy based on sustainable values. CHEERS4EU, which will run until 2028, is the first INTERREG EUROPE project to focus on this theme, involving several European partners and associates from seven countries. The consortium is coordinated by the Province of Limburg (NL).

Our researchers Alexandra Aragão and Dulce Lopes are part of the project team. Read more [here](#).



## Funding applications

The UCILeR participated as a partner in the application "Safecaring - Enhancing care safety and quality through reduced administrative burden" coordinated by Safecaring, a company incubated at the Instituto Pedro Nunes. The proposal is competing for PT2030 SIID co-promotion funding. The UCILeR team is made up of André Dias Pereira and Carla Barbosa.

# I. UCILeR Scheduled Events



**8 JULY 2024**

International Workshop Corporate Governance Discoveries and Innovation

More information [here](#)



**15-17 OCTOBER 2024**

3rd International Meeting on Environmental Democracy

More information [here](#)



**8 NOVEMBER 2024**

Hague Rules: Anniversary Celebrations Closing

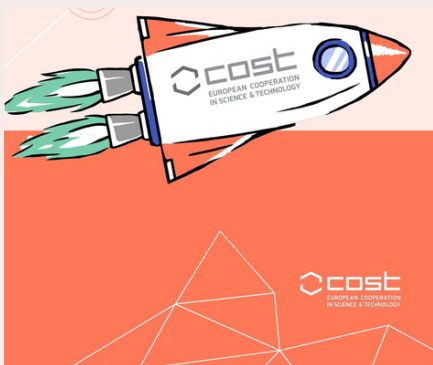
More information [here](#)



**12 NOVEMBER 2024**

II Conference Legal SciComm: Research and Practices

More information [here](#)



#### iv) COST Actions

Deadline: **23 October 2024**

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.

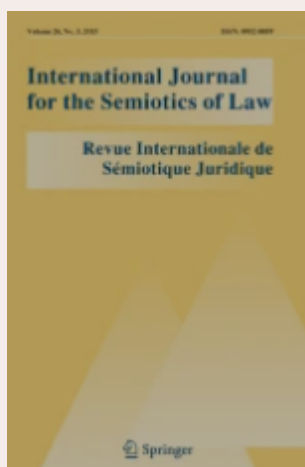
More information can be found [here](#).



#### v) Call for Papers: Revista Temas de Integração

Deadline: **8 July 2024**

More information [here](#)



#### vi) Call for Papers: International Journal for the Semiotics of Law

1-Exploring Tensions in Law and Legal Semiotics –  
Deadline: **15 January 2025**

2-On Ricoeur: Justice, Hermeneutics, Responsibility,  
and Personal Identity – Deadline: **1 January 2025**

3- The Legal Semiotics of the Elders – Deadline: **15 January 2025**

More information [here](#)



## vii) Call for Papers: Silenced Faces and Voices and Invisible Bodies – A Semiotics Investigation

Abstract Submission Deadline: **15 February 2025**

Full Paper Submission Deadline: **31 July 2025**

More information [here](#)



## viii) Call for Papers: Law and Humanities: Special Issue CfP on Kafka's The Trial

Deadline: **1 March 2025**

More information [here](#)



## ix) Call for Papers: Obligations XI: Harvard Law School 2025- Private Law Inside and Out

8-11 July 2025 | Harvard Law School

Deadline: **15 August 2024**

More information [here](#)



## X) Call for Papers: III ENCONTRO IJ/CEDA - "The environment belongs to everyone, for everyone's benefit: environmental activism as part of the solution"

15-17 October 2024 | Universidade Federal de São Carlos (Brazil)

Deadline: **31 August 2024**

More information [here](#)



## xi) Call for Papers: Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation 2025

3-4 April 2025 | Lisbon (Portugal)

Deadline: **15 September 2024**

More information [here](#)



## xii) Call for Papers: II Legal SciComm Conference: Research and Practices

12 November 2024 | Colégio da Trindade (Coimbra-Portugal)

Deadline: **10 October 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 – ELCRA - Environmental Literacy in Higher Education Context for Preventing Violent Radicalization in Climate Activism**

Coordinator at the UCILeR/FDUC: Alexandra Aragão

Purpose: ELCRA - Environmental Literacy in Higher Education Context for Preventing Violent Radicalisation in Climate Activism - 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 - JuLIA – Justice, Fundamental Rights, and Artificial Intelligence**

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Sandra Passinhas

Purpose: JuLIA aims to investigate the impact of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by courts and other public and private institutions on fundamental rights.

# Calls UCILeR



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