

NEWSLETTER

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With the end of the calendar year, the cycle that began in January/February 2018 (with UCILeR's application) will be completed. As it is not up to us, at least for now, to evaluate what this cycle represents, allow me very simply to issue an appeal (an invitation?), which may at the same time slightly lift the curtain on the cycle that is to come (2025/2029). On December 8th (for us, a Sunday and a holiday!), a truly irresistible meeting will take place in the heart of 5th Avenue, at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, exploring the unlikely intersections of law and humour (Comedy & Law: Humoring the Norm) [[see programme](#)], a meeting for which we are all invited to be remotely "present" (one of the vibrant paradoxes of our brave new world!) [[see here](#)]... and which its main Host presents with this delicious and inimitable prose: "an event (...) on the topic of *lex a comicis*, Martian law, or the carnivalesque affects of legality, (...) an event so near the zenith, peak and pinnacle, the proboscification of the promontory and palanquin of proboscises...". Why is it about lifting the curtain on our future cycle? Quite simply because this same Host, Professor Peter Goodrich, one of the leading names in contemporary legal thinking, will be present (now in person) in Coimbra, at our Colégio da Trindade... in May 2025, at the 25th International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law- IRSL 2025 - Legal Evidence in the Age of Techno-Societies and Visual Jurisprudence ([see here](#)). I'm sure that both meetings will be memorable... and that whoever watches - preferably as early as 10 a.m. - the first one, definitely won't want to miss the second one!

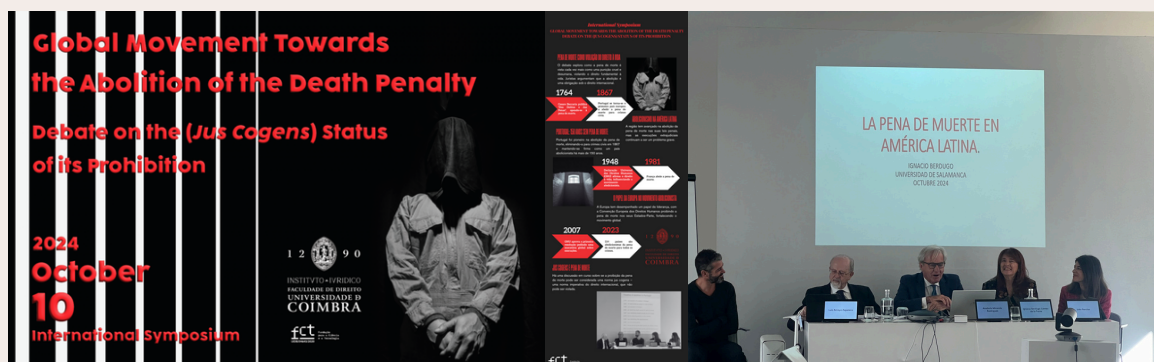
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I. Latest UCILeR events



International Symposium on the Global Movement Towards the Abolition of the Death Penalty. Debate on the (Jus Cogens) Status of its Prohibition

The University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research hosted the international symposium entitled 'International Symposium on the Global Movement Towards the Abolition of the Death Penalty. Debate on the (Jus Cogens) Status of its Prohibition', on 10 October, World and European Day Against the Death Penalty. The event was organised by researchers Anabela Miranda Rodrigues and Miguel Manero de Lemos and was attended by international experts. The full programme can be found [here](#).

The full event is available online [here](#), videos of some of the speakers are available on our social networks (Anabela Miranda Rodrigues e Miguel Manero de Lemos – [Instagram/Facebook](#); Ignacio Berdugo Gómez de la Torre – [Instagram/Facebook](#); Luis Arroyo Zapatero – [Instagram/Facebook](#)).





Before Democracy. Plenary courts: political prisoners and defence

On 14 October 2024, the Conference 'Before Democracy: Plenary Courts, Political Prisoners and Defence' was held in the Auditorium of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra (FDUC), organised by the Section of Legal and Criminal Sciences of the FDUC in cooperation with the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research, as part of the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of 25 April.

The event, moderated by Miguel João Costa and Ana Pais, lecturers at the FDUC and researchers at the UCILeR, featured testimonies from José Carlos Vasconcelos, on the defence of political prisoners, and Raquel Vilaça, on the experience of political imprisonment in the family environment.

This second event in the 'Before Democracy' cycle of conferences also featured contributions from students Afonso Oliveira and Francisca Monteiro and two moments of poetry by student Jeni Fidalgo. In the first moment, she performed José Carlos Vasconcelos' poem Romance das Mulheres Separadas.



Impact as a Research Culture

Impact as a Research Culture was held on 21 and 22 October at Colégio da Trindade. The event was led by Giovanna Lima, who presented the concept of research impact and promoted a debate on possible ways to research with impact.

On the morning of the 21st, the training was aimed at researchers. In the afternoon, the training focused on impact strategies for science managers and finally, on 22 October, it was aimed at UCILeR project coordinators, in a line geared towards promoting impact and leadership.



3rd International Meeting on Environmental Democracy

Researchers Alexandra Aragão and Dulce Lopes participated in the III International Meeting on Environmental Democracy, which was held from 15 to 17 October in São Carlos, Brazil. This event was the third in a series of events promoted in conjunction with UFSCAR's Centre for Studies in Environmental Democracy (CEDA), which aims to explore the themes of democracy, justice and environmental participation.

Work began on the 14th, when the researchers took part in an organisational meeting to prepare the line-up for the meeting. On 15 October, they attended the start of the meeting on behalf of the UCILeR, with Alexandra Aragão giving a speech on the role of the Public Prosecutor's Office in participatory matters and Dulce Lopes on the mechanisms of democratic participation. In the afternoon, they co-ordinated the Participatory Workshop. On the 16th they jointly organised and led Working Group 1 on climate activism and on the 17th they attended and participated in other Working Groups, and were also present at the closing session.

Read the UFSCar press release [here](#).



II. Latest UCILeR publications

a) UCILeR publications



Artificial Intelligence and the Maintenance of Public Order: Impact of the proposed AI Regulation on Portuguese Law

Final Report of the Exploratory Project - The project was developed as part of Researchers' Camp 2023

Scientific Supervisor: Susana Aires de Sousa

Coordination: Aberto Raphael Ribeiro Magalhães; Ana Cristina Crestani; Ana Gonçalves; Luiza Cardoso Franco; Maria Quintas Pérez; Ticiane Teresa Biasutti de Farias

ISBN: 978-989-9075-68-9

DOI: 10.47907/iaordempublica/book

Year: 2024

Available in open access [here](#).



Rural fire risk management in residential buildings

The project was developed as part of 'House Refuge - Development of best practices and standards for buildings and their surroundings in areas at risk of forest fires'

Coordination: Miguel Almeida

ISBN: 978-989-26-2592-8

DOI: 0.14195/978-989-26-2592-8

Year: 2024

Available in open access [here](#).



The new proposal for a Directive on Insolvency Law

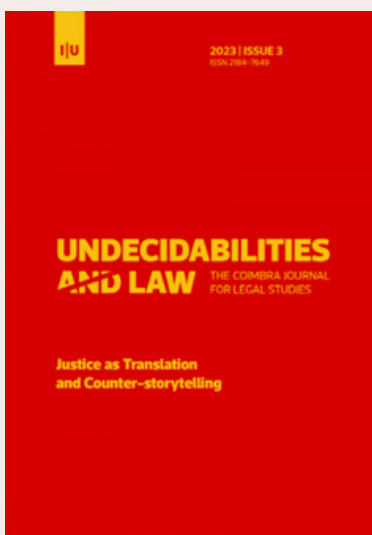
Coordination: Alexandre de Soveral Martins

ISBN: 978-989-9075-71-9

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Year: 2024

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Vol. III Undecidabilities and Law - The Coimbra Journal for Legal Studies

"Justice as Translation and Counter-storytelling"

Editorial: J M Aroso Linhares; Ana Margarida Gaudêncio

ISSN: 2184-7649

DOI: 10.14195/2184-9781

Year: 2023

Available in open access [here](#).

III. Internal life of the UCILeR



Applying for projects

In September and October, the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research submitted 6 applications for European funding, 1 as coordinator and 5 as partners. The application coordinated by the UCILeR is a COST Action led by researcher Carolina Cunha entitled STONE - Steward-Ownership Network. Two other COST Actions were submitted with UCILeR as a partner: Sustainable Digital Transformation in Europe, with the participation of researcher Susana Aires de Sousa, and European Legal Design Action, with the participation of researchers Marta Graça and Dr Marcelly Gullo. The other three applications were BeAdapt - Boost climate rEsilience through ADAPTive financial tools and advanced technologies (HORIZON-MISS-2024-CLIMA-01-06) with the UCILeR team led by researcher Maria Inês de Oliveira Martins, SLAPP-OBS: Strategic lawsuits against public participation Observatory (CERV-2024-CHAR-LITI) with the UCILeR team led by researcher Enio Viterbo, and SHIELD - Combatting abuse of the elderly through the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (CERV-2024-CHAR-LITI-CHARTER), with the UCILeR team led by researcher Ana Gaudêncio.





UCILeR takes part in Science Friday

The UCILeR was present at Science Friday, on 20 September 2024, at Praça 8 de Maio in Coimbra

In partnership with the National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences and the DNA Profile Database Supervisory Board, an activity was organised to show how DNA can be useful in civil identification.

The aim of this initiative was to give a small demonstration of what formed the Science Route of the European Researchers' Night, which this year took place on 27 September, between 17:00 and 00:00, in the city centre of Coimbra. The UCILeR activity could be found at point 4, next to the Malabar Shop and the Briosia Pastry Shop.

Find out more about this initiative [here](#).



Researchers take part in Innovation @UC

Researchers Alexandra Aragão and Marta Graça participated in the Inovação @UC, held at the Convento de São Francisco on 25 September 2024. The researchers presented the ELCRA project - Environmental literacy in higher education context for preventing radicalisation in climate activism, a project funded by the ERASMUS+ programme, coordinated by the University of Siena and of which UCILeR is a partner.

This was the 4th edition of the event and it brought together more than 500 people to talk about innovation and entrepreneurship at the University of Coimbra.

Read more about this event [here](#).



UCILeR takes part in European Researchers' Night

The UCILeR was at the European Researchers' Night, on 27 September 2024, held in the city centre of Coimbra.

In partnership with the National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences and the DNA Profile Database Supervisory Board, an activity was organised to raise awareness of how DNA can be useful in civil identification.

ComEnerg, the UCILeR's seed project, was also present.

Find out more about this initiative [here](#).



Plan D project promotes training

The Plan D Project - Dialogues with the Law promoted a training session on social networks and media training for researchers, which took place on 3 October 2024, between 9:30 and 17:00.

These sessions were aimed at Plan D speakers and were led by Inês Amaral, Associate Professor in the Communication Section of the Department of Philosophy, Communication and Information (DFCI) at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra.

Plan D - Dialogues with Law 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 areas of knowledge, which together are fundamental to responding to current societal challenges. To this end, it promotes several informal talks, recorded on video, between a researcher from the UCILeR, a researcher from another UC research centre/faculty or the Instituto Superior Miguel Torga (ISMT), and a representative of civil society, NGO or company, on a current topic of interest. This project was one of the 10 activities supported by the Promoting Scientific Culture initiative.

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



Researcher takes part in webinar on sustainable space activities

Alexandra Aragão participated in the Webinar Sustainable Spatial Activities, promoted by INA - National Institute of Administration, on 1 October 2024.

This webinar addressed the evolution of the use of geospatial information in Public Administration and its adaptation to Decree-Law 20/2024, of 2 February, which aims to 'ensure that space activities are sustainable, ensuring the benefits of space for future generations, in accordance with applicable international principles; and protect the political and strategic interests of the Portuguese Republic, ensuring that space activities do not conflict with them'.

The recording of the webinar is available on [Youtube](#).



Mission Out: Researcher takes part in International Congress in Sweden

Researcher Maria José Capelo participated in the annual congress of the International Association of Procedural Law (IAPL), held from 9 to 11 October in Örebro, Sweden.

The researcher presented a paper entitled 'El impacto de las diferencias culturales en el proceso/Igualdad de acceso a la justicia: la necesidad de proteger a las personas vulnerables (el incidente de vulnerabilidad)', which addressed vulnerability in access to justice, considering ways of protecting the vulnerable subject/group in multicultural contexts. This paper was the result of joint research with Professor María Victoria Mosmann, from the Catholic University of Salta (Argentina).



Mission Out: Researchers take part in meeting in Latvia

Researchers Fernando Borges and Natália Moreno participated in a working meeting of the PERSIST project on 9 and 10 October in Riga, Latvia. During the meeting, they took stock of the work carried out so far and made two technical visits, organised by their hosts from the Technical University of Riga. The first visit was to see the model heating systems in a house from a previous project, while the second visit was to see how Riga's landfill produces and utilises energy generated from waste.

The PERIST (Positive EneRgy diStrlctS driven by ciTizens) project is co-funded by the European Commission through the DUT (Driving Urban Transitions) programme. The project is coordinated by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and UCILeR is responsible for investigating all the legal issues transversal to the project and for leading the Communication and Knowledge Transfer Work Package, where it is responsible for disseminating the project and turning its results into evidence for public policy-making in the energy area. At UCILeR, the team led by researcher Fernanda Paula Oliveira includes researchers Fernando Borges and Natália Moreno. PERSIST aims to achieve 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.





Mission Out: Researcher takes part in conference in Sweden

Researcher Paula Vitor participated in the Commission on European Family Law Stockholm Conference on 'What Family Law for Europe', on 10 and 11 October in Stockholm, Sweden.

The researcher presented a paper on the panel 'Legal Genders and Identities in a European Perspective', with the theme 'Trans-forming Law in Southern Europe'. This topic is one of the biggest social challenges facing current family law, which is traditionally based on the idea of binarism, and consists of integrating the various gender identities and responding to the vulnerability often associated with this diversity.



Seminar: High-Cost Medicines

The High-Cost Medicines Seminar, organised by the Biomedical Law Centre in partnership with the Legal Institute and with the support of the Order of Pharmacists, took place on 11 October 2024 at the SRCOF Auditorium.



MediMARE promotes 3rd edition of Online Course on Mediation in Maritime Affairs

The MediMARE Project has been organising the third edition of the Online Course on Mediation in Maritime Affairs, which runs from 25 October 2024 to 15 January 2025. The course is divided into 4 modules, totalling 25 hours.

Find out more about MediMare [here](https://medimare.eu).





Mission Out: Researcher takes part in an international conference in Colombia

On 23 October 2024, Alexandre de Soveral Martins, a researcher at the UCILeR, participated in the International Meeting Ecoovida - Economies for Life. This initiative, attended by more than 60 countries and more than 5,000 registrants, is part of COP 16 on Biodiversity, which took place this year in Cali (Colombia).

The lecture given by our researcher was on 'Agricultural credit co-operatives - the Portuguese experience' as part of a forum on 'Microfinance, financial inclusion and community credit' held at the Universidad Javeriana, Los Almendros Auditorium, Cali.

Alexandre de Soveral Martins' lecture was given after a selection process of abstracts sent in response to a worldwide call, and the texts of the selected lectures are scheduled to be published.

The above participation was funded by FCT - Foundation for Science and Technology - Project UIDB/04643/2020.



Mission Out: Researcher takes part in international event in Norway

Researcher Miguel Costa participated in the Law and Disinformation workshop, which was held on 24 October 2024 in Tromsø, Norway. Our researcher discussed the relevance of criminal intervention in behaviours such as the malicious dissemination of fake news, with a paper entitled 'On Quantitative and Qualitative Transformations: Discussing the Criminalisation of Deliberate Misinformation for Electoral Purposes'.

IV. UCILeR Scheduled Events



27 NOVEMBER 2024

Democracia: Futuros, passados e memórias por vir - A revolução (dos cravos) e o direito (Democracy: Futures, pasts and memories to come - The Carnation Revolution and the law)

More information [here](#).



29 NOVEMBER 2024

Sustentabilidade: Concretizações e Desafios (Sustainability: Achievements and Challenges)

More information [here](#).



2 AND 3 DECEMBER 2024

A reforma do Código Civil Brasileiro e a codificação civil Portuguesa (The reform of the Brazilian Civil Code and Portuguese civil codification)

More information [here](#).



29 NOVEMBER 2024

Nos 30 anos dos Princípios UNIDROIT relativos aos Contratos Comerciais Internacionais (On the 30th anniversary of the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts)

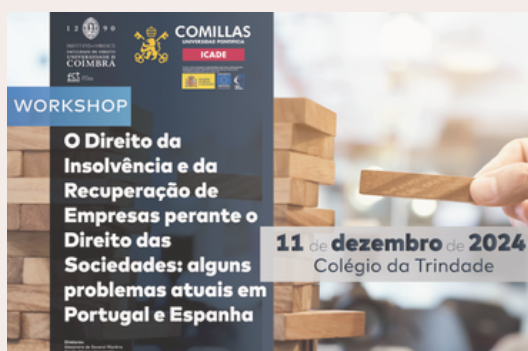
More information [here](#).



9 DECEMBER 2024

VII Debate Florestas e Legislação: Sanções para prevenção de e reação contra incêndios florestais (VII Forestry and Legislation Debate: Penalties to prevent and respond to forest fires)

More information [here](#).



11 DECEMBER 2024

O Direito da Insolvência e da Recuperação de Empresas perante o Direito das Sociedades: alguns problemas atuais em Portugal e Espanha (Insolvency and Company Recovery Law in relation to Company Law: some current problems in Portugal and Spain)

More information [here](#).



11 DECEMBER 2024

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

More information [here](#).

V. UCILeR Challenges



Fundação
para a Ciência
e a Tecnologia

i) Opening of the 7th edition of the Individual Scientific Employment Stimulus Competition (CEEC Individual) /FCT

Deadline for submitting applications: **29 November 2024 (5pm)**

FCT has published the [opening notice for the 7th edition of the Individual Scientific Employment Stimulus Competition](#) (CEEC Individual).

Applications are open from 30 September 2024 to 29 November 2024 (5pm).

The Individual Call is aimed at doctoral graduates, of any nationality, or stateless persons, with a degree in any scientific field who wish to carry out their scientific research or technological development in Portugal. The call supports the hiring of early career researchers for a period of 3 years, in positions in the junior and assistant categories.

The UCILeR is available to receive candidates who wish to have the UCILeR as a host centre.



DEBATER
A EUROPA

ii) Call for papers: Debater a Europa Journal, n.º 29

Submissions until **30 November 2024**

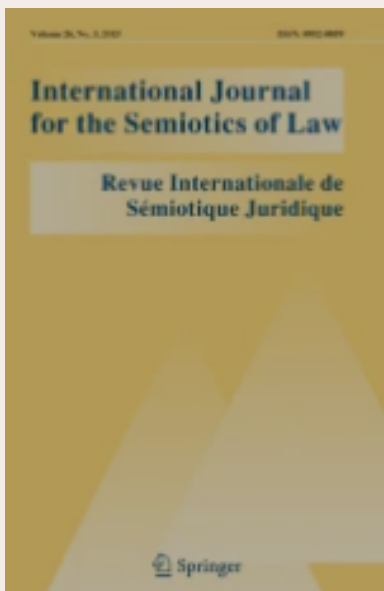
1. Portuguese intellectuals and the idea of Europe
 2. Portugal's European integration routes and paths
 3. Progressive Europeanisation leading to the acceptance by national political authorities of the deepening of European political integration
 4. The legacy of the Portuguese presidencies of the EU Council
 5. Integration versus regional autonomy
 6. Integration and the environment: challenges and opportunities for Portugal
 7. Landscape dynamics and geodemography
 8. 40 years of European integration: strategies to strengthen the effectiveness of the application of EU law by member states
 9. The EU in the world: the 'Brussels effect'
 10. Portugal's future in Europe and beyond.
- More information [here](#).



iii) Call for papers: Restoration Ecology

1. ReCoast: Recycling for Restoration - submissions by **31 December 2024**
2. Nature Restoration Legislation, Implementation and Enforcement: Status, Challenges and Solutions - submissions by **31 January 2025**

More Information [here](#).



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

1. Exploring Tensions in Law and Legal Semiotics - submissions by **15 January 2025**
 2. On Ricoeur: Justice, Hermeneutics, Responsibility, and Personal Identity - submissions by **1 January 2025**
 3. 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](#)).



v) 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](#).



vi) 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](#).



Law and Humanities

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

Submission until **1 March 2025**

More information [here](#).



viii) 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 – Plano D - Diálogos com o Direito (Plan D - Dialogues with Law)

Coordinator at the UCILeR/FDUC: Marta Graça

Purpose: Plan D - Dialogues with the Law was one of the 10 activities supported by the Promoting Scientific Culture initiative. This activity consists of a series of conversations, recorded on video (between 30 and 40 minutes), which will be hosted on YouTube by the Legal Institute of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra.

An informal conversation takes place between a researcher from the UCILeR, a researcher from another research centre/faculty at the UC or the Instituto Superior Miguel Torga (ISMT), and a representative of civil society, NGO or company, on a current topic of interest, in a specific space at the UC or in the community, depending on the topic.

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II - Inteligência Artificial e Criminalidade Empresarial (Artificial Intelligence and Corporate Crime)

Coordinator at the UCILeR/FDUC: Susana Aires de Sousa

Purpose: To identify business contexts conducive to AI and explore technological mechanisms for self-regulation of ML (machine learning); to survey the main national and European legislation on AI and companies; to identify possible gaps in the attribution of responsibility given the dehumanisation of decision-making processes; to make proposals for legislative intervention in the context of corporate criminal responsibility.

UCILeR challenges



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

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