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Some images and contexts of meaning or performance make any words superfluous. This is the case with our wishes for a Merry Christmas... as well as with the auspicious greeting that welcomes 2024. May these wishes and this greeting be inscribed once again in the productive circle that makes us All simultaneously and inextricably their Authors and their Recipients. The path that UCILeR is expected to follow in 2024 needs this circularity (its virtues and its promises) more than ever...

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I. Latest UCILeR events



Workshops: Migration and Human Trafficking & Qualitative Research Methods and Ethics in Social Science Research

On 2 and 4 November, a workshop on Migration and Human Trafficking and a workshop on Qualitative Research Methods and Ethics in Social Science Research were held at Colégio da Trindade, both led by Sharvari Karandikar, a professor at Ohio University (USA). This workshop also included the sharing of experiences by researchers from the UCILeR and the Observatory for Citizenship and Social Intervention. Sharvari Karandikar collaborated with UCILeR under the Fulbright Specialist programme.



Territorial Governance. Climate Change, Rehabilitation and Housing

The workshop Territorial Governance. Climate Change, Rehabilitation and Housing was held on 3 November in a hybrid format. This workshop discussed various issues related to climate change and the energy transition, the importance of cities and universities in these matters, and the different rehabilitation experiences in Portugal and Brazil.



Future of Tax Forum

The Future of Taxation Forum was held in the Chapel of the Colégio da Trindade on 6 and 7 November 2023. The event was organised by the Brazil Europe Integration Forum and UCILeR, with the support of IDP.

The event was reported in [Expresso](#).



Challenges and Opportunities in Bridging Science and Policy/ Policymaking – an Identity and Culture Perspectives

On 6 November, the workshop Challenges and Opportunities in Bridging Science and Policy/ Policymaking - an Identity and Culture Perspectives was held at Colégio da Trindade.

This workshop drew on research and practice to create a platform for exploring and advancing our understanding of the intersection between science and policy making. With "identity & culture" as the heart of discourse, the programme aimed to uncover both challenges and potential opportunities to enhance policy impact in diverse societal contexts. With a broad spectrum of experts from the Organization for Identity and Cultural Development (OICD) and the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research (UCILeR), the workshop generated insight into the role of identity factors in impactful policy formation.



2nd International Meeting: Innovative Experiences in Environmental Participation

The 2nd International Meeting: Innovative Experiences in Environmental Participation was held in Brazil, in a hybrid format, from 7 to 9 November 2023.

This event followed on from the 1st UCILeR/CEDA International Meeting - Participatory Experiences in Environmental Participation, which was held on 17 and 18 April 2023 at Colégio da Trindade, and was intended to continue the international cooperation established between the UCILeR (FD/UC) and the Centre for Studies in Environmental Democracy (UFSCar). The 2nd Meeting took place in the city of São Luís, in the state of Maranhão (Brazil).



Webinar Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law

The webinar Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law was held on 14 November 2022, between 17:30 and 19:00. This webinar focused on the Conclusions of the XXX FIDE Congress (1st session). This webinar was organised by the Portuguese Association of European Law ("APDE"), with the support of the UCILeR.

The [XXX Congress Fédération Internationale de Droit Européen](#), of which APDE is a member, was held between 31 May and 3 June 2023 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Topic 1 was Mutual Trust, Mutual Recognition and the Rule of Law, and Miguel Poiães Maduro prepared the respective General Report. Dulce Lopes and Rita Aroso Duarte prepared the national report, representing APDE.



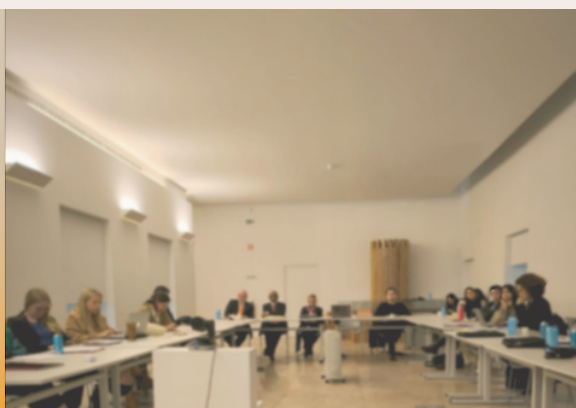
Procedures for building urban policies and plans: a Portuguese-Brazilian vision

On 20 and 21 November 2023, the seminar "Procedures for building urban policies and plans: a Portuguese-Brazilian vision" was held in a hybrid format and in room 1.01 at Colégio da Trindade. On the first day, a participatory workshop on environmental and climate issues was organised and, on the second, several speakers from Portugal and Brazil discussed issues relating to urban policies and plans in both countries.



Webinar Hague Rules: Transport law under discussion

The Webinar Hague Rules: Transport law under discussion was held on 23 November, under the scientific direction of our researcher Alexandre de Soveral Martins. Speakers were from Spain, Greece and Portugal.



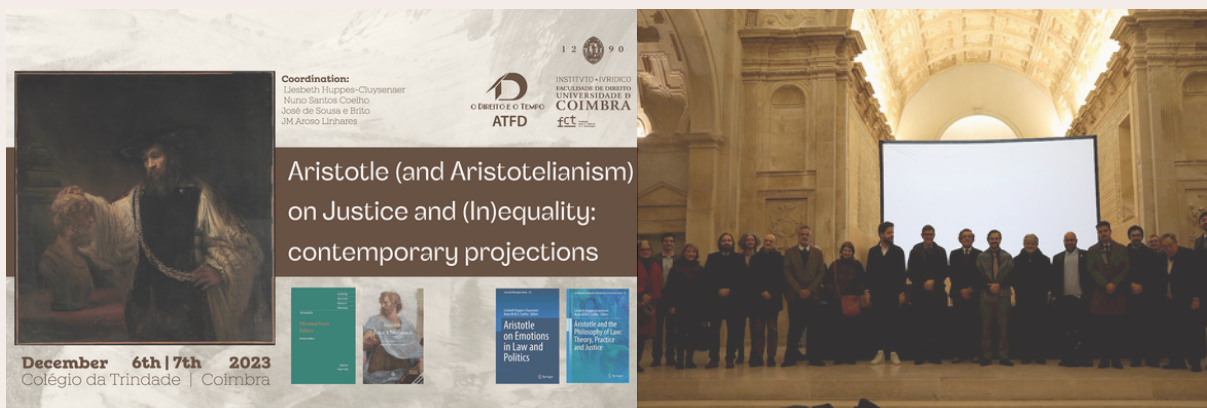
I Legal SciComm Conference: Communicating Legal Research

On 30 November 2023, the 1st Legal SciComm Conference: Communicating Legal Research was held in a hybrid format. This event was part of the UCILeR's exploratory project, Legal SciComm, and featured national and international speakers as well as presentations resulting from the call for papers.



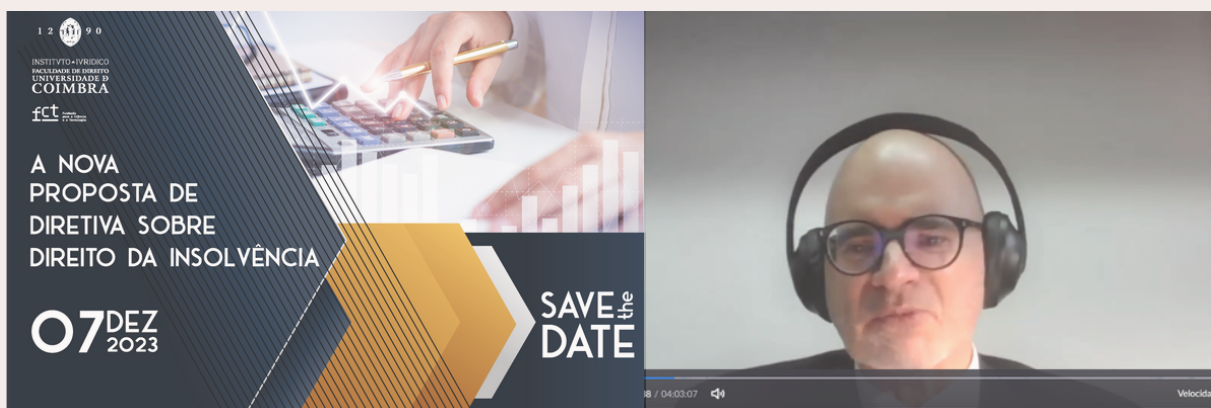
Law and Time: IX Meeting of Doctoral Researchers

On 4 December, the event "Law and Time: IX Meeting of Doctoral Researchers" was held in a hybrid format at the Colégio da Trindade. This event was attended by UCILeR doctoral researchers.



Aristotle (and Aristotelianism) on Justice and (In) equality: contemporary projections

On 6 and 7 December, the colloquium "Aristotle (and Aristotelianism) on Justice and (In)equality: contemporary projections" was held at Colégio da Trindade, coordinated by Liesbeth Huppel-Cluysenaer, Nuno M. M. S. Coelho, José de Sousa e Brito, and JM Aroso Linhares.



The new proposal for an Insolvency Law Directive

The New Proposal for a Directive on Insolvency Law was held on 7 December 2023. This webinar discussed the Proposal for a Directive to harmonise various aspects of insolvency law, presented by the European Commission on 7 December 2022. Issues of great importance for creating a business environment that allows companies to be more resilient and avoids the destruction of value that insolvency proceedings often involve were addressed.



V Debate Forests and Legislation

On 11 December 2023, the Casa de Cultura Sátão hosted the 6th Forests and Legislation Debate, focussing on the theme of protecting the urban-forest interface (UFI): legal dimensions. Led by Alexandre Manuel Mendonça Vaz, Mayor of Sátão, the introductory session featured prominent participants, including J.M. Aroso Linhares (UCILeR) and Miguel Almeida (House Refuge Project). The event addressed international experiences, highlighting the role of law in regulating IUF in Australia and the United States. Panels on public land-use planning policies, new legislative perspectives and specific national regulations reinforced the relevance of the debate. Technical topics were also discussed, such as the impact of the House Refuge project on Portuguese legislation and fire safety regulations.



II. Latest UCILeR publications

a) UCILeR publications



Tragedy, Complexity and Differend in the Jurisprudence of Medical Liability

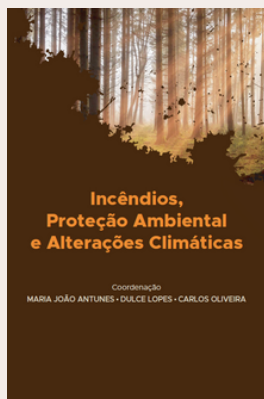
Author: Ana Elisabete Ferreira

ISBN: 978-989-9075-62-7

Year: 2023

Abstract: In the broad dogmatic context in which the binomial easy cases/hard cases is summoned up, we often find the use of exempla from the scope of medical liability. The recurrent inequality of resources between the parties, the difficulties of proof and the challenges of causality empirically show a complexity – sometimes a tragicity – that border the field of the differend. If the essence of the provision of health care is, originally, a relationship of ‘soin’, it becomes paradoxical that when a patient suffers harm because of a medical intervention that violates the ‘leges artis’, this basic principle of care is not taken into due account in the malpractice treatment architecture. Legal remedies for medical malpractice lie (fatefully?) outside the continuum of care. This paper seeks to diagnose the reasons for this increased difficulty and the solutions that, in terms of comparative law, have been suggested in order to minimize it.

Full text [here](#).



Fires, environmental protection and climate change

Coordinators: Maria João Antunes, Dulce Lopes and Carlos Oliveira

DOI:

[10.47907/Incendios/ProtecaoAmbiental/AlteracoesClimaticas/2023](https://doi.org/10.47907/Incendios/ProtecaoAmbiental/AlteracoesClimaticas/2023)

Year: 2023

The book *Incêndios, Proteção Ambiental e Alterações Climáticas* (Fires, Environmental Protection and Climate Change) was published under the coordination of our researchers Maria João Antunes and Dulce Lopes, as well as Carlos Oliveira, from the House-Refuge project, and is part of the UCILeR's research area Risk, Transparency and Litigation.

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

I. Internal life of the UCILeR



Advanced Training: Applications open for post-doctoral programme in law

Applications are open from 2 January to 29 February 2024.

The post-doctorate programme provides specialized training for doctors, recognized through diploma awarded by the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. Learn more about the branches and specialities, the regulations, and the application form [here](#).



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

On 30 October, the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) published the final results of the 2023 Call for PhD Studentships in all Scientific Domains. In the scientific panel for law, 24 research grants were recommended for funding, seven of which were awarded to students whose host research centre is the UCILeR.

Students Karoline Vitali, Roberta Mourão Donato, Rafael Teixeira Ramos, Guilherme Brechbühler, Hugo Monteiro and Paula Arruda were recommended for funding for their research.



UCILeR received a visit from a Fulbright Specialist

From 27 October to 9 November, the UCILeR hosted researcher Sharvari Karandikar, Professor at the College of Social Work at Ohio University, USA, as part of the Policies, Law and Services for Migrants project, approved under the Fulbright Specialist programme.

During this period, the researcher held several meetings with various researchers from the UCILeR and led two workshops, one focussing on migration and human trafficking, and the other on qualitative research methodologies and ethics in the social sciences.

The Fulbright Specialists Programme allows US specialists (professors, researchers and professionals) to carry out short-term teaching, consultancy and research projects in Portuguese institutions (educational, governmental, non-governmental, cultural, medical and research centres).



Meeting of the NEXUS Innovation Pact project

The NEXUS Innovation Pact - Digital and Green Transition for Transports, Logistics and Mobility - Sines Nexus Mobilising Agenda project meeting was held on 10 November 2023.

The initiative, led by the Port of Sines Administration (APS) and our collaborator researcher Carla Barbosa, focuses on the digital and green transition of the entire logistics and mobility chain. DEICISUC, together with the UCILeR, various ENESIs (UC, IPS, UA, EU) and technology partners (ESRI, EGAPI, MARLO), met at DEI to discuss the state of play of NEXUS Work Package 1 on the Open Data Platform.



Elcra kick-off meeting

On 5 and 6 December, our researchers Alexandra Aragão and Marta Graça participated in the first meeting of the Environmental Literacy in Higher Education Context for Preventing Radicalisation in Climate Activism - ELCRA project, which was held in Arezzo, Italy. The ELCRA project, of which we are partners, is funded by the Erasmus+ programme and coordinated by the University of Siena.



Course ECI: From A to Z

The ECI Project: from A to Z - European Citizens' Initiative: A Tool for Engagement and Active Citizenship is promoting a second edition of an online course on the European Citizenship. This course runs from 15 December 2023 to 15 March 2024, for a total of 54 hours, and is free of charge and entirely online.



Missions out

Our researcher Fernando Borges was a guest at the EurHope results - High level event in Madrid on 10 November 2023. The event organised by Make.org and JEF Europe presented the [results of the #EurHope consultation](#) which led to the drafting of the "Agenda of Hope". The UCILeR is an academic partner of the project and was present at the event to strengthen partnership ties and attract new research projects.

Our collaborator researcher Roberta Donato participated in the International Colloquium "Autonomy and integration between levels of governance. A comparative study Portugal-Brazil" in Ponta Delgada, Azores, on 29 and 30 November 2023.

Submitted projects

The UCILeR submitted two applications for projects in special FCT funding programmes. In November, Susana Aires de Sousa coordinated the application "Predictive AI systems and profiling for criminal purposes", for the Science4Policy call, with the collaboration of CISUC (Centre for Informatics and Systems of the University of Coimbra) and the Judiciary Police. The UCILeR team is composed by researchers Miguel João Costa, Sónia Fidalgo and Fernando Borges. In December, Enio Viterbo submitted the proposal "Decolonial crossroads: examining the Portuguese decolonisation process from Brazilian and global perspectives" to the "O 25 de Abril e a democracia portuguesa" programme. The UCILeR team working on the project includes researchers Maria João Antunes and Fernando Borges.

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II. UCILeR Scheduled Events

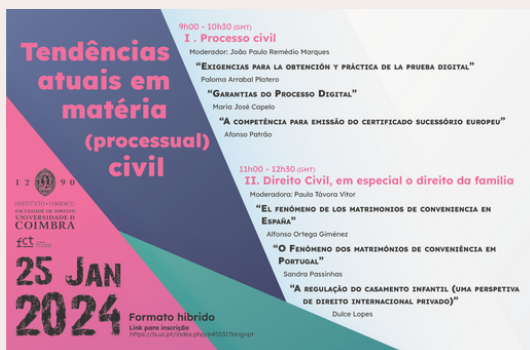
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18 JANUARY 2024

Artificial intelligence and the maintenance of public order: the impact of the proposed regulation on artificial intelligence on Portuguese law

More information [here](#).



25 JANUARY 2024

Current trends in (procedural) civil matters

More information [here](#).



5-9 FEBRUARY 2024

Researchers' Camp 2024

More information [here](#).



23 FEBRUARY 2024

Conference on domestic and gender-based violence

More information [here](#).



7-8 MARCH 2014

Justice, Equality and Gender in the Family

More information [here](#).



4-6 APRIL 2024

II Luso-Brazilian Congress of Philosophy of Law

More information [here](#).



III. UCILeR Challenges

Calls UCILeR



i. Seed Projects for Interdisciplinary Research **Deadline: 15 February 2024**

Researchers integrated into R&D Units of the University of Coimbra who conduct research at the UC may apply for this funding. The project team should consist of at most six members of the UC from at least two R&D units from [distinct scientific areas](#). The Principal Investigator, leading the project team, must have obtained his/her PhD after 1 December 2013. More information [here](#).



ii. 2024 Erasmus Plus

In this programme, Educational projects of transnational cooperation that contribute to the improvement of teaching, training, acquisition of skills, sharing of good practices and transfer of innovation, which address the horizontal priorities of the European Union for 2021-2027, will be valued:

- a) Digital transformation;
- b) Environment, climate and sustainability;
- c) Inclusion and diversity;
- d) Participation in democratic life.

More information [here](#).



iii. Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV)

This programme aims to protect and promote Union rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

1. Call for proposals to promote and protect Union values

Deadline: 7 December 2024

More information [here](#)

2. Call for proposals on rights of the child and children's participation

Deadline: 24 January 2024

More information [here](#)

3. Call for proposals to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children

Deadline: 24 April 2024

More information [here](#)

4. Call for proposals to national Data Protection Authorities on reaching out to stakeholders in data protection legislation

Deadline: 24 April 2024

More information [here](#)

5. Call for proposals to promote gender equality

Deadline: 29 February 2024

More information [here](#)

6. Call for proposals limited/restricted to National Roma Contact Points

Deadline: 7 March 2024

More information [here](#)

7. Call for proposals for Networks of Towns

Deadline: 18 April 2024

More information [here](#)



iv. Justice

The Justice Programme provides funding to support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters such as training to judges and other legal practitioners and effective access to justice for citizens and businesses.

1. Call for proposals to promote judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

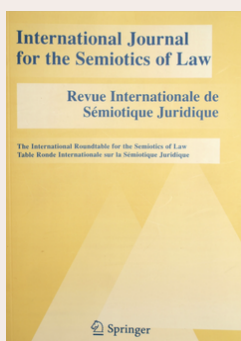
Deadline: 18 April 2024

More information [here](#)

2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects on judicial training covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights

Deadline: 21 March 2024

More information [here](#)



v. Call for Papers: International Journal for the Semiotics of Law

[Spatial Dynamics and Cultural Changes in Contemporary Legal Experience](#): submission deadline: 15 February 2024

More information [here](#).



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

10 - 11 June 2024

Submission deadline: 19 January 2024

More information [here](#).



vii. Call for Papers: ESSE conference, Lausanne, August 2024

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

Submission deadline: 31 January 2023

More information [here](#).



viii. Call for Papers: Justice, Equality and Gender in the Family

Submission deadline: 31 January 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 – COMENERG

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Fernanda Paula de Oliveira

Objective: The ComEnergy project aims to project energy communities as instruments for generating Energy Citizenship, promoting education and articulation between the various stakeholders in the context of their creation, implementation and governance.



II – COMMUNICATION OF LEGAL RESEARCH (LEGAL SCICOMM)

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Marta Graça

Objective: to identify tools that will help UCILeR researchers to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of communication in legal research.

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