

NEWSLETTER

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I open this reopening newsletter, whilst I invoke the end of a cycle (2017/2024)... Which is also inevitably the beginning of another (2025/2029)! It is quite simply a matter of recalling (celebrating!) the next 10th of September (the so-called UCILeR day!), thus reinforcing the invitation for an effective meeting of all researchers... and with this the unique opportunity to discuss the proposal for thematic conversion (involving change in continuity) which, at the beginning of 2025, will open the doors to a new cycle... and a renewed research agenda...

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I. Latest UCILeR events



International Workshop on Corporate Governance Discoveries and Innovations

On 8 July, Coimbra hosted the International Workshop on Corporate Governance Discoveries and Innovations. This event brought together experts from different continents to discuss the latest research and innovations in corporate governance.

The Workshop addressed corporate issues such as the governance of public pension funds, fiduciary principles, and the primacy of beneficiaries. The extraterritorial implications of the new European Sustainability Directive, the regulation of ESG information, and its implications for insider trading in the United States were also discussed.

This event emphasised the importance of a dynamic and innovative approach to corporate governance, highlighting the interactions between regulation, market practices, and emerging technologies.



II. Latest UCILeR publications

a) UCILeR publications

a) Publicações do IJ



Construindo um território integrado e sustentável: instrumentos jurídicos para uma maior integração e sustentabilidade territorial

(Building an integrated and sustainable territory: legal instruments for greater territorial integration and sustainability)

Colloquia - Works resulting from events organised by the Legal Institute

Coordination: Dulce Lopes

ISBN: 978 989 9075 73-3

DOI: 10.47907/territoriointegradoesustentavel/book

Year: 2024

Available in open access [here](#).



III. Internal life of the UCILeR



Applying for projects

In July and August 2024, the UCILeR joined two project submissions coordinated by Portuguese companies who applied for the PT2030 funding. The first proposal is related to the circular economy and decarbonization, while the second covers financial markets and the digitalization of the economy. If approved, UCILeR researchers will work on the current juridical landscape of these activities and their legal implications moving forward.



Alexandra Aragão is the UC Women in Science researcher of the month

Alexandra Aragão, a researcher at the Legal Institute and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, is the August guest of UC Women in Science.



Mission Out: Researcher takes part in international colloquium in France

Researcher David Magalhães participated as a speaker at the Colloquium of the Société d'Histoire du Droit, held at the University of Toulon, on the subject "L'histoire du droit de la mer, la mer dans l'histoire du droit", from 30 May to 2 June 2024. David Magalhães presented a paper entitled "Le Testament Maritime dans l'Histoire du Droit Portugais".



Mission Out: Researcher Dulce Lopes took part in a conference in Canada

Researcher Dulce Lopes participated in the Colloquium on Conjugalité as part of a conference with the title: "La famille dans ses évolutions et ses révolutions : regards transversaux et comparés sur le couple et la parenté" (The Family – Evolution and Revolution: transversal and comparative views on couples and kinship), promoted by the Centre de recherche Société Droit et Religions de l'Université de Sherbrooke (SoDRUS). The event was held in Quebec, Canada, on 19 and 20 June 2024.



Mission out: Researchers participate in international criminal law meeting in France

Researchers Anabela Miranda Rodrigues and Susana Aires de Sousa participated in the 21st International Meeting of the International Association of Criminal Law (AIDP), which focussed on the subject Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Law, from 25 to 28 June 2024 in Paris.

Anabela Miranda Rodrigues took part as a speaker in a Round Table on "Declaration on the Abolition of the Death Penalty as a Peremptory Norm of International Law" and Susana Aires de Sousa in the Round Table on "AI and Criminal Responsibility".



Mission out: Researcher Lucía Muñoz Benito took part in the event in Brussels

Researcher Lucía Muñoz Benito participated in the event "Just transition and Participatory Democracy. EuComMeet Conference at the European Committee of the Regions", held in Brussels on 26 June.

This event presented the results of the H2020 EuComMeet project, shared lessons learnt and illustrated the main features of the Platform for Deliberative Spaces.



Mission out: Researchers attend event in Denmark

Researchers Carolina Cunha and Inês Martins participated in the Workshop on Comparative Enterprise Foundation Law (ELI project on enterprise foundations) at Copenhagen Business School on 20 and 21 June 2024.

The researchers presented a paper on the Portuguese legal framework for enterprise foundations and participated in debates on the experience with enterprise foundations in various jurisdictions. They also took part in working groups dedicated to the construction of model rules on this subject.

This mission is part of the POWER Project, underway at the UCILeR, which is analysing ways of organising companies that prevent or discourage short-term profit motives, in line with sustainability objectives.



Mission out: UCILeR researcher participates in panel at science 2024 meeting

Researcher Carla Barbosa participated in the "Engineering and Health: Revolutions in Care and Quality of Life" panel at the Science 2024 Meeting in Porto between 3 and 5 July.

The panel, led by the ARISE Associated Laboratory with the participation of the Pedro Nunes Institute, discussed how the continuous advancement of technology has transformed how we look after our health and improve our quality of life. Carla Barbosa presented the CHANGER project, of which she is a researcher at the UCILeR, focusing on the ethical, social, and regulatory aspects associated with the continuous advancement of technologies and their relationship with healthcare and improvements in quality of life.



Mission out: Researchers take part in Training School on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence in Athens

Researchers Alexandre Dias Pereira and Louise Amorim Beja took part in the 'Athens Training School on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence', promoted by the Global Digital Human Rights Network and the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, which took place between 3 and 5 July 2024 in Athens.

On 4 July, Alexandre Dias Pereira presented the topic 'EU Regulation of Digital Services and Global Digital Human Rights'. The training provided enriching debates on the challenges of and advances in artificial intelligence from a human rights perspective.



Mission out: Researchers take part in seminar on evacuation planning and management in rural fires

Researchers Fernanda Paula Oliveira and Beatriz de Mello participated in the seminar "Evacuation Planning and Management in Rural Fires", held on 6 July at the Sala da Nau of the Valenças Palace in Sintra, as part of the project Evacuar Floresta - Evacuation Decisions and Plans in Forest Fire Scenarios. At the seminar, the researchers took part in a panel on the legal aspects of evacuation planning in forest fire contexts, discussing the legal framework for evacuation plans in Portugal, the limits of private individuals being bound by evacuation orders and international best practices.

The event also featured panels on rural fire risk analysis, the importance of cartography in evacuation planning, modelling the evolution and evacuation of fires and the Portuguese experience in the Chilean fires. It was open to firefighters, civil protection agents and the general public.



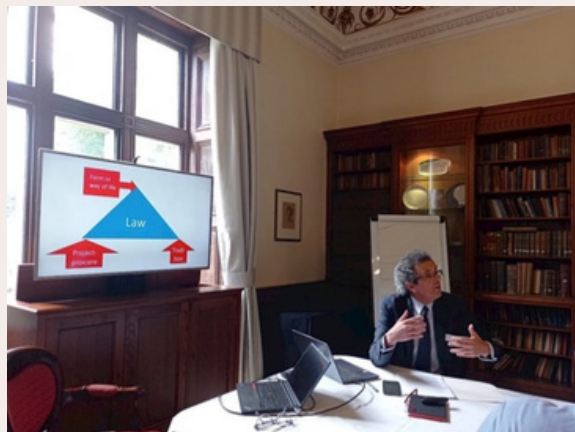
Mission out: Researchers participate in an international conference in Madrid

Researchers Luís Meneses do Vale and Mariana Canotilho participated in the ICON.S - International Society of Public Law annual conference, of whose Portuguese chapter they are founding members. This year, the meeting was held at IE University in Madrid, between 8 and 10 July, under the title "The Future of Public Law: Resilience, Sustainability, and Artificial Intelligence".



Mission out: Researcher takes part in international congress in the UK

Researcher David Magalhães participated in the "17th International Congress of Medieval Canon Law", with a paper entitled "The transmissibility of the Aquilian liability. The ground-breaking contribution of Medieval Canon Law". This event, organised by the Iuris Canonici Medii Aevi Consociatio/International Society of Medieval Canon Law and the University of Kent, was held in Canterbury, United Kingdom, from 7-13 July 2024.



Mission out: Researchers take part in international event in the UK

The researchers JM Aroso Linhares and Ana Gaudêncio participated as speakers in the [24th International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law \(Law in an Age of Permacrisis\)](#), held on 17 July 2024 at Keele University, United Kingdom.

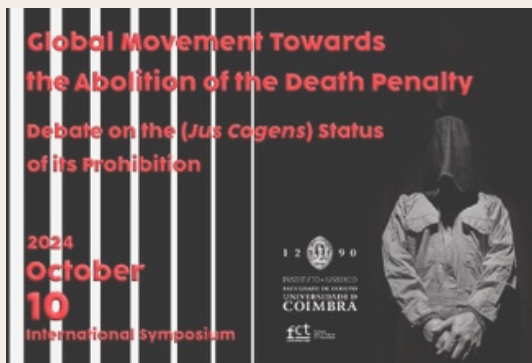
Since 2007, JM Aroso Linhares and Ana Gaudêncio have regularly participated in the International Roundtables for the Semiotics of Law. The twentieth edition of these [Roundtables was held in Coimbra \(2019\)](#), organised by the UCILeR, and the same will happen with the next edition, to be held in May 2025.



Mission out: Researcher participates in conference on nature restoration in Estonia

Researcher Alexandra Aragão participated in the European Conference on Ecological Restoration, entitled 'Bridging Science, Practice, and Policy of Nature Restoration', held from 25 to 30 August 2024 in Tartu, Estonia. Alexandra Aragão participated as a keynote speaker in the parallel session on 'Implementing the Nature Restoration Regulation: technical and legal challenges for National Plans across Europe'.

IV. UCILeR Scheduled Events



10 OCTOBER 2024

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

More information [here](#)



15-17 OCTOBER 2024

III Encontro Internacional em Democracia Ambiental (III International Meeting on Environmental Democracy)

More information [here](#)



08 NOVEMBER 2024

Regras de Haia: Encerramento das comemorações de aniversário (Hague Rules: Anniversary closing celebrations)

More information [here](#)



12 NOVEMBER 2024

II Conferência Legal SciComm: Investigação e Práticas (II SciComm Legal Conference: Research and Practice)

More information [here](#)

IV. UCILeR Scheduled Events



29 NOVEMBER 2024

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

More information [here](#)



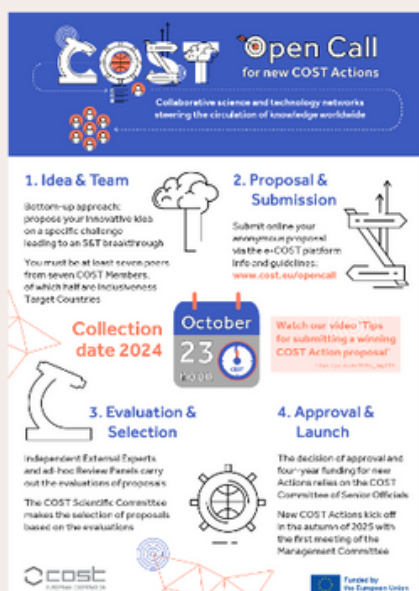
06 DECEMBER 2024

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](#)



V. UCILeR Challenges

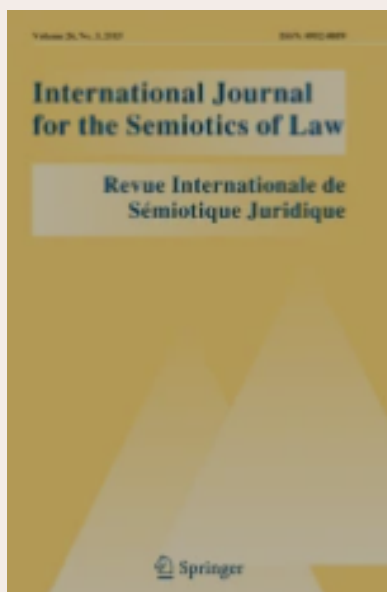


i) COST Actions

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.

Deadline: **23 October 2024**

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



ii) Call for publications: International Journal for the Semiotics of Law

- 1- Exploring Tensions in Law and Legal Semiotics – **submissions until 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](#).



iii) 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

iv) Call for publications: Special Issue Law and Humanities: Kafka's The Trial

Submission until **1 March 2025**

More information [here](#)



v) Call for publications: Heritage in War and Peace IV

1- Human Rights Perspectives through Past, Present and Future – submissions until **06 September 2025**

More information [here](#).



vi) Call for papers: Atlantic Dialogues on Technology and Regulation 2025

3-4 April 2025 | Lisbon (Portugal)

Submissions until **15 September 2024**

More information [here](#)



vii) Call for papers: II SciComm Legal Conference: Research and Practice

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

Submissions until **10 October 2024**

More information [here](#).



UCILeR projects

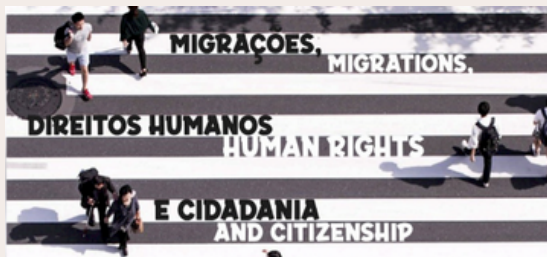
The work plan of the UCILeR is based on reflection on legal solutions to contemporary issues. As a research unit, the UCILeR establishes a bridge between the UC's legal academic community and society through its various research projects. Each edition of the UCILeR Newsletter will feature UCILeR projects. Complete and detailed information on all UCILeR projects can be found [here](#).



I – BriGRETE - Bridging the Gap: Research Ethics Training and Education

Coordinator at the UCILeR/FDUC: André Dias Pereira

Purpose: Improve the availability and accessibility of training and education in research ethics and provide tools for ethical analysis at European level, including the unique challenges of AI research.



II - Migrações, direitos humanos e cidadania (Migration, human rights and citizenship)

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Ana Margarida Gaudêncio

Purpose: The preparation of a research project on 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. At its core, it questions the essential conditions for coexistence and sustainable livelihoods, specifically with a view to implementing goal 16 - peace, justice and effective institutions. This objective is pursued here through critical reflection and consequent proposals for the implementation and enforcement of legal systems and social policies for the sustainable development of societies.

UCILeR challenges



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