

# NEWSLETTER

UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL RESEARCH

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It is not the task of this newsletter introduction to anticipate the path that its potential readers should follow (much less lead them down this path). It is therefore understandable that references to specific UCILeR activities or contributions are here rare and always very contained, avoiding the effects of a “logic” of selection or highlighting. Celebrations of unique events — those that associate a genuine (and insurmountable) incomparability to their unrepeatability — do not however run this risk. If precisely one year ago, wounded by the explosion of fury and barbarism of the first months of war, I asked for help from the brilliantly recreated bird voices that we owe to Olivier Messiaen — thus (only implicitly) highlighting the exhibition on the Time of Hans Albert that unexpectedly made these voices inhabit the nave of Colégio da Trindade’s chapel — I invite you today to another exhibition, certainly illuminated by distinct “pathos”, but no less constituting a unique experience: the exhibition of the works of the contest “Right to my City”, which, until March 31st, will frame the neighbouring cloister [see infra, Agenda I- i]... and which, with the strength and authenticity of those “simple things” (which “make the difference”), exposes us to the “traces” of an exemplary project (World Day of Cities – Right to Citizenship and Culture). This project is exemplary thanks to the care and imagination of its organizers (Cristina Perestrelo and Fernando Vannier Borges), to the collaborations it brings together (involving five other research centres at the UC), but also to the crossing that it achieves, overlapping in the thematic core of the “cities of the future” a notable spectrum of societal challenges (environmental sustainability, the social inclusion of vulnerabilities and multicultural practices, the present-past dialogue required by the inventive preservation of cultural and our architectonic heritage). It is also exemplary, finally, for the leap that it forces us to take outside the walls of the Academy, bringing with it the generosity and dedication of teachers and students of the 3rd cycle of the Elementary and High School in Coimbra. We really owe this exhibition to them and it was with real joy that we saw them, on the 28th of February, flood, with their warm presence, that very same nave which a year ago had succumbed to the dazzling invasion of Messiaen’s birds.

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# I. Latest UCILeR events



## Pedagogical Innovation Workshop

On January 9, the workshop "Pedagogical Innovation" was held in a hybrid format in room 1.01 of Trinity College and online through the platform UC meetings. This event was a preparatory activity under Erasmus Mundus for the BIOLAW-global project - 101049140 - GAP -101049140, 2021. The event was led by Dr. Alexandra Aragão and coordinated by Santiago Álvarez Carreño, Blanca Soro Mateo, Belén Andreu Martínez, Marcel Moritz, Gonzalo Sozzo and Emilie Chevalier.



## III AL/EU Red urteram Conference: Building an integrated and sustainable territory

The event was held on January 20 and 21 in Room 1.01 at Trinity College and was broadcast online via Facebook. Legal tools for greater territorial integration and sustainability were addressed.



## International Seminar "Vulnerability and Transborder Families

The event, held on January 27 and 28 at the Trinity College and broadcast via Facebook, addressed issues of jurisdiction, international child abduction and international cooperation, among others. The event was organized by Drs. Paula Távora Vítor (UCILeR/FDUC) and Dulce Lopes (UCILeR/FDUC).





## Researchers' Camp Training in research

The Researchers' Camp was held at Trinity College from February 6 to 9, with 30 master's students, doctoral students and young researchers. The training focused on research and covered the topics of research publication, research career, stress management, project writing and responsible research. The event also included a networking lunch and a competition to fund research projects presented by participants.

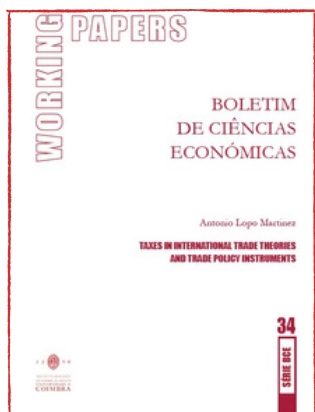


## Environmental Building Passport

On February 17, the event Environmental Passport of the Building - Contribution of Electronic Property Registration for Environmental Change was held in the Chapel of the Trinity College, addressing issues related to the Land Registry as an important legal instrument for environmental change. The event was attended by the President of the Institute of Registration and Notary Affairs, the Director of European Affairs of the Colegio de Registradores de España and the President of ELRA.

## II. Latest UCILeR publications

### a) UCILeR publications



#### Taxes in international trade theories and trade policy instruments

Author: Antonio Lopo Martinez

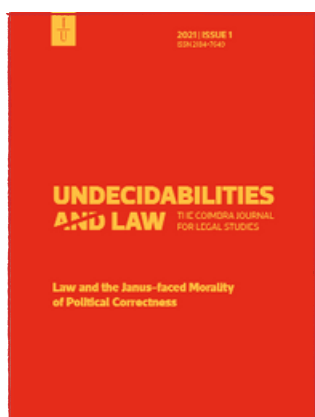
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The article reviews the economic theories of international trade, emphasizing the role of taxes. In addition to outlining the main theories, the article also discusses trade economic instruments associated with taxation, such as customs duties, border tax adjustments, and transfer pricing regulations. In short, this study provides an overview of the economic rationale for the WTO rules on taxation and the provisions of the binding WTO agreements relating to border adjustment and internal taxes (direct and indirect). In addition, a possible economic explanation for these principles is presented by briefly outlining the basic theory of trade policy instruments. The full text can be found [here](#).



### b) Publications coordinated by UCILeR



#### Undecidabilities and Law – The Coimbra Journal for Legal Studies

The second volume of Undecidabilities and Law - The Coimbra Journal for Legal Studies - Cultural Identity and Conflict of Values is now available [here](#).

# I. Internal life of the UCILeR



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

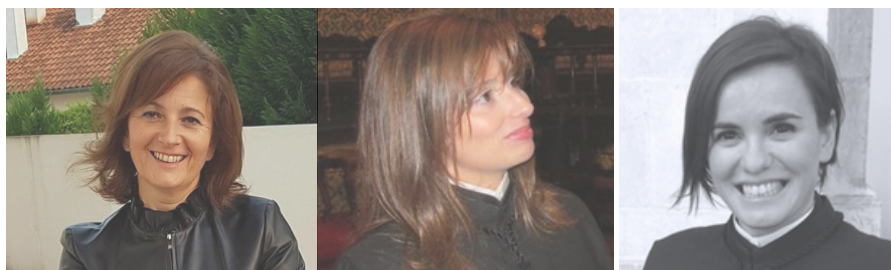
The Post-Doctoral Programme, coordinated by Doctor Maria João Antunes, is a specialized continuing education programme for doctors that will be awarded the title of Post-Doctor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. Applications for the first phase were open until February 28. Applications are now open for the second phase, which ends June 30, 2023. Learn more about the branches and specialities, the regulations, and the application form [here](#).



## UCILeR has created a Volunteer Programme to provide support in the organization of scientific events

The UCILeR received more than 160 applications and 90 volunteers confirmed their registration at the face-to-face meeting held on February 1 at Trinity College Chapel.

The volunteers' task will be to provide logistical support during scientific events, featuring direct contact with the dynamics of event organization, which will certainly be part of their work as future researchers.



## The participation of UCILeR researchers in the meeting "A Pact for Construction".

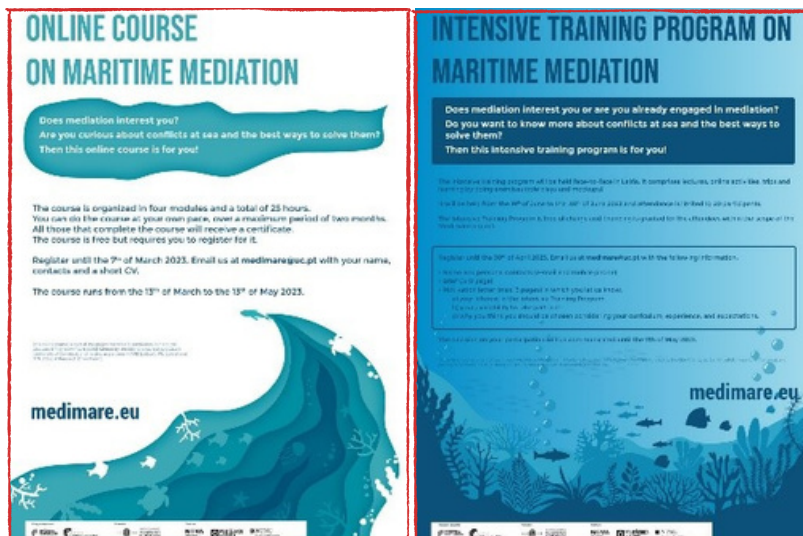
At this meeting, held in Lisbon on February 10, SILUC was presented, in which the UCILeR participated as a collaborating institution through UCILeR researchers Fernanda Paula Oliveira, Ana Raquel Moniz, and Dulce Lopes.





## Celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science on February 11

To mark this date, the UCILeR created and shared on social media a short documentary film about UCILeR women researchers with PhDs from FDUC. The video is available on [YouTube](#).



## MediMARE project organized a workshop on maritime mediation

The MediMARE project hosted an open workshop on mediation of maritime disputes on February 14 between 14:30 and 17:00.

MediMARE is also organizing an online course on Mediation in Maritime Affairs to be held from March 13 to May 13, 2023, and an intensive training programme on Mediation in Maritime Affairs to be held in Leiria from June 19 to 30, 2023. For more information, click [here](#).



## Opening of the exhibition of the works in the competition Right to my City

On February 28, the exhibition of the competition works in the framework of the project World Cities Day - Right to Citizenship and Culture was opened. The exhibition will be on display in the cloister of Trinity College until March 31, 2023. Watch the video about the creative process of the competition works [here](#).



## Research and Science Talks: Communicating Science to Society

On February 28, the first session of the Research and Science Talks was held, this time dedicated to communicating science to society.

This event was aimed at master's students, PhD students and postdocs, young researchers and other interested parties at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. The aim of this informative event was to raise awareness of the importance of communicating to society the topics that are being researched at UCILeR and to provide tips for planning and evaluating communication activities aimed at a non-specialized audience.



## II. UCILeR Scheduled Events



### I International Meeting - Participatory Workshop: Innovative experiences in environmental participation

The April 17-18 event will feature debates on citizen participation, including youth participation in public actions for the climate (demonstrations, strikes, or other initiatives) that can be even more effective than traditional participation models.

The meeting is co-organized by the Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil. More information [here](#). Watch the [video](#).

# III. UCILeR Challenges



**European Research Council**  
Established by the European Commission

## ERC-Portugal Programme

The ERC-Portugal Programme aims to support researchers who wish to develop their activities in national scientific institutions whose applications for funding from the European Research Council (ERC) have received an ERC rating of "A" after the second round of evaluation.

Applications are open on an ongoing basis.

For more information, please click [here](#).



## JUST (Justice Programme)

1. [Call for proposals for action grants to promote judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters](#)

Deadline: 20 April 2023

2. [Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects on judicial training covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights](#)

Deadline: 19 April 2023

Do you know that training activities for justice professionals coming from different EU countries are supported by the Justice programme? With your project you could help to address their training needs in the fields of civil law, criminal law and fundamental rights and, therefore, contribute to a better application of EU law in the Member States.

3. [Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects in the fields of e-Justice, victims' rights and procedural rights](#)

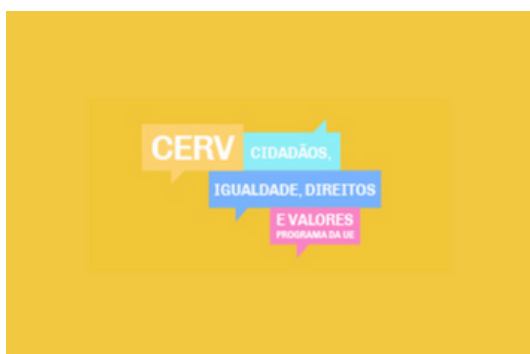
Deadline: 4 October 2023

This biennial call is a novelty since it merges the previous calls on e-Justice and on access to justice which are now covered by the following two priorities:

1. e-justice
2. Victims' rights and procedural rights

Are you looking for funding for projects which could facilitate effective and non-discriminatory access to justice for all (including by electronic means) and/or support the rights of people involved in criminal proceedings as victims or suspects/defendants? If so, this call is the right one!





## Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

[Call for proposals to promote civil society organisations' awareness of, capacity building and implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#)

Deadline: 25 May 2023

This call has five priorities:

- [1. Capacity-building and awareness raising on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#)
- [2. Promoting rights and values by empowering the civic space](#)
- [3. Strategic litigation](#)
- [4. Protecting EU values and rights by combating hate crime and hate speech](#)
- [5. Supporting an enabling environment for the protection of whistleblowers](#)

Specific targets are civil society organisations active in promoting and protecting the rule of law, fundamental rights and democracy as well as National Human Rights Institutions, Equality bodies, Ombuds Institutions and public authorities in partnership with civil society organisations.

[Call for proposals to promote equality and to fight against racism, xenophobia and discrimination](#)

Deadline: 20 June 2023

Four priorities are:

1. Fighting against discrimination and combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance, including anti-gypsyism, anti-black racism, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred
2. Promoting diversity management and inclusion at the workplace, both in the public and private sector
3. Fighting discrimination against LGBTIQ people and promoting LGBTIQ equality through the implementation of the LGBTIQ Equality Strategy
4. Call restricted to public authorities and bodies (at national, regional and local level) to improve their responses to (intersectional) discrimination, racism, antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred and xenophobia, LGBTIQ-phobia and all other forms of intolerance.





**OPEN CALL  
2023**

**Submit your proposal**

Closing date : 25 October 2023 at  
12:00 noon (CEST)

**COST**  
EUROPEAN COOPERATION  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

## **COST Actions**

Uma COST Action é uma rede de investigação interdisciplinar que reúne investigadores e inovadores para investigar um tema da sua escolha durante 4 anos. As COST Actions são tipicamente constituídas por investigadores do meio académico, PMEs, instituições públicas e outras organizações relevantes ou partes interessadas.

Estão abertas candidaturas a COST Actions até 25 de outubro de 2023.

Mais informação [aqui](#).

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## **IV. Call for papers**



### **Symposium "Celebrating Women in Legal History - The Lives and Legacies of Early Women Legal Historians"**

This hybrid symposium, to be held on September 1, 2023, aims to celebrate the contributions of women to early legal scholarship, recognize the achievements of underappreciated figures in legal history, and evaluate their contributions in light of current understandings of the discipline. Abstracts for the communication must be submitted by April 21, 2023. For more information, click [here](#).



### **Workshop "Pregnancy and the Law"**

This workshop, hosted by the Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and the Law, will bring together academics and others working in the field to discuss pregnancy and women's rights from the perspectives of equality law, medical law and human rights. The workshop will be held in September and abstracts can be submitted until June 1, 2023. For more information, click [here](#).



**Special Issue Białostockie Studia Prawnicze (Białystok Legal Studies) - [“Identity Claims and Legal Order”](#)**

**Theme Editors: José Manuel Aroso Linhares & Bartosz Wojciechowski**

Papers in English

The deadline for submitting papers: December 31, 2023

Publication date: September 30, 2024

The article should normally have not less than 2800 words and not more than 6000 words including footnotes and bibliography.

All manuscripts should be submitted to the journal via [Editorial Manager](#).

Białostockie Studia Prawnicze is one of Poland's top legal journals with an international profile and indexed in databases including Scopus: it is an open-access, double blind peer-reviewed quarterly, with an international editorial office and extensive international editorial board, published by the Faculty of Law of the University of Białystok (Poland).

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, 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](#).



**DIPLOMACIA de  
SUSTENTABILIDADE**

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY DIPLOMACY NETWORK

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Dr. Alexandra Aragão

Purpose: The need to respond to climate change, protect biodiversity and use natural resources in a shared, sustainable and equitable way requires environmental policies at different levels - local, regional, national and international - involving all sectors, from citizens to governments and from economic actors to civil society organized in the third sector. It is in this context that environmental diplomacy for sustainability is evolving. The legal design of environmental diplomacy in its broadest sense faces the challenge of defining its subject matter, methodology, the actors involved, implementation tools, and measurement mechanisms.





## PROMOTING NON-DISCRIMINATORY ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT ACROSS EUROPE

Coordinator at the IJ/FDUC: Dr. Anabela Miranda Rodrigues

Duration: January 2021- March 2023

Funding agency: European Commission - JUST-JCOO-AG -2020

Consortium: Penal Reform International, College of Coimbra, through the Law Institute of the Faculty of Law and the Hungarian Helsinki Committee.

Purpose: The research project aims to understand and promote the use of alternative sentences to imprisonment in the European Union, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable and the impact of the pandemic on the use and enforcement of these sentences.

