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The first year of our newsletter has been completed and, without forgetting the disturbing sound of so many silences and so many frustrated promises (inevitable projections of an unexpectedly unique year), it is time to acknowledge the relevance of its contribution (and the place it should occupy in our research community). These are certainly good reasons why, in contrast with previous editorials, this one focuses exclusively on a vote loaded with future(s): *may 2021 be a year capable of living up to our hope!*



I. Latest UCILeR events

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10NOVEMBER**2020**

VULNERABILITY AND LAW - IN DIALOGUE WITH MARTHA FINEMAN

Organization: Investigation area "Vulnerability and Law"

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/Cartaz10Nov2020?hires

Summary: The research area "Vulnerability and Law" organized, with the support of the Foundation for Science and Technology and the associated centers of the Legal Institute (Family Law Centre and Centre for Biomedical Law), the webinar "In Dialogue with Martha Fineman - Vulnerability and Law". The webinar had the keynote speech "Vulnerability and its implications" and the final comments of Martha Fineman (presented by Luís Meneses do Vale) and the contributions of the researchers of the UCILER, who delivered communications on different topics of Family Law (Paula Távora Vítor and Rosa Cândido Martins) and Health Law (João Carlos Loureiro, André Dias Pereira and Carla Barbosa), in dialogue with the work of Martha Fineman.



12NOVEMBER**2020**

ONLINE COLLOQUIUM GUIDE TO GOOD PRACTICES IN SMES — PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANIES

Organization: Investigation area "SMEs: Promotion of Innovation, Growth and Competitiveness"

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/12nov2020prog

Summary: 12, 2020, an online Colloquium took place to discuss with University Professors, Lawyers and representatives of the business sector the Guide to Good Practices in SMEs - Private limited companies.



12NOVEMBER**2020**

INTERNATIONAL LECTURES ON VULNERABILITIES AND LAW - VULNERABILITIES OF WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS

Professor María Ángeles González Bustos, Faculty of Law – University of Salamanca

Organization: Investigation area "Vulnerability and Law"

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/cartaz12nov20pdf

Summary: In this International Lecture, the prominent role of women in the sustainable development of municipalities was highlighted, as well as the need to invest in public policies that aim to promote a greater recognition of professional and domestic work, the presence of women in decision making, the improvement of infrastructures or social services that guarantee well-being and quality of life in rural areas, the defense of social policies that guarantee family, personal and work reconciliation and the eradication of gender violence.





13NOVEMBER**2020**

CONFERENCE - DISPUTATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF RATIONALIZATION OF THE TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION / DISPUTATIONS IN THE REFORM OF RATIONALIZATION OF TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION

Professor María Ángeles González Bustos, Faculty of Law – University of Salamanca

Organization: IJ & SPES

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/Cartaz13nov20

Summary: The Spanish Provincial Councils were legally enforced by the Law of Rationalization and Sustainability of Local Administration (Law 27/2013), assigning them the function of coordinating the minimum mandatory services in Municipalities with less than 20,000 inhabitants when they cannot be provided by themselves with efficiency. This led the Provincial Councils to renew their traditional task of assisting the Municipalities, valuing their functionality.



20NOVEMBER**2020**

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CRIMINAL LAW

Organization: Investigation area "Risk, Transparency and Litigation" **Link:** https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/programa20nov?hires

Summary: The Conference, attended by more than 160 people, offered a reflection on the impact of artificial intelligence systems on criminal law in its various dimensions, substantive and procedural, individual and collective, national and international.



26&27NOVEMBER2020

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SUSTAINABILITY DIPLOMACY

Organization: Investigation area "Crisis, Sustainability and Citizenship"

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/programa26nov; https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ii/eventos/2020/programa27nov2020

Summary: The Environmental Sustainability Diplomacy Network organized, on the 26th and 27th of November 2020, the 2nd International Congress on Sustainability Diplomacy and the 1st Paradiplomacy Congress in Brazil. The Congresses were attended by 20 speakers from 7 countries (Portugal, Brazil, France, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba) and communications from 20 researchers. The communications presented are available at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2ei9RCiPZJQeWw22fXo60Ul9Mlhh14jm and constitute another important contribution to the construction of a new legal instrument applicable to planetary relations in the Anthropocene: the Diplomacy of Environmental Sustainability.



11DECEMBER**2020**

III DEBATE ON FORESTS AND LEGISLATION - NEW DIRECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL PLAN FOR INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF RURAL FIRES AND THE LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Organization: Investigation area "Risk, Transparency and Litigation"

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/florestas2020

Summary: In this III Debate on Forests and Legislation, the most recent pieces of legislative policy on forests and landscape were analyzed with the participation of the main public and private actors in these matters. The purpose was to reflect on the new directions in matters of governance, planning and forest management and to assess how the Law is called to play a role in this important investigation area of the UCILER.



11DECEMBER**2020**

BUDGET CONFERENCE CYCLE - WHAT CHANGES WITH THE 2021 BUDGET?

Organization: Investigation area "Globalization, Economy and Law"

Link: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/eventos/2020/cartazorcamentodez

Summary: This conference provided an opportunity to discuss the implications of the 2021 State Budget a few days after its approval. Doctors José Casalta Nabais and Fernando Rocha Andrade intervened, respectively, on fiscal policy and aspects of the budget process. The Secretary of State for Budget, Cláudia Joaquim, opened the conference, Professor Paulo Pedroso, from ISCTE and Dr. Óscar Gaspar, vice-president of CIP, addressed the topics of social policies and support to companies. Doutora Matilde Lavouras was in charge of moderating the debate.



I. UCILeR Internal Life

i. On January 29th, at 2:00 p.m., via zoom platform, a meeting of the Scientific Council of the UCILeR will be held, in which the work developed and the future of our Institute will be considered.

ii. Dra. Cristiana Rosa, who has accompanied the Coordinating Council in the development of its activities and whom all Researchers already know, will soon assume the important functions of "science manager" at the Faculty of Sciences of Lisbon, under the project SATO - Self Assessment Towards Optimization of Building Energy. To our invaluable collaborator, our best wishes for success. Dr. Luíza Barbosa, research scholarship holder, will from now on ensure the communication with the UCILeR, using the same contacts.

iii. The UCILeR has opened a call for two research scholarships, in the scope of its R&D project - UIDB/04643/2020. The fellows will be guided by Investigator Alexandra Aragão for the development of research in the areas of environment (biodiversity and ecosystem services, climate action), circular economy, energy and sea. The new fellows will contribute to the development of projects and applications in an important area of the next framework program, especially within the Green Deal.

iv. The European Commission has approved the FirEUrisk project, under the Horizon 2020 program, in which the Legal Institute is a partner of the Association for the Development of Industrial Aerodynamics (ADAI).

v. The MediMARE project, Mediation in Maritime Disputes was presented to the European Economic Area and Norway Scholarships, # 5 Education, on December 11, 2020. The project was conducted by researchers Maria José Capelo and Dulce Lopes, and has Portuguese, Norwegian and Swedish partners. The project aims to develop courses and training tools to help students and professionals to introduce mediation into their skills and promote an environment and culture of peaceful and equitable resolution of conflicts in maritime issues.

vi. The UCILER submitted an application to the call "Support for the organization of conferences and seminars and studies - 2021", promoted by the Camões Institute. The study project submitted was "Equal Play: leveling the playing field for women's soccer in Lusophone space", whose objective is to evaluate the professional future of women's soccer, analyzing the impact on working conditions and the risk of abandonment of the profession and propose paths for its development and sustainability in Portugal, Brazil and Cape Verde. The team is multidisciplinary and composed of researchers from the three countries where the studies will be carried out: Fernando Vannier Borges, João Leal Amado, Dulce Lopes and Hugo Sarmento, from the University of Coimbra, Ana Lorga da Silva, from the Lusophone University, Luís Rodrigues, from the University of Santiago, in Cape Verde, and Luiza dos Anjos, Bárbara Gonçalves and Marina de Matos, from the Federal University of Minas Gerais.



I. Projects calls

I. EIT HEALTH BUSINESS PLAN 2022 CALL

The call is aimed at partnerships involving entities that are aware of the needs of the health sector and entities that can provide solutions, aiming at the development of value-added projects for patients, citizens and health systems.

One of the key aspects is the social impact, with activities expected to contribute to achieving generalized and demonstrable socio-economic improvements for society:

- Involvement of citizens and patients in the co-creation of activities and dissemination of information and knowledge generated by or about the activities;
- Most important results for citizens and patients;
- Compliance with ethical, legal and social principles, such as diversity of participants, consideration of gender differences in research and innovation and the need for accessibility of digital and physical spaces for people with disabilities.

Application deadline

- 1. Expressions of interest: January 13, 2021
- 2. Full applications: March 24, 2021

More information available at https://eithealth.eu/opportunity/business-plan-2022-call-for-proposals/

II. Scholarship Calls

The Canon Foundation Research Fellowships

The Canon Foundation in Europe awards up to 15 mobility grants to senior European scientists in all scientific fields. The scholarships aim to allow European scholarship holders to carry out a research period in Japan.

Deadline: February 15, 2021

Mais informações em: https://www.canonfoundation.org/programmes/research-fellowships/





III. Calls for other events and publications

i. Course on "Governance and Geopolitics in the Outer Space" - Faculty of Humanities of the University of Oporto

The training offer pays special attention to the way in which the evolution and functioning of the international legal order influence not only international relations, but also the day-to-day life within States with reference to the Outer Space. It aims to provide an understanding of the nature and sources of Space Law, to present the elements of the main thematic areas of Space Governance, to present contemporary developments in the field of Space Geopolitics and the main actors in Outer Space in the framework of contemporary international society. Another objective is to prepare trainees for critical thinking by providing them with tools that enable them to critically assess the role played by different actors on the international scene with reference to Outer Space.

Applications: from December 15th, 2020 to February 2nd, 2021

More information available at https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/pt/cur geral.cur view?pv curso id=22503

ii. Yearbook on the Law of the Sea (YLoS), Volume I, Associazione di Consulenza in Diritto del Mare (ASCOMARE)

Contributions are sought in respect of articles examining the content and legal scope of undefined terms of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and other related instruments. The call also appreciates papers assessing the historical and evolutionary meaning of such terms against the backdrop of State practices and international case-law.

Submissions are welcome both in English and Italian.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: January 30th, 2021.

More information available at: https://ascomare.com/ylos/?fbclid=IwAR0RitEgxjpV4u-A0DKJ6f2X-TpHL8Lc5KsCNYI9ye-aEOPDltCVBI0KkNG4

iii. Call for papers: 14th Annual McGill Law Graduate Conference "Law and the City"

Submissions from law and other disciplines relating to the conference theme (law and the city), as well as from the general area of international law are welcome.

Deadline: January 31, 2021

More information available at https://www.mcgill.ca/law/channels/news/call-papers-law-and-city-annual-graduate-conference-326731



iv. Call for papers - Special Issue Acta Academica: critical views on society, culture and politics

The outbreak of COVID-19 has profoundly disrupted the patterns of everyday existence, impacting upon social, legal and economic spheres. The scramble to respond to the threat posed by the rapid spread of the virus has, in many cases, led to a suspension of ordinary politics whilst at the same time throwing into sharp relief the profoundly political nature of the pandemic. In addition to the new issues that have arisen regarding detection and treatment of the COVID-19 virus, perennial political issues regarding the limits of political authority, racial and gender justice, and populism and demagoguery have thrust themselves to the forefront of mainstream political discourse.

This special issue invites papers that cast a critical perspective upon the political dimensions of the current pandemic. Whilst papers on any aspect of the pandemic are acceptable, the guest editors particularly welcome papers that focus on aspects of the pandemic in relation to the Southern hemisphere.

Possible topics might include:

- Politics by other means?: The use of pandemic for political purposes
- The COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity for progressive social politics
- Plandemic! disease and conspiracy theories
- The politics of social distancing
- The political implications of governmental responses to the pandemic; government control of coronavirus data; exclusivist national stockpiling of COVID-19 treatments
- Disaster Capitalism: The pandemic as both disruptor and accelerant of neoliberal normality
- Virtual liberty?: Lockdown existence and the triumph of networked society
- Sex in a time of COVID-19: The impact of the pandemic on sexual relations
- Dying for capitalism: The trade-off between commercial and public health
- Home/work: the effects of working from home on domestic relations; the gendered and racial imbalance of remote labour; productivity porn
- Policing the pandemic: Authoritarianism and security; poverty and/as disease; pandemic masculinities
- Planet or people first?: Environmentalism in a time of pandemic

Deadline: **February 28, 2021** (at http://journals.ufs.ac.za/index.php/aa/about/submissions)
Guidelines for authors are available at http://journals.ufs.ac.za/index.php/aa/information/authors

v. Conference Urban Assemblage: the city as Architecture, Media, Al and Big Data, University of Hertfordshire

Today, the city is a technological infused entity premised on a plethora of digital phenomena including the Internet of Things, ubiquitous computing, computer-led infrastructure, big data and Al. It is also a place designed, envisaged and increasingly built through data based digital architecture, planning and construction. Both scenarios mediate how we design and experience of the city. The result is a series of complex interactions of people, place and data and the establishment of the 'digital city', 'smart buildings' and 'intelligent' urbanism.

This conference seeks to explore these and other related issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

Deadline: April 01, 2021

More information available at: https://architecturemps.com/london-hatfield/.

vi. I International Congress "Civil Procedural Law - The Challenges of Global and Digital Sustainable Development"

The pandemic caused by COVID-19 exposed the world to the positive and negative aspects of globalization; it also made evident the need for States to prepare for the challenges of global development; and, well, it showed us that the application and use of new technologies are fundamental. All these phenomena, of a transversal nature, are the motto of this Congress and motivate the study of procedural matters in the global and digital era, with a view to a result process.

Universidade Portucalense, in collaboration with the University of Vigo, the University of Malaga, the University of Salamanca, the University of Granada and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, invite academic community to participate and present communications in the I International Congress on Civil Procedural Law – The Challenges of Sustainable Global and Digital Development, to be held on 20 and 21 May 2021, in virtual format.

Deadline: February 28, 2021

More information available at: https://ijp.upt.pt/en/i-international-congress-civil-procedural-law/

