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Im wunderschönen Monat Mai... Whilst listening to the voices of Heine and Schumann, allow me to break with the restless atmosphere of the latest editorials ... and introduce a note of hope and celebration. This means dedicating the opening words to Professor James Boyd White, one of the Master-Authors of contemporary legal thinking — to whom we owe the explosion of an autonomous *Law & Literature movement*, as well as the inimitable reinvention of Law as a *form of life* and a *system of meaning* (whose challenges help us decisively to understand the possibilities and limits of the *literary turn*). Our Institute for Legal Research will benefit in fact from two exceptional meetings with Professor White (both of them as promises to be fulfilled in May): with the essay-commentary “Keep Law Alive”, James Boyd White does us the honour of opening the first issue of the journal *Undecidabilities and Law* (to be published soon), dedicated as we know to the “societal challenge” of political correctness (in this issue, he is actually our sole participant by invitation!); with the lecture “Mosaic: an Approach to Law and Literature”, on May 12th, at 3 pm, Professor White opens a promising conversation piece in webinar (truly not to be missed!), which UCILeR will host with the precious contribution of the Italian Society of Law and Literature (ISLL) and the Portuguese Association of Legal Theory, Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (ATFD). This celebration is less self-referential than it seems because, on the one hand, it recognizes the happy complicity of the technical means which the pandemic has generalized (and which are here to stay!) - without them, this meeting with the Author of *Justice as Translation* would not be possible! -, and because on the other hand it also highlights other promising network conversations (see *below*, agenda IJ.- II) — as conversations to be carried out in May (but also in June...) and which will re-establish a dynamic that, as we hope, should soon be articulated with full face-to-face meetings. *Il est permis d'attendre, il est doux d'espérer...*

J M Aroso Linhares

I. Latest UCILeR Publications



DESAFIOS SOCIETAIS E A INVESTIGAÇÃO EM DIREITO: FLORESTAS

Contributions: Dulce Lopes, Fernanda Paula Oliveira, Alexandra Aragão, Sónia Fidalgo and Mónica Jardim.



DESAFIOS SOCIETAIS E A INVESTIGAÇÃO EM DIREITO: PANDEMIA E DIREITO

Contributions: João Pinto Monteiro, Ana Raquel Gonçalves Moniz, André Gonçalo Dias Pereira, Joana Vicente, Maria João Antunes, Sónia Fidalgo, Ana Pais, Miguel João Costa and Maria Inês de Oliveira Martins.

II. Latest UCILeR events



25 MARCH 2021

FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE PROJECT "RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE LUSOPHONE WORLD: DOING JUSTICE IN AND BEYOND THE COVID EMERGENCY"

Organization: Project Public Health in the Lusophone World

Summary: The final results of the research project "Responsibility for Public Health in the Lusophone World: Doing Justice in and Beyond the Covid Emergency" were presented at the conference, and the impacts of the pandemic on the Lusophone world were analysed. The results of the Conference involve the analysis of country cases, the results of the questionnaires applied, and the presentation of the white paper that is being produced. 12 researchers from the following countries were present: Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, and Macau.

I. UCILeR Internal Life

i. Afonso Patrão, researcher at the Legal Institute, participated in episode 1036 of the program "90 seconds of Science", where he promoted the EU-ADAPT project, led by the University of Coimbra. The program can be listened to online (<https://www.90segundosdeciencia.pt/episodes/ep-1036-afonso-patrao/>).

The "90 seconds of Science" program, which is aired twice a day on Antena 1, is a project of the Institute of Chemical and Biological Technology António Xavier ITQB NOVA, and of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities - FCSH NOVA, both of the New University of Lisbon, with the support of Novartis and Santander Universities.

ii. The Legal Institute of the Law Faculty of the University of Coimbra (FDUC) on March 21st launched the first two volumes of the collection of publications "Societal Challenges and Research in Law", dedicated to two particularly current themes: "Forests" and "Pandemic and Law".

The "Societal Challenges and Research in Law" publication series brings together, in summary form, the results of the Juridical Institute's research and is aimed at a non-specialist audience, with the objective of promoting debate on important issues for society. The first volume was symbolically launched on Tree Day, being dedicated to the theme of forests. Volume two is a reflection on the role of law in managing the health crisis - from the legal systems and regulatory solutions used to questioning the limits to individual freedoms and restrictions on freedom of movement.

iii. The results of the 4th Aarhus Workshop - "Access to Justice & Public Participation" were presented, with the participation of Alexandra Aragão, researcher of the Legal Institute of the UCILeR. This document is part of the project "European Implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the Digital Age (EU-AarKo)" which counts a total of five Workshops to contribute to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and stimulate dialogue with civil society.

The Aarhus Convention was adopted in 1998, and was the first international treaty to define minimum standards for access to environmental information, participation in political decisions, and access to justice in environmental matters. This project is coordinated by the UfU Independent Institute for Environmental Issues and funded by the German Environmental Agency and the German Government's Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

iv. The first Newsletter of the Project "ECI: From A to Z" has been published and is available online (https://eci-az.eu/wp-content/uploads/newsletter/ECI_NL1.pdf).

The main goal of the Project is to promote civic engagement and the voluntary participation of higher education students in public life on a community scale, allowing them to build and launch their own citizenship initiative from a strongly collaborative, practical and dynamic approach. The project counts with the participation of partners from Germany (University of Göttingen), Spain (University of Vigo) and Romania (University of Iasi). In Coimbra, the team is led by Dr. Dulce Lopes and counts on the participation of researchers from the UCILeR (Alexandra Aragão, Fernando Borges, and also Eduardo Figueiredo and Rita Aroso Duarte) and from the Distance Learning project of the University of Coimbra (UC_D). Its first meeting was held on January 28.

v. The UCILeR supports the "VI International Congress on Human Rights of Coimbra: a transdisciplinary approach", which, once again, invites the entire academic community to a moment of reflection and debate on different and relevant socio-legal issues within the scope of Human Rights. The purpose of this international academic event is to foster the construction of ideas and the development of scientific theories from the multidisciplinary and critical perspective of the social and legal sciences. On April 5, the deadline for submitting proposals for Symposia closed. The Congress will take place on October 12-14, 2021.

vi. UCILeR took part in the FCT's Call for Project Grants in all Scientific Domains. In total, UCILeR submitted 4 proposals as proponent institutions and 2 as a partner institution. Among the 4 proposals led by UCILeR 3 were for research projects and 1 was for exploratory research. The projects submitted were: AI and Corporate Crime: prevention and accountability (PI: Susana Aires de Sousa); CROBIR - Cross-Border Insolvencies and Regulation 2015/848: Facilitating Judicial Cooperation (PI: Alexandre Soveral Martins); Lusophone Sports Media Observatory: research, social responsibility, quality, pluralism, literacies and accountability in Sports Journalism (PI: Fernando Borges); and Involuntary Mental Health Care: Human Rights, Policies and the Law (PI: Maria João Antunes). As partners, the UCILeR researchers joined two other research team projects: Landscape Transformation Decision Support System and HogAr (HOousing, Guarantee of Adequateness/Accessibility & Rights) - Enforcing the right to housing? Evidence from the New Generation of Housing Policies in Portugal. According to the FCT schedule, results should be published in November.

vii. Following the determinations of the Affiliation Rules of the University of Coimbra, the Coordinating Council of the UCILeR hereby clarifies the affiliation rules that the researchers of the Institute should use in the platforms of the publishers and journals to which they submit their productions:

The affiliation rules aim to identify scientific work (papers, articles, reviews) prepared by researchers of the UCILeR, in order to optimize their performance and that of the Institute itself in rankings and bibliographic databases.

- Publications that use only one line for affiliation:
 - In Portuguese, alternatively:
 - Faculdade de Direito, IJ, Univ Coimbra;
 - Univ Coimbra, Instituto Jurídico da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Coimbra, FDUC.
 - In English, alternatively:
 - Faculty of Law, UCILeR, Univ Coimbra;
 - Univ Coimbra, University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research, Faculty of Law.

- Publications that use two lines for affiliation:
 - In Portuguese, alternatively:
 - Univ Coimbra, Instituto Jurídico da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Coimbra
Univ Coimbra, Faculdade de Direito;
 - IJ, Univ Coimbra
Faculdade de Direito, Univ Coimbra.
 - In English, alternatively:
 - Univ Coimbra, University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research
Univ Coimbra, Faculty of Law;
 - UCILeR, Univ Coimbra
Faculty of Law, Univ Coimbra.

viii. Within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union, and on the initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an international conference on the Rule of Law in the European Union (High Level Conference-Rule of Law in Europe) will be held in Coimbra on 17 and 18 May. The University of Coimbra and the Faculty of Law, as well as the Law Institute have been invited to institutionally associate themselves to this initiative. The Conference will be held entirely in English and will include the following panels: The role of civil society for upholding the rule of law; The role of European and national courts for upholding the rule of law; Communicating the rule of law; Rule of law in the context of the covid-19 pandemic; Rule of law, social progress and economic recovery.

II. Programmed UCILeR Events



7MAY2021

CONVERSATIONS ON THE STATE BUDGET: GREEN BUDGETING

On May 7, the conference “Conversations on the State Budget: Green Budgeting” will take place. As part of the cycle of conferences organised by the Law Faculty of the University of Coimbra and its Legal Institute on budgetary issues, this conference aims to address one of the most important challenges of the State’s activity and, consequently, of the budgetary process - the environmental issue - both from the point of view of budgetary preparation and its implementation.



12MAY2021

“Mosaic: an Approach to Law and Literature” – A conversation piece with James BOYD WHITE

With the support of the ISLL (Italian Society of Law and Literature) and the ATFD (Portuguese Association of Law Theory, Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy), the UCILeR (within its research area “Law and Time”) will welcome, on the next May 12th, at 3pm, Professor James Boyd White (L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Michigan Law School). The webinar will consist of the lecture “Mosaic”, a sequence of brief comments (which will bring some “surprises”!) and a dialogue with the audience “present”. It is a unique opportunity to hear the author of Keep Law Alive address (with an unmistakable perspective) some of the great challenges that the contemporary world imposes on Law.



21MAY2021

Conference “Artificial Intelligence in the Economic Sector: Prevention and Responsibility”

The University of Coimbra Legal Research Institute is organizing the Conference “Artificial Intelligence in the Economic Sector: Prevention and Responsibility”, taking place on May 21st, 2021.

Digital transformation requires new responses from law and ethics also at the economic level. The new technology, centred on computer models that learn from experience (“machine learning”), represents an enormous potential for companies, geared towards maximizing their efficiency and productivity. Its implementation is a growing trend in some market sectors, such as banking and the securities market. A reflection on these challenges and the potential of AI systems in a business context is the main purpose of this Conference, organized in the context of the UCILeR’s Exploratory Project “AI and Corporate Responsibility”.



25MAY2021

MENTAL ILLNESS, COMPULSIVE TREATMENT, AND THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - CHATTING WITH...

The event is framed within the thematic of the Strategic Project of the UCILeR, under the motto of vulnerability, and is particularly useful as the Mental Health Law is being revised. One of the purposes of such revision is precisely its adaptation to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It involves the research areas "Vulnerability and Law" and "Risk, Transparency and Litigiousness".



17JUNE2021

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND CONTRACT LAW: CIVIL CONTRACTS, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

This online colloquium, organized by the UCILeR's contracts and social development area, will deepen the debate on the influence of the Covid-19 pandemic in several areas of civil law, labour law and commercial law. It is organized with the participation of UCILeR researchers and guests from FDUL, UCP and UMinho.

30JUNE2021

"Law and Time" - VII Meeting of Doctoral Students

The tradition of doctoral researcher meetings in the area of "Law and Time" continues (as a webinar), this time with an opening conference that will bring to us Professor Saulo Matos, Adjunct Professor at the Federal University of Pará, who holds a Master's Degree in Law from the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität of Heidelberg and a Doctorate in Social Philosophy and Philosophy of Law from the Georg-August-Universität of Göttingen.



I. Scholarship Calls

i. Max Planck Luxembourg PhD Scholarships 2022

One of the goals pursued by the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law is to promote research and academic exchange with foreign scholars. In this framework, to assist particularly young scholars further advance their research activity, the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg offers a limited number of scholarships for foreign doctoral candidates to support their research stay at the Institute for up to six months in the calendar year 2022.

Deadline for applications: **15 May 2021**

More information: <https://www.mpi.lu/guest-program/max-planck-luxembourg-scholarships/>

II. Calls for Papers

i. Undecidabilities and Law

Undecidabilities and Law's second volume welcomes contributions that highlight the modes of interpretation of values, interests and rights in situations where cultural conflicts arise. We are interested in articles that showcase the forms by which international and national Courts as well as other legal operators, such as the legislature and the administration (for instance within the recent pandemic crisis), deal with structural or intensive diversity of legal rules, principles and values.

All areas of legal research are welcome, from those which reinvent traditional human rights issues in national and international settings, through those which reconstitute the exacerbated cultural conflicts of our times, to those which consider discrimination and the failure to recognize diversity, and those which explore the contrast between freedom of trade and export restrictions, for instance in situations of trade embargoes, or the export (and restitution) of nationally valuable works of art.

Deadline for submission: **30 September 2021**

More information: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/rev_nl/CallforPapers/CallforPapers2?fbclid=IwAR2KInP-gGuEVWEuw2TLR-ipVc1hZEhZc0mbheFL9YNUfC3eG_-YrLd3814

ii. International Law on Climate Change: Ambition, Interlinkages & Engagement Conference

The Paris Agreement & accompanying Katowice outcomes in December 2018 at the UNFCCC COP24 chart a new course in the global effort to address climate change. Together, these instruments seek to mobilize nations towards making progressively more ambitious contributions to the global response to climate change by developing specific domestic measures (including but not limited to laws, regulations, strategies & plans) to limit or reduce emissions & adapt to the effects of climate change on local, regional & global levels. Nevertheless, implementation has proven to be a challenge across the globe.

The International Law on Climate Change: Ambition, Interlinkages & Engagement Symposium, which will take place in Cambridge in the lead-up to COP26, will feature expert panel presentations by leading practitioners, researchers & academics in the areas of law, climate change, politics & land economy & beyond.

Deadline for submissions: **31 May 2021**

More information: <https://www.cisd.org/2020/12/13/call-for-papers-international-law-on-climate-change-ambition-interlinkages-engagement-conference/>

iii. Católica Law Review

Católica Law Review welcomes the submission of articles from all legal scholars (including law professors, practising lawyers, doctoral candidates, and graduate students). The articles can be written in English or in Portuguese.

Deadline for submissions:

Criminal Law: **15 July 2021**

Public Law: **30 September 2021**

Private Law: **31 December 2021**

More information: <https://fd.lisboa.ucp.pt/faculty-knowledge/catolica-research-centre-future-law/research/catolica-law-review/call-papers>

iv. 8th EELF Annual (online) Conference 2021 Social and Scientific Uncertainties in Environmental Law

Environmental law aims to provide regulatory mechanisms to protect the environment, and this requires sufficient knowledge of the environmental effects of human activities, the functioning, services and carrying capacities of ecosystems, and the technical and societal options available to mitigate adverse effects and develop energy, food, urban and mobility systems towards environmental sustainability. However, major environmental threats of the 21st century, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and emerging pollutants, exceed scientific knowledge of their complex causes, consequences, and solutions.

This conference explores how environmental law is prepared or could be better equipped to deploy the best available knowledge and expertise and deal with knowledge gaps and uncertainties in the legislative, administrative, and judicial branches.

Deadline for submissions: **31 May 2021**

More information: https://www.eelf.info/tl_files/uploads/Conferences/Conference%202018/8th_EELF_2021_Call.pdf

v. CfP Online Workshop 8th July 2021: Food insecurity in international law and governance

Securing global food security continues to be of paramount importance for the global community. Against the increasing weight of evidence that climate change and biodiversity loss is exacerbating food insecurity, most of the international community agree that international solutions are needed. However, little progress has been made in achieving food security because of disagreements within the international community over the appropriate law and policy directions that should occur in the international sphere.

This workshop aims to provide a space for researchers, policy practitioners and interested colleagues to explore tensions in how international law and governance mediates food security by establishing network of interested scholars for future collaborations and discussion. A selection of the workshop papers will be invited for full submission for a special journal issue of Fordham International Law Journal, or similar.

Deadline for submissions: **8 May 2021**

More information: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=48B4T1DS3027HBXTFFaXzA4Xl2mQy5BHtgAfo2CO4wNUMjRCMUVaSjQ2WE5CMVM3NEdBUTNLMjVJNi4u>

vi. CFP: The Ideal of Recognition in Contemporary Normative Theory – MANCEPT Workshops 2021 September 7, 2021 - September 10, 2021

Online conference organized by Manchester Centre for Political Theory (University of Manchester), which aims to address the category of intelligibility - recognition and the role that (in the plurality of its manifestations, from Hegel to Honneth, through Althusser and T.M. Scanlon) it plays in the discourses of ethics, political philosophy and philosophy of law.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **16 May 2021**

More information: <https://philevents.org/event/show/89062>

vii. Call for papers for a special issue of the journal *Implications Philosophiques* on the topic of free market liberalism and social justice

This special issue of the journal *Implications Philosophiques* will seek to go against the unpopularity of liberalism in public and academic debate. An attempt will be made to put liberalism on trial, especially in its libertarian version, and to invite its advocates and prosecutors to take a stand. The contributions will seek to know whether liberal thought, here understood as a political and economic thought that advocates the virtues of the free market and undistorted competition and based on a law sacralizing private property and individual liberty by the institution of the minimal State, can propose relevant and innovative answers to problems that are classically seen as belonging to socialist or egalitarian contexts.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **1 July 2021**

Deadline for full papers: **15 October 2021**

More information: http://www.implications-philosophiques.org/varia/appels-a-contribution/aac-liberalisme-et-justice-sociale/?fbclid=IwAR2_kg3CBVqCUrJs0tA1Co-kDb5TdWHx3RSUxamJkj1OA-QbKoKtQi3IXHg

viii. Call for papers for a volume on *Evidence in Law and Ethics*

This volume, edited in Springer Publisher by Adam Dyrda and Tomasz Żuradzki of the Jagiellonian University, aims to focus on the ethical-philosophical and philosophical-legal treatment of the problem of proof, stimulating the approach of the different conceptions of probability, but also of the problem of evidential decisions in a context that mobilises algorithms.

Deadline for submissions of full chapters: **18 July 2021**

More information: <https://resource-cms.springernature.com/springer-cms/rest/v1/content/18868538/data/v1>

ix. Dossier *50 años* of *A Theory of Justice* de John Rawls | *Mutatis Mutandis*

The journal *Mutatis Mutandis* (<https://revistamutatismutandis.com/index.php/mutatismutandis>) accepts articles to be integrated in a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the publication of "A Theory of Justice", coordinated by Pablo Aguayo Westwood.

Deadline for submissions of full articles: **30 July 2021**

More information: <https://philevents.org/event/show/87850>

III. Calls for Awards

i. Abreu Advogados Award - Innovative Research

The Knowledge Institute of Abreu Advogados announces the 5th edition of the Abreu Advogados Award, one of the most prestigious national competitions dedicated to research and innovation relevant to the practice of law. The Abreu Advogados Award promotes the articulation between legal science and the practice of law, fostering innovation and knowledge.

Deadline for submissions: **30 de August 2021**

More information: <https://www.abreuadvogados.com/pt/conhecimento/premio-abreu-advogados/>



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