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One of the less “disseminated” (but no less relevant) tasks of our research centre is carried out in the sphere of so-called “advanced training”. As this activity has a direct relationship with FDUC's PhD Course– the thematic specification of which (“Social challenges, uncertainty and Law”) corresponds neatly to the main core of UCILeR's strategic project --, the opportunity to highlight this “activity” in this editorial seems obvious. This Course is now in fact developing its 2021/2022 Seminário Geral, which, with regards to this intertwining, is certainly the most visible of UCILeR's contributions. This seminary, which brings together, in felicitous convergence, all the research areas of our Institute, actually began on October 8th (with a precious intervention by Professor Fernando Bronze) and will continue without interruption until 17th December (with a no less promising final session, about which we will say something more below).

It is not just a matter of paying attention to Seminário Geral, but of pointing out its new leading theme, focused on the “societal challenge” of artificial intelligence (one of the thematic cores that UCILeR's research has been giving precedence to). After a sequence of nine sessions, covering all fields of Law, and involving fifteen of UCILeR's integrated researchers, distributed over several modules (see details at <https://www.uc.pt/fduc/cursogeraldoutoramento/PDFS/2021-2022-SeminarioGeral.pdf>), the final session will benefit from a wider audience, involving not only PhD students but also the general public. Bringing together Professors Anabela Rodrigues and Christoph Burchard (Professor at the Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main and principal investigator in the excellence cluster “Die Herausbildung normativer Ordnungen”), this final session (December 17th) promises to be a major conversation piece (truly one not to be missed!) focused on the possibilities, challenges and problems that our time of artificial intelligence imposes on Law in general and Criminal Law in particular.

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I. Latest UCILeR's Publications

a) UCILeR Publications



(R)EVOLUTION OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Author: Eduardo António da Silva Figueiredo

DOI: 10.47907/livro2021_03

This study is aimed at analysing the principal current trends in the evolution of mental health legislation – on a global and, especially, European scale - namely in the light of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).



BEST PRACTICE GUIDE FOR SMES - PRIVATE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

Authors: Jorge M. Coutinho de Abreu, Alexandre Soveral Martins, Carolina Cunha, Rui Pereira Dias

DOI: 10.47907/guia2021_1

The Best Practice Guide for SMEs - Private Limited Liability Companies contains Recommendations on several issues that are of particular interest to SMEs. Each Recommendation contains information about the legal regime and brief comments justifying the proposed solutions.

II. Latest UCILeR events



28 SEPTEMBER 2021

CONFERENCE ON "LAS NORMAS DE COMPORTAMIENTO COMO ARTEFACTOS DEÓNTICOS"

The UCILeR organised the Conference on "Las Normas de Comportamiento Como Artefactos Deónticos" with Professor Doctor Juan Pablo Mañalich R., from the Law Faculty of the University of Chile. The conference, held in webinar format, gave continuity to the activities of the Think Tank "The Problem of the Normativity of Law", in which Juan Pablo Mañalich R. proposes a reflection on behavioural norms, contributing, with this, to the problematisation of the legal norm.



01 OCTOBER 2021

CONFERENCE - THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON CONTRACTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS (ADOPTED IN VIENNA ON 11TH APRIL 1980) AND THE PORTUGUESE LEGAL SYSTEM

The Conference on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), adopted in Vienna on 11 April 1980, and which entered into force in Portugal on 1 October 2021, was held. The event sought to present the essential features of this international instrument, as well as to highlight some of the potentially problematic aspects that can be envisaged with its entry into force. The event was attended by renowned Portuguese and international experts from Brazil and the United States



20 OCTOBER 2021

THE CONTRIBUTION OF LEGAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO MORE SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES: NEW PATHS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ACADEMIC WORLD AND THE BUSINESS WORLD

The event "The contribution of legal and scientific research to more sustainable and more responsible companies: new ways of collaboration between the academic world and the business world" contributed to the understanding of the role of researchers in the area of Law and related areas (economics, management, marketing) in supporting companies, helping them to play their role as active participants in sustainable development, contributing to improve business performance and company image, while adapting their production model to environmental demands.



25/26 OCTOBER 2021

II IBERO-AMERICAN MEETING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS OF PROCEDURAL LAW

The UCILeR, in partnership with the University of Salamanca, organised the II Ibero-American Meeting of PhD students of Procedural Law, which took place in Coimbra. The event was held in a hybrid format, free of charge. Doctor Maria José Capelo, from the University of Coimbra, and Doctor Lorenzo Bujosa-Vadell, from the University of Salamanca were in charge of the scientific coordination of the event.



I. UCILeR's Internal life

i. The UCILeR was present at European Researchers' Night 2021, at the Palace of Justice. In this edition of European Researchers' Night, about 300 researchers, professors and doctoral students shared with the non-academic public the scientific research they develop at the University of Coimbra, on a Science Route that included 45 locations, from Coimbra's Upper Town to its Lower Town. This year, the initiative, coordinated by the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, had a programme with dozens of activities (experiments, demonstrations, hands-on activities, guided tours, challenges, quizzes, concerts, speed dating, conversations on the bus), many of them in close collaboration with several institutions of the city of Coimbra.

ii. The article "Mitigating the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Portrait of the Experience from the Lusophone World" was published in the Medicine and Law Journal. Collectively authored, the article summarizes the project "Public Health Responsibility in the Lusophone World: Doing Justice During and Beyond the COVID Emergency" financed by the WHO, led by Doctor André Dias Pereira, the main author of the article.

iii. From 20 to 23 September, the 1st Meeting and Practical School of the "Global Digital Human Rights Network" took place at the Holy Trinity College of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. This meeting, which took place in a hybrid format, was attended by more than 30 participants from all over Europe, in addition to those who participate remotely via Zoom. This meeting is part of the Global Digital Human Rights Network, a COST Action, of which the UCILeR is one of the members, through its researchers Alexandre Dias Pereira and Paula Veiga. The Global Human Rights Network explores the theoretical and practical challenges imposed by the digital and online context in the protection of Human Rights.

iv. On September 29th, a webinar entitled "Future Fire Scenarios and Biodiversity" took place. It was promoted by the firEURisk Project, an EU-funded research project, led by ADAI and with the participation of the UCILeR. The project "firEURisk - Developing a holistic, risk-wise strategy for European wildfire management" was approved under the European Union's Horizon 2020 program, bringing together in consortium 39 partners from around the world (Germany, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Spain, United States of America, France, Finland, Greece, Netherlands, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Portugal, United Kingdom, Romania, Sweden, Ukraine), and involving a team from the UCILeR.

v. The webpage of the "Evacuate Forest" project was launched. The project is intended to contribute to the decision making and development of evacuation plans in forest fire scenarios, aiming to build a decision support system directed at the protection of the vulnerable population at risk. Evacuate Forest is a project of the UCILeR and is funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology under the Projects of Scientific Research and Technological Development Within the Scope of Preventing and Fighting Forest Fires.

vi. On 20 October, the launch of the book "New Directions for Environmental Law: A Look at Biodiversity", co-organised by Alexandra Aragão, UCILeR's researcher, took place. The book launch event was attended by the other two book organisers, Luciana Cordeiro de Souza-Fernandes, and Artur Agostinho de Abreu e Sá. The work is innovative in that it offers the reader several perspectives on the environmental theme, uniting Law and Earth Sciences and offering the bases for the multi-, inter- and trans-disciplinarity necessary for the enforcement of environmental legislation. The book comprises a set of twenty-four chapters by renowned authors, professors and members of Portuguese and international research groups, including some UCILeR researchers.

vii. The project "MediMARE, Mediation in Maritime Disputes" was awarded first place in the EEA Grants - Blue Growth Programme #5. The project will be led by UCILeR's researchers Maria José Capelo and Dulce Lopes and has Portuguese, Norwegian and Swedish partners. The goal of the project is to develop courses and training tools to help students and professionals to introduce mediation in their skills and promote an environment and culture of peaceful and equitable resolution of conflicts in maritime issues.

II. Scheduled Events of the UCILeR



15 NOVEMBER 2021

III INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS JUST SIDE - TIG FOR TERRITORIAL JUSTICE AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC POLICIES: OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES

The third “JUST Side – Justice and Sustainability in the Territory” Congress will bring together researchers from 10 countries to reflect on the difficulties and obstacles in the use of data and in the effective transfer of knowledge to society, contributing to the affirmation of an area of legal research with a high power of social transformation and to the consolidation of an important tool to support public policies.



26 NOVEMBER 2021

INTERNATIONAL OPENING WEBINAR - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE HAGUE RULES

As part of the celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the Hague Rules – Concerning the 1924 Brussels Convention on the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to Bills of Lading, the International Opening Webinar of the Celebrations will be organised by the UCILeR. Although the Brussels Convention containing the so-called “Hague Rules” dates back to 1924, its text owes much to the Rules which, in 1921, were adopted at the Conference of the International Law Association, which justifies the commemoration of the centenary this year.



30 NOVEMBER 2021

II INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TALKS

Following the first event and in the presence of several invited researchers at the UCILeR, the II International Research Talks will take place in order to promote the investigation project that is being developed within the UCILeR.



17DECEMBER2021

IV DEBATE ON FORESTS AND LEGISLATION

The fourth debate on forests and legislation will be held subsequent to the discussion of the recently approved New Integrated Forest Fire Management System. Several researchers from the UCILeR and the project House Refuge will participate in the Debate.

17DECEMBER2021

SAVE THE DATE

On 17th December the final session of the General Seminar of the PhD Course will take place. This session is open to the participation of the general public (the participation modalities will be announced soon), and will be entrusted to Professors Anabela Rodrigues and Christoph Burchard (Professor of the Goethe Universität of Frankfurt am Main and main researcher in the excellence cluster "Die Herausbildung normativer Ordnungen") [see <https://www.normativeorders.net/en/organisation/equal-opportunity/womens-network/9-organisation/principal-investigators/7935-burchard-christoph-prof-dr>].



I. Scholarship Calls

i. ERC - Starting Grants 2022

The ERC Starting Grant 2022 (ERC-2022-StG) call has opened and will end early next year. The core activity of the ERC is to provide attractive, long-term funding to support excellent researchers and their research teams in conducting high-risk/high-gain research.

The ERC-2022-StG call targets promising researchers who:

1. Are starting their own independent research team or programme; and
2. Present a profile of scientific independence.

Application deadline: 13 January 2022

More information: [Portal Funding & Tenders UE](#)

ii. Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation Studies

The Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation (FFMS) was created in 2009 with the statutory mission of promoting and deepening knowledge of the current state of affairs in Portugal. With this in mind, an area of studies was created which, since 2012, has published more than five dozen academic studies in the areas of Economics, Institutions and Society.

The priority themes to be explored in the projects awarded by the Foundation are defined in advance by its Governing Bodies and published in the triennial Study Programme. The authors of the Foundation's studies, generally academics linked to universities and national and international research centres, are selected through a public and transparent application process, in order to guarantee the rigour and independence of the research produced.

The application process for the preparation of studies promoted by the Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation is permanently open during the current Study Program (2021-2023).

More information: <https://www.ffms.pt/destaques/detalhe/5355/programa-de-estudos>

II. Calls for Papers

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i. CFP: Law Review Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and the Law

The Northern Kentucky Law Review is calling for speakers, papers, and abstracts for its symposium issue on the topic of “Artificial Intelligence & the Law”. Articles may focus on artificial intelligence law, the use of artificial intelligence in the criminal justice system, digital surveillance, facial recognition technologies, or any other apt topic in this field.

Submission deadline: 7 February 2022

More information: <http://legalscholarshipblog.com/2021/10/06/cfp-law-review-symposium-on-artificial-intelligence-and-the-law/>

ii. CFP: Eighth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference

The Urban Law Center at Fordham University School of Law and the Peter A. Allard Law School at the University of British Columbia are soliciting papers for the “Eighth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference”, which will be held July 14-16, 2022. Since 2014 this annual Conference has welcomed leading urban law scholars from around the world to present their research and work in progress. In its eighth year, the Conference continues to reinforce this tradition by providing a dynamic forum for sharing diverse international, comparative, and interdisciplinary perspectives on the rich intersection of cities and law.

Submission deadline: 14 January 2022

More information: <http://legalscholarshipblog.com/2021/10/05/cfp-eighth-annual-international-and-comparative-urban-law-conference/>

iii. Forced Migration Review

In recent years, debates about race, representation and inequality have brought the power and voice of people previously excluded from the debate to the centre of it, while also giving greater impetus to other actors who had already been actively challenging the status quo. Social movements such as Black Lives Matter and wider debates about decolonisation have generated reflection on the inequalities that exist in the field of forced migration, in research and knowledge, in policy and practice. Issue seventy of Forced Migration Review focuses on how knowledge is produced, shared and received, and what changes can and should be made to ensure that power is shared and more diverse voices are heard and valued.

Submission deadline: 17 February 2022

More information: <https://www.fmreview.org/issue70>

III. Calls for Projects

i. Caixa Research Health

The Caixa Research Health call will be open from 28 September to 25 November. This call is designed to fund research projects in Biomedicine and Health, with the aim of identifying the most promising initiatives of excellence and with the greatest potential and social impact.

Deadline for applications: 25th November 2021

More information: <https://fundacionlacaixa.org/es/convocatoria-caixaresearch-investigacion-salud>

ii. Research and Development + Innovation (R&D+I) Projects – ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (AAC no. 02/C05-i03/2021)

Integrated into the financing framework of the Recovery and Resilience Plan, this call is directed towards applications for the “Emblematic Initiative 4 – Adaptation to Climate Change”, aimed at promoting a more resilient agricultural sector, responding to the current impacts of climate change and those expected in the future. In this way, it is intended to empower national territories, promoting more efficient management of soil and water resources, and implement actions that contribute to safeguarding the sustainability of the agricultural sector and resources, to the supply of multiple goods and services of the ecosystem and to reducing vulnerability to climate change.

Application deadline: 30 November 2021

More information: <https://www.ifap.pt/documents/182/25450410/Aviso+02C05i032021/faa3be-64-374e-23b9-7d64-2b7819830af4>

iii. Research and Development + Innovation (R&D+I) Projects - CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION (AAC no. 03/C05-i03/2021)

Integrated into the funding framework of the Recovery and Resilience Plan, this call is directed at applications for the “Emblematic Initiative 3 - Mitigation of Climate Change”, aiming at promoting the reduction of GHG emissions in the agricultural sector, as well as enhancing the increase of carbon sequestration in the soil.

Deadline for applications: 30 November 2021

More information: <https://www.ifap.pt/documents/182/25450410/Aviso+03C05i032021/7fb98da-7-8238-2fc7-b063-00126eac54ff>

iv. LIFE-2021-SAP-NAT-GOV- Governance of Nature

The call “LIFE-2021-SAP-NAT-GOV – Governance of Nature” aims to contribute to the development and implementation of strategies and policies and/or the development of innovative tools to promote and monitor the implementation of binding EU instruments on nature and biodiversity as well as to ensure the application of the polluter pays principle through environmental liability. Applicant projects should demonstrate that the initiatives to be developed represent a crucial factor in the correct implementation and/or further development of policies, tools, and legislation at EU level.

Deadline for applications: 30 November 2021

More information: https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life/life-calls-proposals_en

IV. Calls for Awards

2030: A new horizon for International Economic Law?

The year 2020 unfolded in a highly unpredictable and tumultuous manner, leaving no sphere of legal, economic, or social life untouched by the global crisis generated by Covid-19. The year 2021 continues to reveal multiple tensions arising from the persisting global pandemic. In this volatile context, the Second Edition of the Global Jurist Prize wishes to look to the future, encouraging new written contributions to the development of International Economic Law. Taking the year 2030 as its target, the Second Edition of the Global Jurist Prize seeks to recognise author(s) who present rigorous assessments of the present of International Economic Law and offer lucid proposals on how the changes that have occurred in this legal branch during the present decade should be addressed.

Submission deadline: 15 November 2021

More information: <https://revistas.uexternado.edu.co/index.php/contexto/announcement/view/43>



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