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In a sequence of editorials wounded by the circumstances of the present (by the cycles of silence and of overcoming the pandemic crisis), this is surely the most painful. If the signs gathered in recent weeks (timid though they were) promised us a luminous return (bringing us, at last, the liberation of faces and the warm dynamic of the in and out missions, with the unique dialogues that these provide), an unthinkable explosion of furor and barbarism now subjects us to new abysses of ominous darkness, relativizing our small daily concerns and giving uncertainty an overwhelming protagonism.

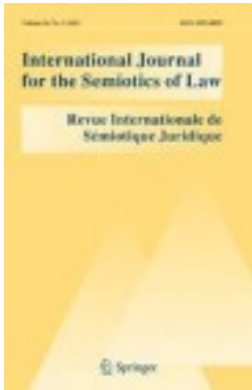
As this introduction is being written just hours after, in an unprecedented move, the nave of the Trindade College was flooded with the soaring bird voices of Olivier Messiaen (March 2, see below, News IJ-II), may these voices bring us, as soon as possible, the light, spring, and hope that we have suddenly been deprived of. *The abyss is Time, with its sadnesses and tediums. The birds are the opposite of Time; they are our desire for light, for stars, for rainbows and for jubilant outpourings of song!*

J. M. Aroso Linhares*



I. Latest UCILeR's Publications

a) Publications coordinated by the UCILeR



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Coordinators: José Manuel Aroso Linhares, Ana Margarida Gaudêncio, Inês Godinho

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The first issue of Volume 35 of the International Journal for the Semiotics of Law, published in February 2022, was coordinated by the UCILeR. This publication is subordinated to the theme “The Limits of Law” and was coordinated by José Manuel Aroso Linhares, Ana Margarida Gaudêncio and Inês Godinho and features articles by UCILeR researchers, namely Brisa Paim Duarte, Susana Aires de Sousa and Inês Fernandes Godinho.

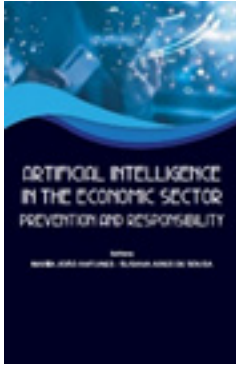


TERRORISM: COMMENTED LEGISLATION – DOCTRINAL TEXTS

Coordinators: José Manuel Aroso Linhares and Maria João Antunes

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This work recognizes the opportunity-necessity to focus on Law N.º 52/2003 and the chain of changes that have been transforming it until today. It is this reflexive level — accomplished under the *modus* of a commentary — that the first part preserves. The second imposes itself without continuity solutions: it is still a matter of developing a legislative commentary and directing it to the spectrum of solutions generated by the revision of the National Strategy for Combating Terrorism, one of the authoritarian-prescriptive systematic contexts (but also one of the historical occasions, marked by the “affaire” Charlie Hebdo) that the interpretation of the Law today inevitably assimilates. The third part develops with other intentions from the theme that sustains the work as a whole — that of the answer(s) of the Law to the problem of terrorism.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR: PREVENTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Coordinators: Maria João Antunes and Susana Aires de Sousa

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Advances in science and technology can be extremely useful in the pursuit of economic efficiency but also of fairness and justice; they can also be an accelerated path to a securitarian type of law, capable of sacrificing, in a few steps, values conceived as essential in today's society. Some examples may be briefly pointed out, such as the right to privacy and intimacy or the freedom of expression and of choice. Choosing a securitarian law, based on the potential and possibilities that this new technology presents, can have a very high cost in the restriction of fundamental rights by promoting a criminal response to a crime that does not yet exist. And with that, a person "labelled" as high-risk by the machine is deprived of the ultimate eventual possibility of not carrying out the (future) crime. A securitarian law, disconnected, in time and space, from a criminal fact (and, therefore, from a real harm to legal values), centred on the agent. It would be a "punitive law" with punishment but no crime no punish.

II. Latest UCILeR events



17 FEBRUARY 2022

O DIREITO N(UM)A HORA - TERRORISM: WHEN IS THERE A CRIME?

The event sought to stimulate and qualify the debate on terrorism and counted with the participation of Nuno Brandão, researcher at the UCILeR and Professor at the University of Coimbra's Faculty of Law, and António Miguel Veiga, researcher at the UCILeR and Judge. The organization of the debate was assumed by José Manuel Aroso Linhares and Maria João Antunes, coordinators of the book "Terrorism: Commented Legislation – doctrinal texts".

I. Internal life of the UCILeR

i. André Dias Pereira and Ana Gaudêncio, Integrated Investigators at the UCILeR, are part of the team of jurists invited by the International Center for Comparative Environmental Law (CIDCE), with the aim of preparing a draft convention on pandemics. This initiative aims to respond to the extraordinary meeting of the World Health Assembly, held in Geneva from 29 November to 1 December 2021, on the preparation and adoption of an International Convention or similar instrument on pandemic preparedness and response, of which a draft convention resulted. CIDCE is an independent international NGO specializing in environmental law, whose vocation also includes the protection of human and animal health.

ii. The reports prepared by the UCILeR team within the scope of the project “Addressing gaps in the implementation and management of alternatives to imprisonment and post-release support during the COVID-19 global pandemic” were released, coordinated by Penal Reform International and supported by the *Fondation Internationale Pénale et Penitentiaire* (FIPP). The publication includes a report on Portugal and a comparative study between several countries. The project, which ran from March to December 2021, aimed to analyse the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the execution of non-custodial sentences, the release of prisoners and, in general, the functioning of social reintegration services. Research on the topic was carried out in four countries (Portugal, Hungary, Georgia, and Kyrgyzstan). In addition to researching the Portuguese scenario, the UCILeR team carried out a comparative study on the subject covering the Member States of the European Union.

iii. The first title to integrate the Societal Challenges and Law Collection: Terrorism was launched. This collection is the result of a partnership with the University of Coimbra Press and is scientifically coordinated by the UCILeR. The work, entitled “Terrorism: Commented Legislation – doctrinal texts”, was coordinated by José Manuel Aroso Linhares and Maria João Antunes.

iv. The meeting of the Scientific Council of the UCILeR was held on 25 February at 5:15 p.m., in remote mode, from which resulted the approval of the UCILeR’s Activity Report for the year 2021 and the approval of the minute of the previous Scientific Council meeting.

II. Scheduled Events of the UCILeR



2 TO 15 MAY 2022

EXHIBITION “LAW AND THE PRINCIPLE OF CONGRUENCE IN THE TIME OF SCIENCE: THE CENTURY OF HANS ALBERT (N. 1921)”

From 2 to 15 March, the UCILeR promotes the exhibition “Law and the principle of congruence in the time of science: the Century of Hans Albert (N. 1921)”, in the Chapel of the Trindade College, integrated in the XXIV Cultural Week of the University of Coimbra.

The inauguration of the exhibition, on March 2, at 2.30 p.m., combines a conference-debate (devoted to the challenge of artificial intelligence) and an intense musical moment *Quatour pour la fin du temps* (on the 20th anniversary of Messiaen's death and the 81st anniversary of the quartet's debut in the Stalag VIII concentration camp), as well as a presentation of the activities of Hans Albert Institut.



24 MARCH 2022

WEBINAR “INSOLVENCY AND CORPORATION RECOVERY. THE LAW NO. 9/2022: RECENT CHANGES”

The Webinar on “Insolvency and Corporation Recovery. The Law No. 9/2022: recent changes”, to be held on the 24th of March, at 14h, is the first event of a series of others to be held in 2022, under the slogan “Law in change (2022)” that will be organised by the UCILeR. Coordinated by Alexandre Soveral Martins, this event will go through the main novelties that result from Law No. 9/2022, that implements EU Directive 2019/1023, with the participation of lawyers and judges, in order to prepare the International Congress of 3 June.



26 TO 28 MAY 2022

COLLOQUIUM “JUSTICE AS TRANSLATION AND COUNTER-STORY TELLING”

O presente Colóquio será organizado conjuntamente pelo InsituThis Colloquium will be jointly organised by the UCILeR, the Italian Society for Law and Literature (ISLL) and the Portuguese Association of Theory of Law, Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (ATFD).

In a well-known passage from *The Narrative Paradigm (Communication Monographs*, vol. 52, 1985, p. 350), Walter Fisher argues that “narrative rationality”, since it “celebrates human beings” as “storytellers”, should be treated as an “attempt to recapture Aristotle’s concept of *phronesis*”. It is this central *topos* in the contemporary rehabilitation of practical thinking (projected in Law’s specific practical world) that the Colloquium will explore, whilst paying attention to the plurality of approaches it allows.

I. Calls for Scholarships

i. Erasmus+

Several tenders are taking place within the scope of the 2022 edition of the Erasmus+ programme.

Of particular note are the competitions within Action 2, such as Erasmus Mundus Masters, Teacher Academies, Cooperation Partnerships, Training, Innovation and Sport, as well as Jean Monnet Actions.

Educational projects of transnational cooperation that contribute to the improvement of teaching, acquisition of skills, sharing of good practices and transfer of innovation, which address the horizontal priorities of the European Union for 2021-2027, will be valued:

- Digital transformation;
- Environment, climate and sustainability;
- Inclusion and diversity;
- Participation in democratic life.

More information: www.uc.pt/dapi/programas-europeus/erasmus-2021-2027

ii. Competition for the Attribution of Research Grants for PhD - 2022

The Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) grants support researchers, in any area of knowledge, who wish to develop research activities leading to the academic degree of Doctor.

Research Scholarships for PhDs are intended for candidates enrolled in a study cycle leading to the academic degree of Doctor, or candidates who meet the necessary conditions to apply, and who intend to develop research activities leading to obtaining this degree in all the areas of knowledge.

Application deadline: **March 8 to April 7, 2022**

More information: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/concursos/individuais2022.phtml.pt>

II. Calls for Communications and Publications

i. Special Issue of *Droit Public Comparé* Magazine – Comparative Public Law (DPC-CPL)

Droit Public Comparé – Comparative Public Law Magazine is a biannual magazine entirely dedicated to Comparative Public Law. Its objective is to develop and promote the study of national and supranational Public Law. The publication is exclusively digital and open access. The magazine's editorial line covers Comparative Public Law, understood in the broadest sense, namely: studies of foreign Public Law (Administrative Law, Constitutional Law); the comparison between national public laws; the comparison of supranational norms; the migration of legal models; interactions between legal systems; the theory of comparative law.

This special edition welcomes articles in the field of Comparative Public Property Law, accepting all types of approach – historical, positivist, comparative, sociological, etc.

Abstract submission deadline: **May 31, 2022**

More information: : https://mcusercontent.com/47624183ad52dd8428c97d3f6/files/0025fd25-1a22-fe05-f443-bb4e05c35f83/Call_for_papers_Public_properties_in_comparative_public_law.pdf

ii. Collective work: **Taxation, Human Rights and Sustainable Development: Perspectives from the Global South**

Human rights play an integral role in the public finances of States in different parts of the world. In addition, recent literature and reports indicate that the tax system is critical to achieving sustainable development goals and the realization of human rights. Drawing on lessons from the Global South, this work seeks to examine the extent to which human rights can be invoked in the debate on creating effective tax regimes in various jurisdictions.

The organizers of the work look for contributions that contain conceptual analysis and national studies on taxation, human rights, and sustainable development. The objective is to present comparative, historical and contemporary perspectives that allow the exchange of ideas, practices, and innovative solutions in the field of taxation and human rights and the improvement of their effectiveness in the Global South.

Submission deadline: **March 30, 2022**

More information: <https://www.afronomicslaw.org/category/news-and-events/call-book-chapter-abstracts-taxation-human-rights-and-sustainable>

iii. Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics (IEEJSP)

East European Journal of Society and Politics (IEEJSP) invites original research papers for its thematic issue on Intersections. Original research papers for the thematic issue on Argumentative Patterns in Law (edited by Viktor Lőrincz and Miklós Könczöl, Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest) are welcome. Over the last two decades, two main currents seem to have emerged in the field of argumentation research. On the one hand, the traditional theory of argumentative fallacies is being challenged, with specific types of arguments being examined and interpreted as “weak arguments” rather than logical flaws or illegitimate moves. On the other hand, the emergence of data mining and computer-based argumentation models also made the empirical study of everyday argumentation patterns and practices considerably easier. In this thematic issue, IEEJSP seeks to publish research that applies insights from these trends to the empirical study of legal reasoning.

Submission deadline for abstracts: **15 April, 2022**

More information: <https://intersections.tk.hu/index.php/intersections/announcement/view/34>

III. Calls for Projects

i. FCT Tender for Projects in All Scientific Domains

FCT has published the Notice for Submission of Applications to the new Projects Tender in all Scientific Domains. The competition has a budget of 75 million euros and will support two types of projects:

1. Scientific research and technological development projects, with a duration of 36 months and maximum funding per project of 250 thousand euros. The budget allocation for this typology is 55 million euros;
2. Exploratory research projects (PeX), with a duration of 18 months and maximum funding per project of 50 thousand euros. The budget allocation for this typology is 20 million euros.

Applications will be submitted in English through the FCT Tender Portal.

Submission period: **between February 8 and March 10, 2022**

More information: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/concursos/ICDT/index.phtml.pt>



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