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I would like it if this introduction appeared, for once, as a kind of a *non-editorial*, freed from the *pathos* of the preceding introductions and as such manifesting the felicitous performance of a *vote*. When the time of our next newsletter arrives, August will be coming to an end and we shall be facing the eve of a new beginning, with hardly foreseeable contours. It is thus necessary for our present *vote* concern itself exclusively with the announced *time of pause*: this means actually hoping that we are all able to live this *time of pause* in its autonomy and fullness, whilst absorbing from within the light and peace that its self-sufficiency (when unconditionally experienced) provides. We will soon have to recognize many impending (unavoidable) challenges... but it is crucial to forget about them for a while (just for a while!), so that we can truly face them.

J M Aroso Linhares.

I. Latest UCILeR's Publications

a) UCILeR Publications



SURROGACY: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Coordination: Maria João Antunes and Dulce Lopes

DOI: [10.47907/clq2021_1](https://doi.org/10.47907/clq2021_1)

This present collective work emerges from the II Colloquium on Surrogate Pregnancy, held on 9 April 2019. Since then quite remarkable evolution in the international treatment of the phenomenon that is surrogate pregnancy has been observed, which has motivated this present collective work and the collection of articles that reflect, in a profound way, on the development of legislation, doctrine and, above all, jurisprudence on surrogacy.

b) Publications coordinated by the UCILeR



KOLLEKTIVIERUNG ALS HERAUSFORDERUNG FÜR DAS STRAFRECHT:

Editors: Konstantina Papathanasiou, Kay H. Schumann, Anne Schneider, Inês Godinho

DOI: doi.org/10.5771/9783748908692

Currently, the theory of norms is experiencing a renaissance in legal science, meriting contributions through a systematic analysis of fundamental concepts of criminal dogmatics. This volume, in which the UCILeR participates as a co-ordinator, is a NOMOS publication and presents a multifaceted legal-penal analysis of the concept of collectivisation from the perspective of the theory of norms.

II. Latest UCILeR Events



7MAY2021

CONVERSATIONS ON THE STATE BUDGET: GREEN BUDGETING

As part of the cycle of conferences organised by the Law Faculty of the University of Coimbra and the UCILeR on budgetary matters, this Conference aimed to address one of the most important challenges of State 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") welcomed Professor James Boyd White (L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Michigan Law School). The webinar consisted of the lecture "Mosaic", a sequence of brief comments and a dialogue with the audience "present". Maria Paola Mittica, Carla Faralli, Alberto Vespaziani, Joana Aguiar e Silva, Alessandro Serpe e Brisa Paim Duarte were in charge of the comments.



21MAY2021

CONFERENCE "ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR: PREVENTION AND RESPONSIBILITY"

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 was 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 conversation about mental illness, compulsory treatment, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities discussed some of the questions brought up by the revision of the Mental Health Law. One of the precise purposes of such revision is its adaptation to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



14&15 JUNE 2021

CONGRESS PLANT RESURRECTION BIOLOGY. ECOLOGICAL, LEGAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS

The International Congress Biology of Plant Resurrection: Ecological, Legal and Ethical Aspects was held on 14 and 15 June, in a joint initiative between the UCILeR and the Network VCC (Interdisciplinary Studies Network - Cross Views on Contemporary Issues) and CEIS20.



17 JUNE 2021

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, aimed to deepen the debate on the influence of the Covid-19 pandemic in several areas of civil law, labour law and commercial law. It was organized with the participation of UCILeR researchers and guests from FDUL, UCP and UMinho.



24 JUNE 2021

DIALOGUES ON CONSUMER LAW PORTUGAL - ANGOLA

With institutional support from the UCILeR and organized by the Consumer Law Centre, the event "Dialogues on Consumer Law Portugal - Angola" was held on June 24th, with the participation of Angolan and Portuguese speakers.



30 JUNE 2021

"LAW AND TIME" - VII MEETING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

The tradition of doctoral researcher meetings in the area of "Law and Time" continued (in webinar format), this time with an opening conference that brought 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. The title of the communication was: "Ideal or non-ideal justice? John Rawls' ideal theory argument revisited in honour of his centenary".

I. UCILeR's Internal Life

i. The UCILeR, through its researchers, was present at the Conference "The Rule of Law in Europe", held on 17 and 18 May, in a hybrid format. In this event, held within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, communications were presented, on the 17th May, by Dulce Lopes (*The role of civil society for upholding the rule of law*), Pedro Caeiro (*The role of European and national courts for upholding the rule of law*), José Manuel Quelhas (*The role of European and national courts for upholding the rule of law*), Alexandre Soveral Martins (*Communicating the rule of law*) and Ana Gaudêncio (*The rule of law under the Lisbon Treaty*), and, on the 18th of May, by André Dias Pereira (*The rule of law in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic*), Paula Veiga (*The rule of law in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic*), Joana Vicente (*Rule of law, social progress and economic recovery*) and José Casalta Nabais (*Rule of law, social progress and economic recovery*).

ii. A new research project called FirEUrisk has received €10 million from the European Union for integrated forest fire management. FirEUrisk will develop over the next 4 years a science-based strategy to manage forest fires in Europe. The project involves 38 partners from all over the world, including universities, research centres and companies, who will collaborate with citizens, operators and policy makers. The resulting strategy will be tested in different pilot and demonstration zones throughout Europe. The UCILeR is one of the project's partners and will be represented by researchers Dulce Lopes, Alexandra Aragão and Inês de Oliveira Martins. The multidisciplinary team, which includes researchers, operators, doctors, lawmakers, and citizens, will study the vulnerability and resilience of communities and countries to forest fires, including the impact of fuel management policies and how the socioeconomic context and human activities influence vulnerability. FirEUrisk proposes to develop a new approach that will include innovative technologies, tools, training materials, regulations and policy recommendations that improve forest fire management and lessen the most devastating effects of forest fires.

iii. On 22 May the first Online Introductory Session of the ECI: from A to Z project took place. Students were welcomed, working groups were formed and, above all, experiences and hopes were shared. The main goal of the Project is to promote civic engagement and 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 markedly collaborative, practical, and dynamic approach. The project includes 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 Dulce Lopes and has the participation of researchers from the UCILeR (Alexandra Aragão, Fernando Borges, Eduardo Figueiredo and Rita Aroso Duarte) and the University of Coimbra's Distance Learning project (UC_D).

iv. On May 24, another session of the cycle of "Conversations on Research and Science at the College of Trindade" took place, still in online format. The session aimed to give clarity the researchers about the support and funding available within the University of Coimbra. Representatives from the Strategic Areas of the UC, the Division of Support to Research Projects and the Division of Projects and Activities were present. The Conversation began with a presentation of the Horizon Europe Programme and other European funding. This was followed by an exposition on the support provided by the Strategic Areas of the UC in the preparation of applications, as well as the support provided by the Division of Support to Research Projects and the Division of Projects and Activities in the subsequent execution of the projects.

v. The UCILeR is part of two consortiums in applications for the Erasmus + program. As proponent, the UCILeR led the application "Guides for inclusion: diversity and responsibility in sports journalism education" under the "Partnerships for Cooperation - Higher Education Sector" which includes the participation of researchers Fernando Borges and Dulce Lopes, as well as the collaboration of the distance learning area of the University of Coimbra. In the role of partner entity, together with researchers from the Faculty of Sports Science and Physical Education, researcher Fernando Borges integrates the project "European Holistic University Sport Club" led by the National Union of University Clubs of France.

II. Programmed UCILeR Events



16 JULY 2021

I INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TALKS

The UCILeR is organizing, for the first time, these conversations with the participation of researchers from foreign institutions who are being hosted at the UCILeR for partial completion of their research.

The purpose of this event is to disseminate the research carried out by those researchers and to what extent it falls within the scope of the UCILeR's activities, mostly regarding its internationalisation strategy. In this first edition, we will have contributions from Pablo Riquelme Vázquez and Andrés Carrera Hortas, from the University of Vigo; Plínio Régis Baima de Almeida, from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; and Pedro Alberto Barea Gallardo and Irene Ruiz Olmo, from the University of Seville.



I. Scholarship Calls

i. ERC Advanced Grant 2021 (ERC-2021-AdG)

The ERC's core activity is to provide attractive, long-term funding to support excellent researchers and their research teams in undertaking high-risk, high-gain research. The ERC-2021-AdG call addresses active researchers with a significant research track record over the past 10 years, who are shown to be outstanding leaders in terms of the originality and importance of their research contributions.

Application deadline: **31 August 2021**

More information: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/erc-2021-adg>

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 during the recent pandemic), 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.

Submission deadline: **30 September 2021**

More information: https://www.uc.pt/fduc/ij/rev_nl/CallforPapers/CallforPapers2?fbclid=IwAR2KInPg-GuEVWEuw2TLR-_iPvc1hZEhZc0mbheFL9YNUfC3eG_-YrLd3814

ii. Modern Studies in Property Law 2022

Modern Studies in Property Law (MSPL) will hold a Conference that will feature three different formats for the presentation of original research on property law: full papers, sessions on research in progress, and micro-presentations. Property law is broadly defined by MSPL, including doctrinal, theoretical, empirical, and socio-legal perspectives on any aspect of property in the common law tradition. Interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives are welcome.

Submission deadline: **31 August 2021**

More information: https://mcusercontent.com/47624183ad52dd8428c97d3f6/files/70ad94ec-2c-06-4bb3-89a0-2562ec8f8dec/MSPL_2022_Call_for_Papers.pdf

iii. The Future of the Commercial Contract in Scholarship and Law Reform: Sixth Annual Conference

Papers are solicited for presentation at the Sixth Annual Conference of the London Center for Commercial and Financial Law within the following themes:

- Energy trading: impact on commercial contracts, cross border investment;
- 'Building back better' - new contractual and commercial practices emerging from the Covid-19 crisis;
- General theory of merchant law;
- Issues in international commercial arbitration including investment treaty arbitration, mediation, and reconciliation.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 June 2021

More information: https://mcusercontent.com/47624183ad52dd8428c97d3f6/files/242b3cfa-2ccf-42c-4-8f2c-6496def73786/CallForPapers_6thAnnualConference.pdf

iv. The European Social Charter Turns 60: Advancing Economic and Social Rights across Jurisdictions

The European Social Charter overlaps and interacts with a series of national, supranational, and international legal sources for the protection of economic and social rights. Within this pluralistic legal framework, the role of each instrument has evolved from both a substantive and procedural perspective. On the one hand, the protection of economic and social rights in Europe occurs as a result of the systemic interpretation, harmonisation or integration of the substantive guarantees set out in national constitutions, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and other treaties such as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and ILO Conventions. On the other hand, such protection is reinforced through the activation and concomitant interaction of various enforcement mechanisms, namely national courts, supranational and international courts, and other treaty bodies. Only through a systemic and cross-sectoral framework can the effectiveness of the European Social Charter be fruitfully assessed, both in theory and in practice, which makes the benefits of a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary analysis such as the one sought to be undertaken through the conference and subsequent publication organised by the University of Turin.

Submission deadline: **2 August 2021**

More information: https://www.dg.unito.it/do/avvisi.pl/ShowFile?_id=fqug;field=allegato;key=gGrGf9I-5b7I7MU2Dh9E9NI5LeLiT5LCXA;t=3228

v. 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 persistent 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>

vi. German Yearbook of International Law

The editors of the German Yearbook of International Law have extended the deadline for submission of general articles for volume 64 (2021), inviting interested parties to submit contributions for consideration by 1 October 2021.

The year 2020 proved to be the most consequential year in modern history. Recent world events have highlighted the existence of serious challenges to international law and its institutions. The German Yearbook of International Law is interested in receiving articles on all topics and fields of interest that are relevant to Public International Law.

Submission deadline: **1 October 2021**

More information: <https://voelkerrechtsblog.org/calls-for-papers/german-yearbook-of-international-law-vol-64-2021-2/>

vii. Journal of Law and Criminal Justice

The Journal of Law and Criminal Justice is a leading international journal that seeks to publish high quality research articles in the areas of socio-legal studies and the psychology of law, criminology, and social justice studies. The journal is welcoming articles based on empirical research, theoretical analysis and debate, and policy analysis and critique. The journal is dedicated to presenting systematic trends and problems related to law, crime and justice, worldwide; it provides a forum for publicising legal research findings directed at crime and justice policymaking through innovative and advanced methodologies.

Submission deadline: **30 June 2021**

More information: <http://jlcjnet.com>

viii. IV Encounter of the Network of Environmental History (REPORT(H)A)

The call is open for papers for the IV Encounter of the Network of Environmental History (REPORT(H)A) under the theme Sapiens, Health and Environment - Natural and Artificial Frontiers. The IV Meeting of REPORT(H)A will be organized by the Centre of History of Society and Culture (CHSC), in partnership with the Institute of Interdisciplinary Research of the University of Coimbra (iii-UC) and the Centre for Functional Ecology (CFE). The Organising and Scientific Committees welcome contributions from the most diverse quadrants of the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities that may contribute to the understanding of how to build a healthy, socially just, and sustainable relationship with the environment.

Deadline for submission: **6 July 2021**

More information: <https://www.reporthameeting2021.com/pt/inicio>

III. Calls for Projects

i. Selection of Calls for Horizon Europe Programme

Now that the work programmes in Horizon Europe have been published, we need to move on to the phase of identifying calls and topics that are related to our research areas. Work programmes are long documents, so an exploratory reading of their table of contents and introduction is recommended first, to get an overview of each document and select the most suitable call. The science management office of the UCILeR is identifying calls in the strategic areas. However, in the case of ideas that are not yet directly related to a call, it is possible to schedule a meeting to see the best way to frame your proposal.

We remind you that if you are interested in any of the calls and work programs or have any questions, please contact the Science Management Office (Fernando Vannier Borges, Luiza Barbosa, Júlio Moreira and Maria João Paixão) at Trindade College or by e-mail.

ii. Small Grant Scheme#3

The Small Grant Scheme#3 competition aims to award funding for the production of white papers and recommendations in the following areas:

- Impact of motherhood on present and future income;
- Paid domestic work;
- Intersectional and multiple discrimination;
- COVID-19 - Impact on gender equality and the labour market;
- Public policies and practices to reconcile professional, personal and family life.

Higher education institutions and research centres, social partners, central public administration entities and other organisations specialised in methodologies related to the priority areas may apply.

Application deadline: **30 June 2021**

More information: <https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/pt/programas/conciliacao-e-igualdade-de-genero/concursos/concurso-para-a-producao-de-livros-brancos-em-areas-prioritarias-na-promocao-da-igualdade-de-genero/>

iii. Call for proposals for joint projects 2022/2023: Agreement for Scientific Cooperation between Portugal and Poland

The Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange would like to inform all that there is an open call, for the biennium 2022/2023, for the exchange of researchers under joint research projects.

The funding is strictly for the mobility of researchers participating in the projects: travel expenses and sojourn of the Portuguese team in Poland (the amount provided for each project will be 2000€/year). The non-inclusion of young researchers in the Portuguese team is eliminatory; the presentation of the work plan of the young researchers is mandatory. Priority will be given to new projects/new teams and to teams that were not funded in the previous calls.

Application deadline: **16 July 2021**

More information: <https://myfct.fct.pt/MyFCT/CallDetail.aspx?CallId=9>

iv. Call for proposals for joint projects 2022/2023: Scientific Cooperation Agreement between Portugal and Germany

The Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) would like to inform all that there is an open call for applications for the biennium 2022/2023, for the exchange of researchers under joint research projects.

The funding is strictly for the mobility of researchers participating in the projects: travel and accommodation costs of the Portuguese team in Germany (the amount provided for each project will be 2000€/year). The non-inclusion of young researchers in the Portuguese team is eliminatory; the presentation of the work plan of the young researchers is mandatory. Priority will be given to new projects/new teams and to teams that were not funded in the previous calls.

Application deadline: **10 September 2021**

More information: <https://myfct.fct.pt/MyFCT/CallDetail.aspx?CallId=11>

v. FORCYT Programme - Financing of International Research Networks OEI-EU

This call is promoted by the Organisation of Ibero-American States (OEI) in partnership with the European Union (EU), within the framework of the new programme for strengthening science and technology systems (FORCYT) in Ibero-America. The aim is to fund international research networks, made up of Latin American and European institutions, whose research work and knowledge transfer contribute significantly to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, sustainable development, gender equality, mitigation of the consequences of COVID-19 or the promotion of strategies to reduce the effects of climate change.

The networks (existing or new) must be formed by universities and research centres from at least two Latin American countries and one European country, with the lead institution coming from one of the OEI member countries. The integration of companies and civil society organizations in the networks will be valued.

Application deadline: **25 June 2021**

More information: <https://oei.int/oficinas/secretaria-general/www-oei-int-forcyt/convocatorias>

vi. Challenges and Potentials for Europe: The Greying Continent

The Volkswagen Foundation offers funding to researchers in the humanities, social and cultural sciences to develop projects on ageing. Interdisciplinary collaborations with partners from the life sciences, natural sciences, technology, and data sciences are welcomed. European research groups composed of up to five principal investigators from at least three different European countries can be formed. The lead applicant must be affiliated with a German university or research institution. Experience of collaboration with researchers from Southern and Eastern Europe is particularly desirable. The scientific qualification of the junior researchers should be a central element of the projects.

Application deadline: **23 July 2021**

More information: <https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance/challenges-for-europe>

vii. Investigation Support from Ignacio H. de Larramendi

MAPFRE Foundation has launched a call for proposals to fund research projects in the areas of health and insurance and social security. The following topics can be addressed:

- Strategies for changing habits: preventing obesity and encouraging physical activity;
- Patient education;
- Evaluating bodily harm: evaluating the consequences of a traumatic or accidental event, medical negligence, aggression or illness on the health of individuals and the repercussions it will have on their quality of life;
- Health management: quality and clinical safety;
- Longevity and quality of life.

Application deadline: **11 October 2021**

Further information: <https://www.fundacionmapfre.org/premios-ayudas/investigacion-ignacio-larramendi/>

IV. Calls for Awards

12th Edition of the Fraunhofer Portugal Challenge

Innovation and Sustainability are the motto of the Fraunhofer Portugal Challenge 2021. The aim of this competition is to distinguish the best research work of practical utility developed in Portugal. It is an ideas competition organized annually by the Fraunhofer Portugal association and is aimed at students and researchers from all Portuguese universities. The ideas in the competition should have a practical side, be market-orientated, with applicability in industry or in people's daily lives. The best ideas that embrace technology-based ideas and focus on sustainable solutions for the most pressing challenges in the areas of production and industry, agriculture, natural resource management or the promotion of well-being will be awarded. The competition involves two categories, Master's and Doctoral, with three finalists in each category (six in total) being awarded.

Deadline for applications: **31st July 2021**

More information: <https://www.challenge.fraunhofer.pt/en/the-challenge.html>



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