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THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Welcome to the Department of Law at the University of Luxembourg, one of the world's most international universities and Europe's leading research environments.

Our Department takes pride in housing an exceptional community of academics, staff, and students with a strong focus on serving society and the legal community. We strive to address legal challenges in Luxembourg and Europe with our research and teaching offers. Innovative teaching in the Bachelor and Master programmes as well as in our clinical and mooted education offer unique experiences and result in well-educated graduates. By our considerable research output, we serve society and the legal community with insights, and we advance legal thinking, provide policy recommendations, as well as innovative solutions to legal challenges. Ideas discussed and concepts developed have a global outreach as our publications and citations in journals globally show.

The year 2022 has been a year teeming with activity. Research projects with and without external funding, publications, conferences, and colloquiums were abundant. Thanks also to our partners, and the members of external staff who are active in teaching in the law programmes we can join knowledge from academia and practice, allowing for insight and knowledge exchange. We are fortunate to be linked to Luxembourg's economic centre, and the European institutions and bodies including the Court of Justice of the European Union. We are equally fortunate to receiving dedicated support from our external partners.



The next years will be exciting times for legal research and teaching with many societal challenges to be addressed. Structurally, the integration of the Max Planck Institute into the University will allow growing the legal community at the University. We will continue to undertake this growth with a keen eye on diversity and the possibilities of integrating the wealth of knowledge and experience from diverse backgrounds into our powerhouse, the Department of Law.

HERWIG C. H. HOFMANN
HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Department of Law

Embedded in one of world's most international Universities and of Europe's leading research environments, the Department of Law is home to a remarkable and a distinctive body of academics, staff and students. Faculty members and graduates of our programmes are at the forefront of developing transformative answers to legal challenges in Luxembourg, Europe and abroad.

At the end of 2022, the Department has 27 professors, as well as 5 invited and honorary professors, 5 research scientists, 11 Research & Development specialists, 18 postdoctoral researchers and 86 doctoral researchers. As a sign of its dynamism and attractiveness, the Department welcomed 11 visiting research scientists and postdoctoral researchers. 14 new PhD students joined us whilst during the same period, 10 doctoral students defended their thesis and the work contracts of 8 postdoctoral researchers and Research & Development specialists ended, due to the completion of the research projects they were associated with.

FOCUS ON DR. MICHEL ERPELDING, RESEARCH SCIENTIST IN THE DEPARTMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 2022



Michel Erpelding is a Research Scientist at the University of Luxembourg specialized in the history of international and European law. He is the Principal Investigator of the research project 'Forgotten Memories of Supranational Adjudication' (FoMeSA), supported by the Luxembourg National Research Fund (C21/SC/15845902/FoMeSA). The project focuses on the continuities and discontinuities between international and hybrid courts of the interwar period, both within Europe and in colonial or semi-colonial settings, and European supranational courts established during the 1950s. Before joining the University of Luxembourg, Michel worked as Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law.

Michel studied at Sorbonne Law School (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Columbia Law School (New York) and the Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Paris). He holds a doctoral degree from Sorbonne Law School. His doctoral thesis, which addresses the international legal status of slavery and forced labour between 1815 and 1945, won several awards and was published in 2017.

Together with Nikolaos Vagdoutis, he is in charge of the 'Global Constitutional Law II: Institutions' course at the University of Luxembourg. He also teaches as a sessional lecturer at the Institut de droit des affaires internationales, Sorbonne Law School's branch at Cairo University.

He is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law and an associate member of the Institut de recherche en droit international et européen de la Sorbonne (IREDIES). He has acted as a scientific advisor to the Luxembourg National Library, participated in the translation of Luxembourg's Constitution into the national language and spoken as a scientific expert before the Special Committee on Belgium's Colonial Past of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives.

The functioning of the Department is ensured through monthly meetings of all professors ("Jour Fixe assembly"), under the responsibility of the Head of the Department. Decisions concerning teaching and research activities, and international partnerships are prepared and discussed by advisory committees. Issues related to electronic resources and the library are monitored by the library representative.

LIST OF PROFESSORS (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2022)

- Silvia Allegrezza, Associate Professor of Criminal Law
- Stefan Braum, Full Professor in Criminal Law
- Mark Cole, Full Professor for Media and Telecommunication Law
- Pierre-Henri Conac, Full Professor of Financial Markets Law
- Isabelle Corbisier, Full Professor
- Gilles Cuniberti, Full Professor of Comparative Law and Private International Law
- Jörg Gerkrath, Full Professor for European law
- Matthew Happold, Full Professor of Public International Law
- Werner Haslechner, Full Professor in European and International Tax Law
- Burkhard Hess, Professeur hors catégorie
- Luc Heuschling, Full Professor in Administrative and Constitutional Law
- David Hiez, Full Professor of Civil Law
- Herwig Hofmann, Full Professor of European and Transnational Public Law
- Mahulena Hofmann, Full Professor in Satellite Communication and Media Law
- Pierre Hurt, Professeur invité
- Patrick Kinsch, Professeur honoraire
- Katalin Ligeti, Dean / Full Professor of European and International Criminal Law
- Thomas Mastrullo, Associate Professor in Commercial Law
- Joana Mendes, Full Professor in Comparative and Administrative Law
- Séverine Menétrey, Full Professor in Procedural Law
- Eleftheria Neframi, Full Professor of European Law
- Aikaterini Pantazatou, Associate Professor in Tax Law
- Elise Poillot, Full Professor of Droit Civil (civil law)
- André Prüm, Full Professor in Law
- Luca Ratti, Associate Professor in European and Comparative Labour Law
- Isabelle Riassetto, Full Professor in Commercial Law
- Hélène Ruiz Fabri, Professeur hors catégorie
- Jean-Louis Schiltz, Professeur honoraire
- Martin Stierle, Associate Professor in Intellectual Property Law
- Stanislaw Tosza, Associate Professor in Compliance and Law Enforcement
- Johan Van der Walt, Full Professor in Philosophy of Law
- Dirk Zetzsche, Full Professor in Financial Law

Research areas and groups

Since 2022, the Department of Law is organized around five main areas of law that reflect the areas of excellence of the Department, the expertise of the research staff and main research avenues for the future. These research areas are also in line with the overall research strategy of the University and of the Faculty as well: Banking & Financial Law, Criminal Law & Theory, Public Law and Tax Law, Private Law/Droit civil, and Tech, Media and Space Law.

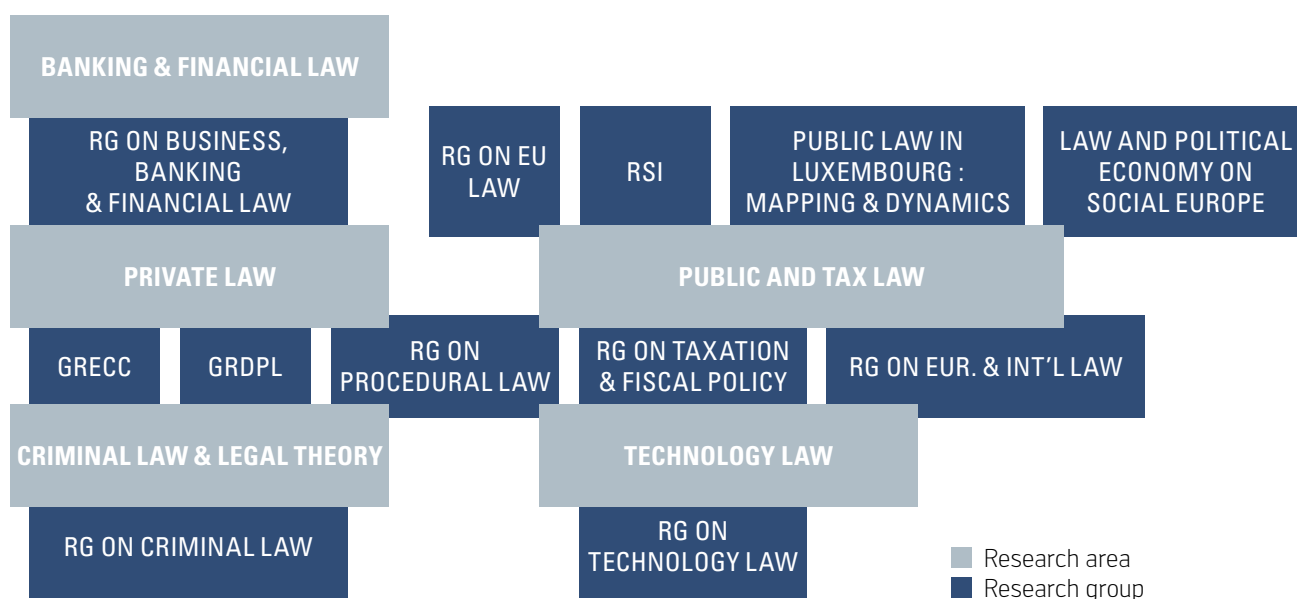


RESEARCH AREAS AND THEIR MEMBERS

BANKING & FINANCIAL LAW	CRIMINAL LAW & LEGAL THEORY	TECHNOLOGY LAW
André Prüm (coordinator) Pierre-Henri Conac Thomas Mastrullo Isabelle Riassetto Dirk Zetzsche	Johan van der Walt (coordinator) Silvia Allegrezza Stefan Braum Katali Ligeti Stanislaw Tosza	Mark Cole (coordinator) Mahulena Hofmann Jean-Louis Schiltz Martin Stierle
PUBLIC AND TAX LAW	PRIVATE LAW	
Werner Haslehner (coordinator) Jörg Gerkrath Matthew Happold Luc Heuschling Herwig Hofmann Joana Mendes Eleftheria Neframi Aikaterini Pantazatou	Gilles Cuniberti (coordinator) Isabelle Corbisier David Hiez Pierre Hurt Patrick Kinsch Séverine Menetrey Elise Poillot Luca Ratti	

Research groups are set up in each research area or between several research areas: they bring together researchers from the Department or from other departments interested in the research topics. The number of research groups and the topics addressed by them may change over time as new legal issues emerge.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH GROUPS BY RESEARCH AREA



GROUPE DE RÉFLEXION EN DROIT PRIVÉ LUXEMBOURGEOIS

Founded in the spring of 2018, the Groupe de réflexion en droit privé luxembourgeois (GRDPL) is composed of academics and legal practitioners involved in research in Luxembourg. The GRDPL's project is to contribute to the in-depth study of Luxembourg private law. Although civil law is classically considered as the matrix in continental law, it is often neglected in Luxembourg. The GRDPL tries to fill this gap by focusing on fundamental issues of private law through the conferences it organizes and the publications it supervises. It co-organized with the Ministry of Justice the Assises du Code civil which led to the setting up of a committee in charge of the modernization of the Civil Code.

The group is composed of more than twenty lawyers, including, Isabelle Corbisier, David Hiez, Thierry Hoscheit, Pierre Hurt, Patrick Kinsch, Séverine Menétrey, André Prum, Jean-Louis Schiltz...

GROUPE DE RECHERCHE EN ENSEIGNEMENT CLINIQUE ET CONSOMMATION

The Groupe de Recherche en Enseignement Clinique et Consommation (GRECC) aims at developing research in the field of innovative pedagogy, in particular based on clinical teaching methods, and national, European and comparative consumer law.

Anchored in the practice of the «Clinique du droit» of the University of Luxembourg, the research carried out within the framework of the GRECC is also intended to be a seminal research exploring the interdisciplinary (administrative law, civil law and criminal law) and multidisciplinary aspects of consumer law (psychology, educational science and digital information technologies).

The members of the team, Elise Poillot (Full professor), Mathilde Calcio Gaudino (Assistant Professor), Frederico Oliveira Silva (doctoral student) and Damien Negre (doctoral student) are responsible for the implementation and coordination of a European project on legal clinics (STARS: <http://www.lawstars.eu/>), which led to the creation of a charter for clinical teaching, and numerous publications in English, French, Italian and Portuguese by members of the GRECC on national, comparative and European consumer law.

RESEARCH GROUP ON TAXATION AND FISCAL POLICY

The aim of this group is to provide innovative answers to important problems in the field of tax law and fiscal policy. In addition to showcasing and bundling the faculty's existing research strengths in the area of tax law and tax policy, both in the department of law and the department of economics and management, our research group seeks to bring together the expertise from different disciplines to create true interdisciplinary understanding of the problems facing tax policy in order to provide more informed responses to a field that is naturally the subject of research from different angles.

A key focus of the research group is on aspects of international taxation, which are of prime importance for Luxembourg as an international financial hub. The future of international taxation, which has been in a state of upheaval for the last decade, can only be truly understood and shaped with a clear understanding of the interwoven elements of international, constitutional, and European law, national economic policy (macroeconomics), taxpayer reactions to changes in tax law (microeconomics) that requires researchers to step out of the comfort zone of their own disciplines and engage with each other.

The group consists of 3 law professors (Werner Haslehner, Aikaterini Pantazatou and Dirk Zetzsche) and 3 professors in economics (Pierre Picard, Patrice Pieretti and Skerdiladja Zana) as well as a number of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

RESEARCH GROUP ON EUROPEAN UNION LAW

The University of Luxembourg's group on EU public law is a continuation of its Centre for European Law created in 2006 working in close cooperation with the inter-disciplinary Robert Schuman Initiative for European Affairs.

With their research, writing and teaching the members of the group push the boundaries of understanding EU law in terms of its nature in terms of its constitutional and regulatory approaches, the relation between international, EU and national law, the tools used in terms of developing policy areas as diverse as economic and monetary policy, foreign relations, digital law and many others. Further the research addresses the structures and powers of the government and governance networks developed to design and implement policies.

The group consists of 6 law professors (Mark Cole, Jörg Gerkrath, Herwig Hofmann, Joana Mendes, Eleftheria Neframi, and Luca Ratti), as well as doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

A LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY APPROACH ON SOCIAL EUROPE

This research group aims at delving into research on how the EU deals with socio-economic relationships and how/to what extent it constrains the way in which the national legal orders deal with these relationships. It will do so from a labour law side and from an institutional/constitutional law side.

It will explore how and to what extent the EU deals with labour law and what function does it envisage for it. Does the EU envisage a function for labour law that is limited to shielding European workers from the worst impacts of a capitalist market economy or to a 'market correcting' function, or does it extend it to a more positive-democratic function that could potentially politicize the 'economic' and give voice to workers on questions of production and redistribution? Exploring this, means also analyzing how and to what extent the current EU economic governance, especially as it materializes at the level of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), has affected all these dimensions of labour law at national level(s).

The Research group will also explore how the EMU's economic governance goes hand in hand with a certain institutional/constitutional framework that constraints the politicization of the 'social question' and, therefore, the possibility of democratizing economy (e.g. ECB). To explore this, this research will need to analyze, both from a historical and from a contemporary perspective, the EU economic governance and its institutional/constitutional framework, and to view it in tandem with the overall socio-economic model that it has promoted, namely to view it in tandem with the variety (or varieties?) of capitalism that it has promoted. This means viewing the legal framework of the EU in tandem with political economy.

The Research group consists of Prof. Joana Mendes, Prof. Luca Ratti, and Prof. Johan van der Walt, as well as several postdoctoral researchers (Manuel Antonio García-Muñoz Alhambra, Michel Erpelding, Klaus Tuori, and Nikolas Vagoudis).

ROBERT SCHUMAN INITIATIVE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The Robert Schuman Initiative for European Affairs (RSI) was inaugurated on 11 April 2016. It aims to encourage creative thinking: asking questions, collecting ideas, identifying issues but also developing proposals for further research and development of solutions to pressing societal problems.

The primary focus of the work of the RSI is on identifying challenges facing the European Union and developing solutions on the basis of research into legal, political, economic, historical and other conditions and consequences of European integration. In this perspective, the RSI focuses on inter-disciplinary matters such as economic integration, constitutional and institutional evolution, the conceptual understanding of historical processes, the national and international dimensions of integration and the interaction of the various public and private actors involved in shaping the integration process.

The RSI supports and gives an institutional framework to research projects conducted by its members and its fellows. Projects include matters of more theoretic as well as applied research – all of which are infused with the contextual understanding, which a multi-disciplinary centre with members from a diverse background can offer. Projects are developed under the leadership of individual members of the RSI acting alone or in cooperation with each other. In many instances, additional colleagues from within the University or beyond are involved in the organisation of events. All activities of the RSI seek to include the widest possible input from within the diverse membership of the Centre and are integrated in international networks.

Through publications, conferences and roundtables, the RSI increases visibility on matters of integration and the European Union, to foster informed debate and help develop ideas for the future of Europe.

The team of the RSI is composed of three former Jean Monnet Chairs from Law and Political Science. Three additional professors — one each from History, Law and Political Science also participate.

RESEARCH GROUP ON EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURAL LAW

The group explores the European litigation system, covering the complex procedural law of direct actions before the Court of Justice of the European Union, its composite character (cooperation between the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts), as well as specific procedures (e.g., EFTA Court, Unified Patent Court). It focuses on international dispute settlement, including investment courts and arbitration, and on legal remedies on international, European and national level from the perspective of both procedural and substantive law (e.g. in specific fields, such as remedies in employment, immigration law or intellectual property law). The members of the group work closely with Judges, AGs and *Référéndaires* and other practitioners.

The research group members are: Mark Cole, Jörg Gerkrath, Matthew Happold, Herwig Hofmann, Joana Mendes, Eleftheria Neframi, Martin Stierle, and several doctoral and post-doctoral researchers.

PUBLIC LAW IN LUXEMBOURG: MAPPING & DYNAMICS

This Research Group aims to highlight the evolving and multifaceted identity of Luxembourg public law by crossing several perspectives: the historical approach, the comparison with foreign laws that have served as a model or a deterrent, the analysis of the impact of Europeanisation and the study of legal practice. Given its interest in the structural elements that inform this public law - and which have rarely been studied in a systematic way in the particular scientific context of Luxembourg -, the research is intended to be innovative and groundbreaking, by looking both at the past, which still needs to be largely investigated, and at the present, whose evolutions need to be studied, accompanied and guided. This research will be carried out in connection with practitioners from the Luxembourg legal community, foreign specialists and experts from related sciences such as history, political science and even sociology.

The group aims to both raise the visibility of and enhance the synergy between its members' individual work and provide a forum for collective activities such as conferences and seminars.

Its main projects deal with the History of the State and its judiciary, the Luxembourgish constitutional and administrative law, and public agencies ("établissements publics") in Luxembourg and in foreign legal systems.

The group consists of Prof. Luc Heuschling and Prof. Jörg Gerkrath, as well as Dr. Michel Erpelding.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW RESEARCH GROUP

This group aims to provide innovative as well as fundamental research in the field of business law at large with a special focus on banking and financial law.

The transformation of business relations and structures in an ever more digitized world, the impacts of climate change and the need to seriously embrace ambitious ESG goals as well as human rights and dignity objectives, the increasing complexity of financial transactions to name but a few inspire numerous research questions in these fields. Relying on experts reaching from criminal, tax, commercial, labor, corporate, insolvency, contract, banking and financial law, arbitration, the group ambitions to address these questions from multiple angles considering a European, as well as a comparative, transnational and domestic, specifically Luxembourg, approach.

The group will promote and facilitate collective research projects reaching out where appropriate and feasible to colleagues from the departments of economics and finance.

The group comprises the following professors: Silvia Allegrezza, Pierre-Henri Conac, Isabelle Corbisier, Werner Haslehner, Thomas Mastrullo, Aiketerini Pantazatou, André Prüm, Luca Ratti, Isabelle Riassetto, Jean-Louis Schiltz and Dirk Zetsche. It includes also a number of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

CRIMINAL LAW RESEARCH GROUP

The aim of the Criminal Law Research Group at the University of Luxembourg is to strengthen the knowledge in criminal law, criminal procedure and fundamental rights, embracing also collateral areas such as the enforcement of financial regulations and administrative penalties. The group participates in the European debate and takes part in the most relevant European and international research organisations and networks. It has proven to be highly successful in national and European research competitions, as several research projects have been funded by the European Union and the Luxembourgish *Fonds National de la Recherche*.

The criminal law group focuses on the following research lines:

- European criminal justice;
- Economic and financial criminal law;
- Information society, new technologies and criminal justice;
- Comparative and international criminal justice;
- Compliance.

Within the foregoing main research themes, issues of both substantive and procedural criminal law are dealt with. Furthermore, the orientation of the research of the criminal law group is distinctly interdisciplinary, taking into account, for instance, perspectives of legal theory, social sciences, law and economics, as well as research in the field of ICT.

The group consists of Prof. Silva Allegrezza, Prof. Stefan Braum, Prof. Katalin Ligeti and Prof. Stanislaw Tosza, as well as 9 PhD students and 4 postdoctoral researchers or R&D specialists.

RESEARCH GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY LAW

The Research Group on Technology Law aims to foster the knowledge and develop further the regulatory approaches to technology-oriented issues. This spans a broad field of activities that are especially relevant for Luxembourg in its EU and international setting and cooperation. The development of space activities, the central hub for satellite communications and media companies, the role of IP and data law in connection with innovation businesses all demand research of the applicable and future legal frameworks. The Research Group will build on long-standing activities of its members in the different dimensions and further develop joint activities in cross-cutting matters e.g. when it comes to new phenomena as with regulatory issues concerning Artificial Intelligence.

The Research Group focuses on the legal and regulatory dimensions, but thereby includes policy considerations and also is open for the inclusion of economic and IT research elements.

Research will cover international law with the different treaties existing in the field, EU law as the core norm-setting level for the digital environment, but also include national law in a comparative perspective to analyse the actual implementation and application of the regulatory framework.

The group will consist of the following law professors: Mark Cole, Mahulena Hofmann, Martin Stierle, honorary professor Jean-Louis Schiltz. In addition, postdoctoral and doctoral researchers, both from existing doctoral training units connected to the Research Group as well as individual researchers and Research&Development staff contribute and support the research activities of the group.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

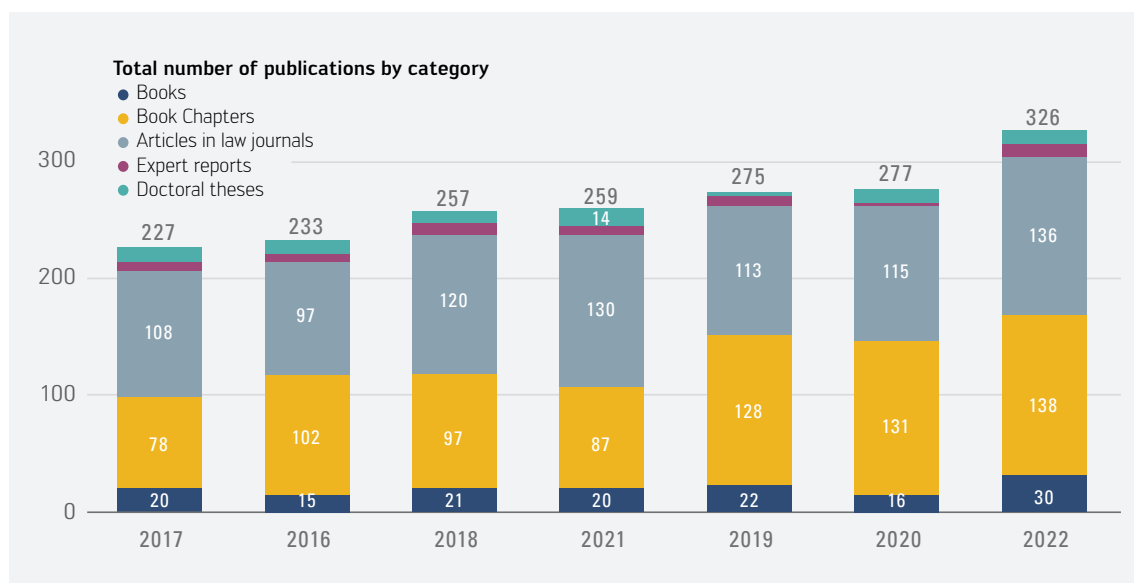
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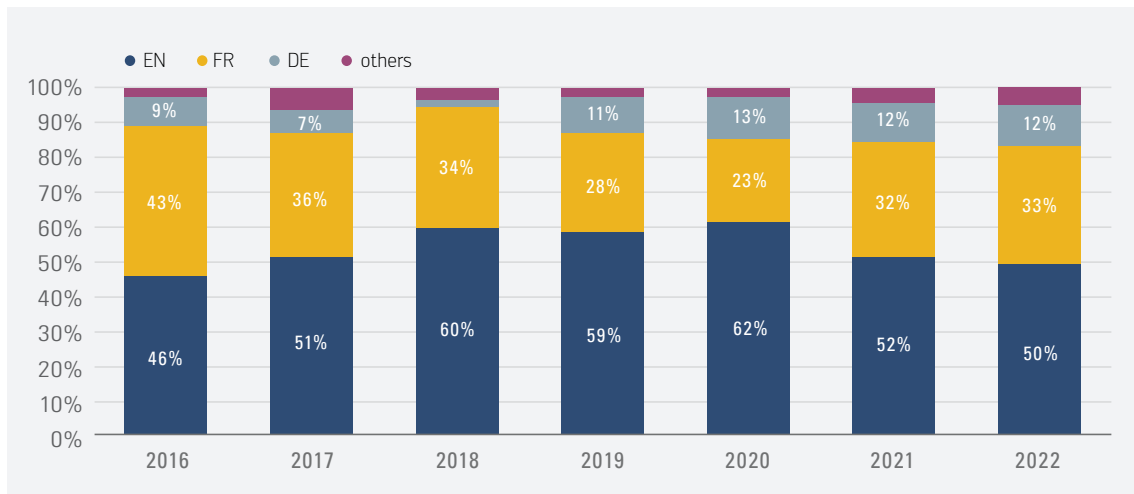
Impact and scientific output

The total number of publications of the Department of Law registered in 2022 is 326 (OrbiLu data), representing an increase of 25% compared to the year 2021. Major categories are monographs or book chapters (168, 52%) and scientific articles (136, 42%) - 70% of which are in peer-reviewed journals. The other publications consist of doctoral theses (10) and reports or studies (12). English is the first publication language (163, 50%), French the second (106, 33%) and German the third (41, 13%).

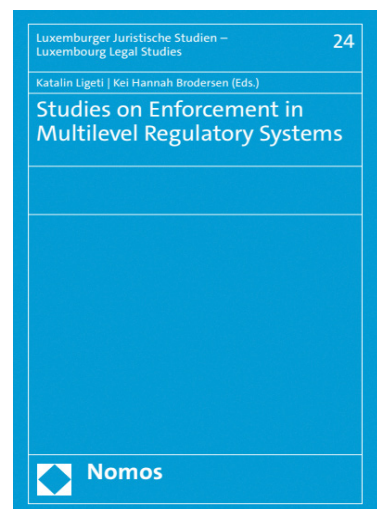
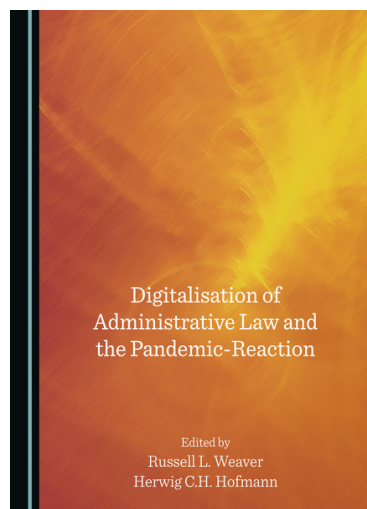
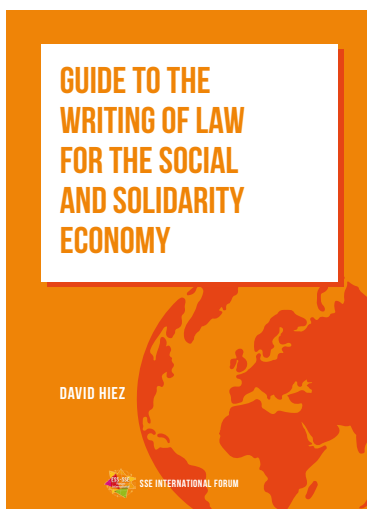
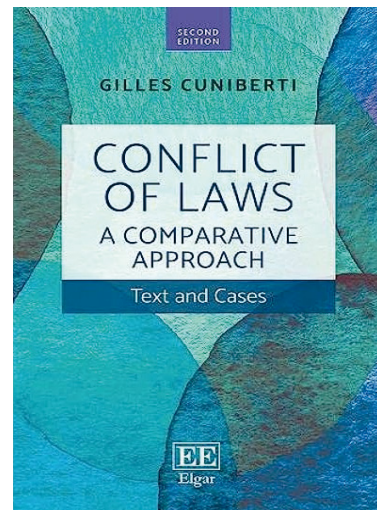
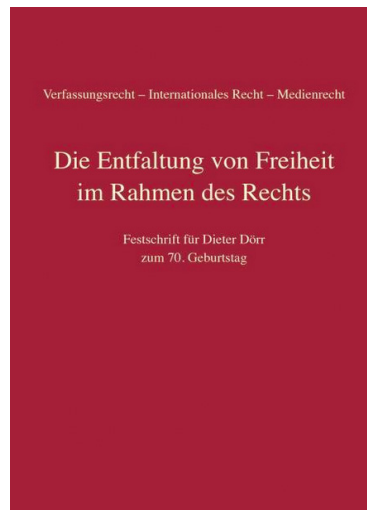
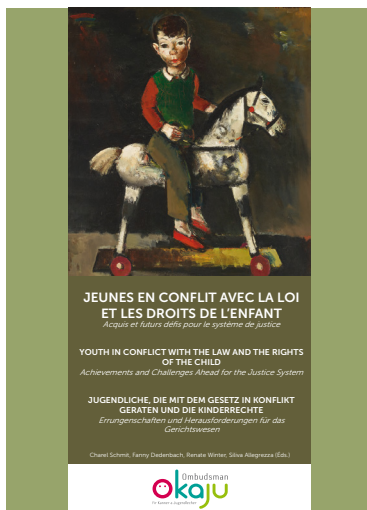
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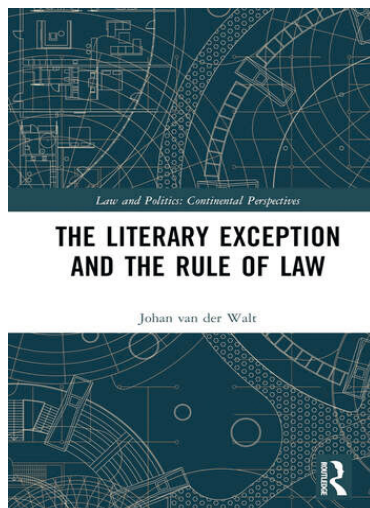
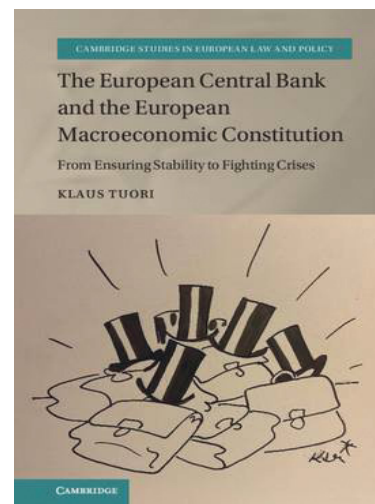
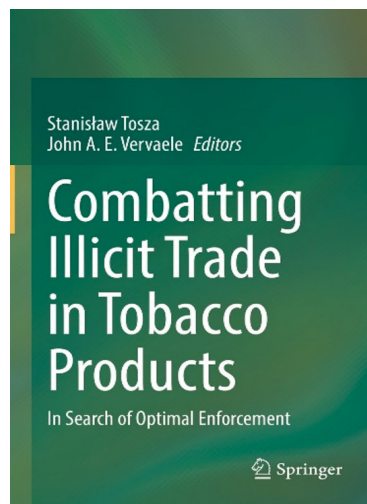
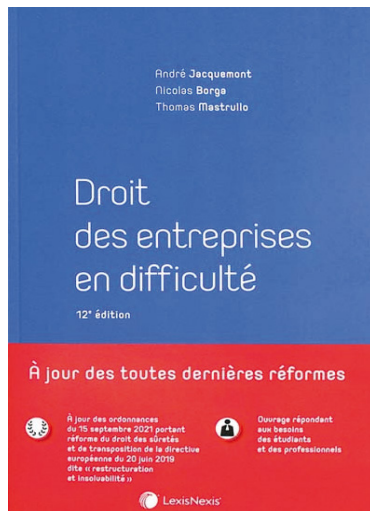


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The number of scientific articles published in indexed law journals (SCOPUS, WoS and SCIMAGO) remains modest (17, down 11 points from 2021), given the low level of referencing of law journals - particularly non-English journals - in these databases. Over the period 2016-2022, 142 out of 819 scientific journal articles were indexed in these databases.

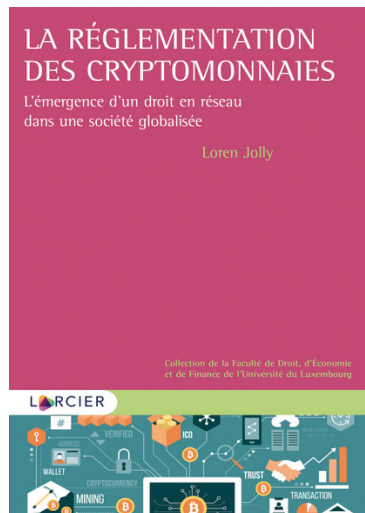
COLLECTION OF LAW PAPERS ON SSRN

Since 2021, the Department of Law has published a collection of law papers on SSRN, under the title *University of Luxembourg Law Research Paper Series*. This collection includes 226 papers. The total number of downloads to date is 243,000, and the number of abstract views is 636,000. The most downloaded contributions in 2022 were:

- Digital Finance and the Covid-19 crisis, by Dirk Zetzsche and alii (7,111 downloads, 28,278 abstract views)
- Decentralized Finance, by Dirk Zetzsche and alii (5,854 downloads, 14,728 abstract views)
- The Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MICA) and the EU Digital Finance Strategy, by Dirk Zetzsche and alii (4,359 downloads, 9,184 abstract views)

The Department of Law ranks **26th in the SSRN top 500 International Law schools**.

COLLECTION OF THE FACULTY OF LAW, ECONOMICS AND FINANCES



The Collection de la Faculté de Droit, d'Économie et de Finance de l'Université du Luxembourg publishes monographies and collective books in all areas of Luxembourg and European law. Written by professors at the University of Luxembourg's Faculty of Law, these works are aimed at both students and practitioners, who will be able to draw on these studies, which are rooted in current affairs and of high scientific quality, to perfect their actions.

The Collection is directed by Professor André Prüm.

As of 31 December 2022, the Collection consisted of 30 books. In 2022, Loren Jolly's book on "The regulation of crypto-currencies" was added to the Collection.

Finally, the partnership between Editions Larcier-Intersentia and the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance has been further enriched with the launch of a new journal: the *Cahiers de fiscalité luxembourgeoise*, directed by two doctors of law from the University of Luxembourg, Fatima Chaouche and Julia Sinnig. Combining the requirements of scientific research supported by the University of Luxembourg with the reality of Luxembourg's administrative practice, the *Cahiers* offer twice a year a selection of legal analyses written by Luxembourg and foreign experts.

International rankings

In 2022, the University moved up 24 places in the Times Higher Education rankings in the field of law.

The University (Department of Law) now ranks 68th in THE 2023. Looking at the bilingual French/English law schools, this puts the University of Luxembourg in fourth place world-wide. Similarly, the University has also moved up three places in the CWTS Leiden ranking of the best European higher education institutions in the field of social sciences and humanities. In 2022, the University is ranked 178th.

Policy reports

Members of the Law Department are regularly called upon as experts to author reports for national or European institutions. In 2022 the following reports were prepared:

- **ALLEGREZZA Silvia**, "The proposed Anti-Money Laundering Authority, FIU cooperation, powers and exchanges of information. A critical assessment". Study requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON); PE 733.968, July 2022.

This study evaluates selected aspects of the Commission's AML/CFT reform package presented on 20 July 2021, focusing on two main topics. First, it analyses the AML Authority direct supervisory powers and their effectiveness. Second, it illustrates how the reform package intends to foster coordination and information sharing among the FIUs. Recommendations are provided in order to remedy the gaps and weaknesses identified.

- **BODELLINI Marco, DE GROEN Willem Pieter, RUSSO Costanza and others**, "The evolving key risks in the banking sector, and related priorities for the SRB". In-Depth Analysis requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs; PE 733.732, November 2022.

The Banking Union will likely face several risks in the near future, ranging from geopolitical risks to shadow banking risks and the phasing out of Covid-19 support. Such risks might also affect the Single Resolution Board and its priorities. This paper discusses the key short-term risks and analyses how the SRB can be impacted regarding resolution planning, the failing or likely to fail determination, public interest assessment and resolution action.

- **COLE Mark and ETTELDORF Christina**, "Implementation of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive - Background Analysis of the main aspects of the 2018 AVMSD revision". Background Analysis requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT committee); PE 733.100, November 2022.

This Background Analysis covers the main novelties and changes that came with the revision of the AVMSD by Directive (EU) 2018/1808. It presents implementation issues concerning the application of the country-of-origin principle, new rules on VSPs as well as for the promotion of European works and discusses questions of coherency and consistency of the regulatory framework before closing with an overview of further relevant aspects.

- **COLE Mark and ETTELDORF Christina**, "The Implementation and Future of the revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive: Policy Recommendations - Concomitant expertise for Implementation report". Briefing requested by the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT committee); PE 733.099, November 2022.

- **HASLEHNER Werner and PANTAZATOU Aikaterini**, "Assessment of recent anti-tax avoidance and evasion measures (ATAD & DAC6)". Study requested by the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Subcommittee on tax matters (FISC). PE 703.353, March 2022.

This study aims to provide an overview of the recently implemented anti-tax avoidance and evasion measures, notably the ATAD and DAC 6. It reviews the implementation of these directives across different Member States and assesses the problems that arise with regard to the interpretation of some of the directives' provisions.

- **LIGETI Katalin and CONSTANDINES Panayiotis**, "The Application of the European Arrest Warrant in Luxembourg" (Country Report). STREAM Project - Strengthening Trust in the European Criminal Justice Area through Mutual Recognition and the Streamlined Application of the European Arrest Warrant, 2022.

- **ZARKAN Laetitia**, "Une nouvelle étape dans le désarmement spatial: le cas des tests de missiles antisatellites à ascension directe". Note de la Fondation de la recherche stratégique, No 39/2022, December 2022.

- **ZETZSCHE Dirk, BUCKLEY Ross, ARNER Douglas and others**, "Roadmap for inclusive green finance implementation". Special Report prepared for the Inclusive Green Finance Working Group and AFI Network, and presented at the COP-27 on the regulation of sustainable finance on November 2022, at side events organized by LuxFlag, the Central Bank of Egypt and the Alliance for Financial Inclusion.

Ongoing financed research projects

In 2022, 22 funded projects are currently in progress in the Department of Law. The total funding amounts to 11 million euros over the total duration of the projects. Seven projects are supported by the FNR (PRIDE, INTER, CORE, AFR Individual and RESCOM programmes), seven by the European Union (ERASMUS+, JUST, OLAF and HORIZON 2020 programmes), one jointly under the FNR's INTER program and HORIZON-2020 NORFACE scheme, and six by the Institute for Advanced Studies – the University of Luxembourg's internal funding structure for research projects.

LIST OF FINANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2022)

ACRONYM	TITLE	MAIN EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING PROGRAMME	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FUNDING	PI	STARTING DATE	ENDING DATE
W@W	Wellbeing @ Work	UL	IAS-AUDACITY		RATTI Luca	1-May-21	30-Sep-24
REMS I	Enforcement in multi-level regulatory systems, REMS	FNR	PRIDE		LIGETI Katalin	15-Jul-16	14-Jan-23
REMS II	Enforcement in Multi-level Regulatory Systems, DTU REMS II	FNR	PRIDE		MENDES Joana	1-Jan-19	30-Jun-25
P-CUBE	Playing Public Policy	EU	ERASMUS+		HOFMANN Herwig	1-Sep-20	31-Aug-23
LAIWYERS	Law and AI: Ways to Explore Robust Solutions	UL	IAS-AUDACITY		COLE Mark	1-Feb-20	31-Jan-23
INDIGO	INformation in the EU's Dlgitalised GOvernance (INDIGO)	FNR	INTER	NORFACE	HOFMANN Herwig	1-Nov-20	15-Jan-24
HARMONISE	China's infrastructure development in Europe from a human rights perspective: The cases of Italy and Ukraine	UL	IAS-YOUNG ACADEMICS		HAPPOLD Matthew	1-Jan-22	31-Dec-25
EULEN	EU Law Enforcement Network	EU	ERASMUS+		LIGETI Katalin	1-Oct-19	25-Sep-23
ETAPUB	Les Etablissements publics au Grand-Duché du Luxembourg	PRIVATE	PRIVATE		GERKRATH Jörg	1-Jun-20	31-May-23
EMULEG	The Governance of Monetary Policy: The EMU's Legitimacy Conundrum	UL	IAS-AUDACITY		MENDES Joana	1-Jun-21	31-Mar-24
DILLAN	Digitalisation Law and Innovation	FNR	PRIDE		HOFMANN Herwig	1-Oct-20	30-Sep-27
CrimTyp	Meet the Unknown: the Future of CRIMinal Forensic Genomics PhenoTYPing	UL	IAS-AUDACITY		ALLEGREZZA Silvia	1-May-21	31-Mar-24
CRIM-AI	Criminal Proceedings and the Use of AI: Challenges for Common Criminal Procedure Principles and the Principles of the Rule of Law	FNR	CORE		LIGETI Katalin	1-Sep-21	31-Aug-24
AVMSD III	Legal Framework for Audiovisual Media Services in the EU Digital Single Market	UL	IRP		COLE Mark	1-Jul-17	30-Nov-23
SESAME	Towards a Sustainable European Social Model	EU	ERASMUS+		RATTI Luca	31-Jan-22	31-Dec-25
FORCE	Freezing Orders and Confiscation orders: Effort for common standards	EU	JUST		ALLEGREZZA Silvia	1-Apr-22	31-Mar-24
FOMESA	Forgotten Memories of Supranational Adjudication	FNR	CORE	Junior	ERPELDING Michel	1-Sep-22	31-Aug-25
DigiRights	DIGItalisation of defence RIGHTS in criminal proceedings	EU	JUST		ALLEGREZZA Silvia	1-Dec-22	28-Feb-25

ELEVADMIN	Gathering electronic evidence for administrative investigations – comparative study of law and practice	EU	OLAF		TOSZA Stanislaw	1-May-23	30-Apr-25
RESCOM LS	Access to case law data: publicity of court decisions and legal information technology	FNR	RESCOM		MENÉTREY Séverine	1-Dec-22	30-Nov-23
KLEPTOTRACE	Strengthening EU asset recovery and sanction tracing against highly corrupt regimes and entities	EU	HORIZON		HAPPOLD Matthew	1-May-23	30-Apr-25
AFR	MACHURA-URBANIAK Anna	FNR	AFR_Individual		PRÜM André	1-Jan-20	31-Dec-24

FOCUS ON MAIN EXTERNALLY FINANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS

REMS II

DTU-REMS-II follows up on the work begun by DTU-REMS-I, which is in the process of mapping the key enforcement challenges in multi-level regulatory systems (e.g., multiple enforcers, differing standards of protection, the impact of a digitalized society). DTU-REMS-II will move beyond this pioneering work, by taking an overarching look at the important, complex interactions across international, European, and domestic levels within multi-level regulatory systems and will make a normative analysis thereof. DTU-REMS-II will be structured around two interlinked research questions: (1) what are the structural gaps and failures in enforcing multi-level regulatory norms against public and private actors operating across jurisdictions; and (2) which solutions respect the core constitutional principles of democracy, fundamental rights' protection, and the rule of law.

INDIGO

INDIGO addresses pressing issues affecting the future of democratic governance in Europe and the relation between the individual and the public sphere. Its objective is to develop a framework for the use of advanced machine learning algorithms in the multi-jurisdictional implementation of European policies.

DILLAN

DILLAN brings together researchers from various fields of law with those having a background in artificial intelligence (AI) and computer science, in order to allow for a common effort to study possibilities and regulatory needs for adapting our European multi-level legal system to the opportunities and challenges of the ongoing digital revolution. It will contribute to the design of research-informed pathways in order to ensure that digitalization will not only enhance efficiency in problem solving, but also protect the rule of law, democracy, transparency and the protection of fundamental individual rights.

The DTU's team consists of seventeen Professors as supervisors of seventeen PhD candidates and one postdoctoral researcher. Jointly, their know-how and research efforts will enable a highly ambitious cooperation involving the full spectrum of most junior to highly acclaimed senior researchers. Thereby, DILLAN will develop an innovative inter- and intra-disciplinary approach to examining the impact and regulation of the ongoing digital transformations of decision-making within the legal fabric of society.

CRIM-AI

Many of us have invited Artificial Intelligence (AI) into our lives without knowing (or caring) how it works: Siri™, Alexa™, DeepL™, and Google Translate™ are just a few examples of it. Similarly, prosecutors and courts have brought in sophisticated AI to help them investigate, prosecute, and judge criminal behaviour barely knowing how it works. In doing so, they have sailed into uncharted waters. To date, no one has actually paid much attention to whether the current rules courts and prosecutors must abide by, are enough to protect human rights standards (e.g., right to privacy and data protection and to effective judicial protection) and fundamental criminal procedure principles (e.g., judicial independence and the presumption of innocence) when AI, rather than a human, finds or produces the evidence relied on. That must change: we must know that courts and prosecutors honour and respect those hard-won standards and principles. Our project is designed to find this out.

FORCE

FORCE aims at improving judicial cooperation in the recovery of illicit assets. Regulation (EU) 2018-1805 has introduced freezing and confiscation orders, together with standardized forms. However, it leaves room to different national implementation strategies that are already emerging. This Project will gather and study these arrangements through an exhaustive desk research and through semistructured interviews to be held with selected practitioners. The results of the study will be presented in a comparative report on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018-1805 and they will be developed in three main directions.

First, the national procedures will be organized and published on a devoted section of FORCE's digital ecosystem – a set of ICT tools integrated in the Project's website. European practitioners will be able to rely on an updated database on national practices, where they will find the description of the inner freezing and confiscation instruments, relevant contact information on national authorities and practical instructions on how to successfully deliver a freezing-confiscation order.

Second, FORCE will share the results of the desk research through a Virtual Learning Environment that will host a Massive Online Open Course and Case simulations, in order to raise awareness on the Regulation and to bridge national discrepancies or lack of training. A simpler version of the content will be also disseminated through FORCE's podcasts in order to reach a larger audience.

Third, FORCE will develop a model of cooperation in order to picture a "best-case scenario". The project's staff will draft a provisional version of Common Practical Standards and Recommendations, to be discussed with practitioners through a devoted section of FORCE's digital ecosystem – FORCE Community – and through seminars and focus groups. After a thorough confrontation, the final version of the standards and recommendations on freezing and confiscation orders will be delivered.

DIGIRIGHTS

The COVID-19 pandemic saw the transition to digitalisation occur at startling speed across many domains, including criminal justice proceedings. Here, however, this transition is often without necessary reflection on the legal and practical preconditions required to assure equivalence between offline and online procedural rights. Digitalisation is going to change the dynamics of criminal justice beyond the pandemic. This is, therefore, the moment to assess how technology can best serve the needs of both the prosecution and the defence.

Focussing on the procedural rights which are susceptible to digitalisation—namely the rights to interpretation, translation, access to the case file, legal assistance and legal aid, and to be present at trial—the DigiRights project maps and assesses the existing practices of digitalisation of these rights with a view to proposing a set of European guidelines for their digital application. The ultimate goal is to promote a digitalisation of procedural rights that ensures a uniform and adequate standard of protection across the EU. Through national legal and empirical research—considering Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary and Italy—and a European and comparative study, the project will evaluate the degree to which digitalisation of procedural rights is equivalent to their classic recognition. Particular attention will be paid to the use of videoconferencing to connect the accused with their lawyer, interpreter or the court itself, and to the use of artificial intelligence to ensure access to the case file or the translation of legal documents. In directing its guidelines towards national and EU authorities, and law and policy makers, DigiRights aspires to guide current interpretations and future adaptations of EU criminal law on the rights of accused persons, to contribute to the effective and coherent application of such rights, and to aid mutual trust and recognition across Member States.

PROMODE

The Digital Era brought about rapid changes to both the ways how crime is being committed and the nature of criminal investigations and proceedings. While cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime is on the rise, the law enforcement authorities move away from traditional investigative methods. They become tech-savvy and apply digital investigative methods - searches of publicly available information online, issuing production orders to service providers, carry out undercover digital investigations, perform 'lawful hacking', or use Big Data analytics and Artificial Intelligence, finding patterns in large datasets. However, the shift towards 'intelligence-led policing' is not accompanied with reforms of criminal investigations and proceedings. Digital investigative methods therefore often appear un- or under-regulated. At the same time, the data protection rules for Digital Era law enforcement have been harmonised on the EU level, through the transposition of the EU 2016 Law Enforcement Directive. On the one hand, this Directive was criticised for not engaging enough with criminal procedural law and for ignoring its particularities. On the other hand, the Directive was adopted too early to incorporate ground-breaking law enforcement and surveillance case law of the Luxembourg and Strasbourg courts. This project is taking a constructive reformist's perspective in order to create a dialogue between criminal procedural law, data protection law and EU human rights law.

KLEPTOTRACE

The European Union (EU) has historically been attractive for the assets and the funds misappropriated by 'kleptocrats' from all around the world. The laundering of high-level corruption proceeds in the EU affects the development and prosperity of the European economy, distorts market competition, prices and the fair allocation of resources; but it also represents a threat to the rule of law, fundamental rights and democracy not only of the EU, but also of the third countries where funds are stolen from. The EU has implemented a number of measures to curb transnational high-level corruption. Among them, asset recovery and sanctions are increasingly playing a key role. While specific anti corruption sanctions – in line with what implemented by other countries (e.g. United States) – do not exist in the EU, the current EU sanction regimes de facto allow targeting highly-corrupt entities, including the freezing of assets of foreign kleptocrats and oligarchs. However, the success of these measures is hampered by a number of factors: (a) the lack of knowledge about the complex transnational schemes employed by kleptocrats to avoid and circumvent EU sanctions and investigations; (b) the challenges in detecting the interlinks between corruption and other crimes, first of all money laundering and influence peddling; (c) the lack of investigative capabilities, including dedicated tools and databases, of EU authorities to trace asset ownership and to interconnect assets and registers of different nature (e.g. company, real estate, vessels, virtual assets); (d) the difficulty for EU banks and private sector to detect corruption schemes, and report them to FIUs, during AML-CFT due diligence activities; (e) the lack of knowledge about the legal bases and judicial cooperation instruments, which often make sanctions and asset freezing appealed by designees in front of EU courts. These gaps make the tracing and recovery of the assets of 'kleptocrats' and sanctioned entities not always effective, and difficult to sustain in the long term.

ELEVADMIN

As our lives move increasingly online, our activities, including those which may lead to criminal or administrative infringement, leave digital traces. This evidence may be crucial in punitive proceedings. In recent years, the rules and scope surrounding the gathering of and access to electronic evidence by authorities in criminal investigations has been subject to much debate with administrative law enforcement being largely left out.

However, to perform effective investigations in punitive administrative proceedings, authorities need to be able to access electronic evidence, especially via Internet Service Providers (ISPs). With the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)'s recently added possibility to request bank account information in such administrative proceedings, the need for clear regulations is becoming ever more pressing. As of now, OLAF has no specific provisions of cooperation with ISPs.

In order to address these concerns and formulate policy recommendations as to the extension of powers of OLAF as regards gathering electronic evidence from ISPs, Associate Professor within the Department of Law at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, Stanislaw Tosza, will be coordinating the ELEVADMIN (Gathering electronic evidence for administrative investigations – comparative study of law and practice) project. This two-year project, which has received funding from the Union Anti-Fraud Programme - Hercule component, will compare the rules and practice of gathering electronic evidence in administrative enforcement in such domains as the protection of EU financial interests, customs, taxes, banking supervision and competition. Together with an international team of high-level researchers Prof. Tosza will examine the legal framework at EU and at the national level in selected EU Member States.

Prof. Tosza ultimately seeks to fill the gap between already developed rules and regulations and a vibrant debate concerning electronic evidence for criminal investigations and the absence of all these elements as regards administrative punitive enforcement by providing high-level comparative research on gathering electronic evidence for punitive administrative proceedings. The project officially began on 1 May 2023.

INTERNALLY FINANCED ON-GOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

The University's Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS), established in 2020, is also host to several law-related projects originating from the Department of Law members:

- **CRIMTYP: Meet the Unknown – The Future of CRIMinal Forensic Genomics PhenoTYPing**, co-directed by Silvia Allegrezza (Department of Law) and Patrick May (Senior Scientist, Head of Genome Analysis, Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine, University of Luxembourg). This is an interdisciplinary project intends to combine legal and genetics science to explore the future of Forensic DNA Phenotyping.

- **W@W: Wellbeing @ Work**, co-directed by Luca Ratti (Department of Law), Claus Vögele (Professor of Health Psychology, FHSE, University of Luxembourg), and Elena Kornadt (Professor in Psychology, FHSE, University of Luxembourg) addressing the future of work in the context of the omnipresent automation of working environments and the emergence of new forms of work, facilitated by technology.
- **EMULEG: The governance of Monetary Policy: the EMU's Legitimacy Conundrum**, co-directed by Joana Mendez (Department of Law) and Anna-Lena Högenauer (Professor of Political science) re-defining the institutional framework of the EMU and analysing whether the ECB's independence is too high in light of the increasing polarisation of opinions on its policies and the growing importance of its decisions, and whether there are better alternatives that allow for a rebalancing of independence and democratic legitimacy.

Academic chairs

Academic chairs hosted at the FDEF's Department of Law combine teaching and research activities in a domain which is strategic for the faculty and the external partners (public or private sector). The aims are to build long-term research excellence with high impact and set up a special educational offer (course, module, track, master programme, professional/executive education) which incorporates and builds on this research excellence. Four of the seven chairs hosted at FDEF are in the legal field:

ADA CHAIR IN FINANCIAL LAW (INCLUSIVE FINANCE)

The ADA Chair in Financial Law (inclusive finance) is the sole chair worldwide devoted to research and teaching in law and regulation of inclusive finance. Based on an MoU between the University, the Appui au Développement Autonome (ADA) and the Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MFEA) of the Luxembourg government, the ADA Chair team focuses on all aspects of inclusive and sustainable finance regulation, with special emphasis on accompanying fields such as FinTech and RegTech, collective investment schemes, payments and banking regulation.

The ADA Chair organizes a number of standing initiatives in the field, in particular:

- The annual Luxembourg FinTech Conference, in cooperation with LHoFT and BIL (8th edition in 2022),
- The annual Inclusive & Sustainable Finance conference (7th edition in 2022) (together with ADA, the European Investment Bank, and the MFEA), and
- Conferences and seminar series on focus topic, such as the full-day conference "Regulation of Sustainable Finance" on 30 June 2022 (together with the European Investment Bank and EY) and a quarterly seminar series on sustainable finance together with the Chair in Sustainable Finance and the Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Initiative.

In 2022, ADA Chair staff collectively published some 59 publications in 2022, with 40 publications peer reviewed/edited, and presented at more than 40 conferences, workshops and seminars at universities and regulators, including at the COP27, ESMA, EBA, IOSCO and various central banks. In 2022, the holder of the ADA Chair was listed at the global top of various metrical rankings that signal impact, for instance SSRN's downloads in the last twelve months (top ten) and all-time downloads (top twenty), as well as Google Scholar (967 cites in 2022).

The ADA Chair organizes together with ADA and the European Investment Bank Institute each year a Certificate of Advanced Studies (10 ECTS) in "Law and Regulation of Inclusive Finance"; in 2022, the 6th cohort of the Certificate was held online, with more than 50 participants from five continents. After the end of the pandemic, the Certificate was held in 2023 again in-person, with participants from 16 countries attending the two weeks-course in Luxembourg.



Participants of the CIF 2023

ATOZ CHAIR FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL TAXATION (ATOZ)

In June 2009, ATOZ and the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance of the University of Luxembourg signed an agreement creating a Chair for European and International Taxation. The ATOZ Chair for European and International Taxation –commonly called ATOZ Chair – was the first Chair of the Faculty benefiting from external financing.

The Chair was set up to develop research activities and education of high quality in international and European tax law. The overarching goal of ATOZ in this partnership is to raise the level of knowledge of tax issues in Luxembourg. Since 2012, the Chair is funded by the ATOZ Foundation.

As a key element of the Chair activities, a new LL.M. specialisation in European and International Tax Law has been created by Prof. Dr. Alexander Rust, holder of the chair from 2011 to 2014. Since its inaugural year, the LL.M. specialisation has attracted a diverse group of talented students, leading to a promising outlook for the academic years ahead. With courses in Luxembourg tax law, European tax law, and international tax treaties, students evaluate the interaction of legal systems at all levels and learn how to make use of the extensive Luxembourg tax treaty network. Modules address topics such as mergers & acquisitions, taxation of investment funds, and VAT, offering students a comprehensive understanding of crucial tax issues and the most current trends.

Since June 2015, Prof. Dr. Werner Haslehner, LL.M. (LSE) has been the holder of the ATOZ Chair for European and International Taxation at the University of Luxembourg, where he is also full professor and the Course Director for the Master in European and International Taxation LL.M. programme.

SES CHAIR IN SPACE, SATELLITE COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA LAW (SES)

In 2010, the University of Luxembourg and the global satellite operator SES S.A. entered into a partnership with the aim of jointly developing Luxembourg as a European centre of excellence and innovation for advanced Information Communications Technology in satellite systems. Since then the University of Luxembourg and SES collaborate on research in:

- satellite applications and services;
- satellite hybrid networks;
- transmission and reception technologies.

A key component of this partnership was the creation of the first Chair in Satellite Communications and Media Law in 2010/11, with a research focus on the legal and regulatory challenges in satellite communications. The SES Chair in Satellite Communications and Media Law, commonly called SES chair, is an academic member of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance at the University of Luxembourg. In September 2011, Professor Mahulena Hofmann was appointed as the SES Chair in Satellite Communications and Media Law.

In addition to the research undertaken in these fields, the SES Chair contributes to existing media law research by including space law and global telecommunications issues. In addition, Professor Hofmann contributes to the interdisciplinary research at the University's Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT).

JEAN MONNET CHAIR IN EU LABOUR LAW

In February 2022, Prof. Luca Ratti has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair in EU Labour Law to carry out the three-year project, which begins in February 2022. Prof. Ratti will use this opportunity to expand his teaching portfolio and include a course in EU social security law as well as a course in EU social policy. Among others, students will learn about EU-level coordination between the social systems which govern things such as unemployment and health insurance, retirement and child benefits, as well as how the European institutions coordinate policy on items such as wages, employment protection and collective bargaining through the European Semester process.

CHAIR IN CYBER POLICY

The Chair in Cyberpolicy was established in September 2022 for a period of five years, under a partnership between the Directorate of Defence of the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MFA) and the University of Luxembourg. The Chair will carry out research, teaching and outreach activities. Cyber policy focuses on the legal and political aspects at the intersection of digital and network technologies such as privacy, data protection, cybercrime, cyber defense, contract law, Intellectual property law, and human rights.

HSGM - FDEF House for Sustainable Governance and Markets

The FDEF House for Sustainable Governance and Markets (HSGM) is a virtual platform that combines the joint sustainability expertise of the FDEF'S three departments, four disciplines, 200 researchers and 18 nations active in the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance. Coordinated by Prof. Dr. Dirk Zetzsche, ADA Chair in Financial Law (inclusive finance) from the Department of Law, and Prof. Dr. Michael Halling, Chair in Sustainable Finance from the Department of Finance, the HSGM bundles sustainability research with a special view to sustainable governance and markets – ranging from the institutional, legal and economic ordering over the impact analysis of a changing environment to social effects. Issues considered relate to climate change, poverty, gender, inequality, exclusion, environmental degradation, migration, peace and justice.

Development & Governance



HSGM

FDEF House for Sustainable Governance and Markets

Sustainability Economics



Sustainable Finance & Regulation



TEACHING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Bachelor & Master studies

The Department of Law's study programmes in law include one Bachelor's degree in law and seven Master in Law with a first common year and a second-year specialization.

Since 2019, all Master's degrees in Law have been accredited for a 5 year period by FIBAA - an internationally-recognised agency for quality assurance and quality development in higher education.

BACHELOR IN LAW

In an increasingly global world, it is no longer enough for legal experts to be proficient in their national law only. This is particularly true for Luxembourg, with its international community and inherent openness to Europe and the rest of the world. To address this reality, our Bachelor's degree in Law provides students with a transnational legal education that comprises the learning of Luxembourg national law, as well as the study of the world's main legal systems.

In the quest for excellence, the legal experts of tomorrow must be immersed in the context of an increasingly globalized world from the very start of their studies. Whether they work in Luxembourg, abroad or for supranational institutions, in the private or public sector, they will have to be not only fully proficient in national law, but also able to make the link between different legal systems. Due to its position, its research and its professors, the University of Luxembourg is particularly well positioned to address this challenge.

To that end, the bachelor's degree in law offered by the University of Luxembourg trains its students in the essential subjects in a "transnationalised" manner, i.e. by presenting a range of possible answers to fundamental questions from the outset through the study of the world's main legal models. This approach will in no way be geared to sacrificing the legal technique nor the study of Luxembourg law, but on the contrary provide a more refined, creative and critical vision.

This innovative programme is also accompanied by improvements to particular established learning methods. For example, multilingualism is a distinct feature of the programme as classes are taught in French and English. In addition, international mobility for one semester is a mandatory part of the studies – as with all bachelor programmes of the University. Class sizes and teaching hours have been reduced to encourage independent work and intellectual curiosity; in the same line, an early mentoring system has been established.



FOCUS ON MS DONYA SEKHRI ZEGGAR, A THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

I am currently in my third year of a bachelor's degree in law at the University of Luxembourg. I studied economics, German, Spanish and an English immersion course at the Collège Notre Dame du Bonlieu in Virton (Belgium). I chose to study at Uni.lu for two main reasons, the first one being the bilingual curriculum I was already in since I was 12 years old; the second one being the transnational character of law teaching as well as the multicultural nature of the institution.

As for the choice of subject, it was very natural for me to go into law, I wanted to learn about society, how it works and how it is governed. Having grown up in a Belgian-Algerian family with a lot of oriental influence, I would like to put my cultural background at the service of my future profession and thus work between Luxembourg and the Maghreb and the Middle East with the aim of developing commercial relations between Luxembourg and these rapidly growing countries.

My areas of interest are corporate law, banking law, tax law and anything else related to corporate management.

THE 1ST YEAR OF THE LL.M

The first year of LL.M. studies (M1) is joint for all seven programmes. It offers a solid basis in European law and prepares students for the different specialisations offered in the second year of LL.M. studies.

The M1 explores all seven specialisations offered in the second year. It also includes advance classes on institutional and substantive EU law, and offers specialised seminars on specific aspects of EU law. Courses highlight the international and transnational context of European law, and take a global approach to today's challenges for European law.

The programme is taught bilingually in French and English, reflecting the international and multilingual nature of Luxembourg and its University. Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance teaching staff are supported by professors from universities abroad, legal practitioners from the financial centre and experts from the Luxembourg-based European institutions, especially the Court of Justice of the European Union.

During their studies, students are strongly encouraged to participate international moot court competitions as an alternative to one course per module. Upon completion of the first year of the Master, students will have the necessary prerequisites to enrol in one of the seven specialisations offered in the second year. Students choose their specialisation at the end of the first semester.

MASTER IN EUROPEAN UNION LAW AND LITIGATION

The Master in European Union Law and Litigation provides a thorough understanding of European Union law and its litigation system.

With the academic year 2018-2019, the European Parliament has become an official partner of the Master which adds to the intense participation in the programme of judges, advocate generals and other officials of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the EFTA Court next to a selection of internationally renowned professors.

The ambitious programme combines innovative methods in teaching, learning and evaluation. It covers:

- In-depth study of EU institutional law with a focus on legislative processes and democratic control
- Deepening understanding of European Union law through litigation processes
- In-depth study of legal remedies before the CJEU and procedural rules
- Analysis of the role of the national judge in the implementation of EU law and their relationship with the CJEU, and the guarantee of effective judicial protection

MASTER IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL TAX LAW

This highly-specialised LL.M. prepares graduates to become leaders in their respective areas of tax expertise – be that in a private law practice or accounting firm, in government administration, in the judiciary, or in academia.

Students will be prepared to master the general principles of tax law in order to be able to work with new or unfamiliar legal rules, and to successfully recognise issues arising in new taxing jurisdictions, in this ever-changing field.

Additionally, students will learn to make use of the extensive Luxembourg tax treaty network and gain first-hand exposure to real tax issues and the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union. This programme puts a particular emphasis on the interaction of tax treaty law with domestic tax law, as well as the effects of primary and secondary EU law on domestic tax rules.

During the course, students work on several case studies under the supervision of leading tax law firms and participate in research projects organised by the ATOZ Chair for European and International Taxation.

MASTER IN EUROPEAN BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW

The Master in European Banking and Financial Law is one of the premier programmes in this field offered in continental Europe.

The Master focuses on the study of three essential pillars – banking law, securities and capital markets law – in the framework of European Union law, Luxembourg law and comparative law.

The teaching team includes academics and renowned practitioners, specialised in banking and financial law.

Making use of modern and interactive teaching methods, blending individual study and team work, the programme combines the acquisition of basic concepts in the first semester and their practical application in the second semester through case-based learning developed by practitioners.

Graduates from the Master in European Banking and Financial Law can pursue employment in the legal careers in the banking and financial sector (banks, financial service providers, regulatory bodies, etc.) or the insurance sector. They can also find employment in law firms, European banking and financial institutions or national administrations.

MASTER IN INVESTMENT FUNDS LAW

The Master 2 in Investment Funds Law (LL.M.) offers a programme in Luxembourg investment funds law, covering all aspects of this fast-growing area of law. The programme is based on a pedagogical approach structured to combine theory and practice enabling students to acquire deeper knowledge in the field and to enhance the employability of graduates.

Developed within the framework of the Chair in Investment Funds law created in partnership with the law firms Arendt and Elvinger Hoos Prussen, this Master is the first programme of its kind in Europe, taking advantage of the unique position of Luxembourg as leader in global fund distribution and the second largest investment fund centre worldwide. Luxembourg law firms, Arendt and Elvinger Hoss Prussen, lend their expertise to the development of the Master programme and ensure that course content remains up-to-date and practically applicable.

This bilingual French-English programme, accessible to students after having completed an M1 in Law, falls within the strategy of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance to offer “niche” programmes in domains in which Luxembourg has special expertise and/or a significant need to develop the sector, not only increasing employment perspectives for graduates, but also attracting talent to Luxembourg.

MASTER IN EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW

The LL.M. in European Business Law provides rigorous academic and professional training in legal practice related to current developments in business law, including such areas as intellectual property, data protection, e-commerce, jurisdiction and dispute resolution, in regimes and contractual developments related to the European and global economy.

The first semester is devoted to deepening the understanding of European integration and the interaction between EU law and national legal systems, followed by classes on the areas of business law that have been deeply “europeanised” (competition and insurance law, intellectual property and IT law, procurement, contract and consumer law). The second semester is dedicated to legal areas more focused on business law as such (company and tax law, private international law and arbitration).

Students are trained to evaluate legal issues in a unique way, encouraging analysis that goes beyond national jurisdictions in order to draw upon European legal sources, and to propose more innovative solutions.

The courses are taught by a remarkably strong group of experts in the field, both academics and practitioners – among whom members of the Court of Justice and the European Human Rights Court – and prepare students for leadership roles in the increasingly globalised marketplace.

Our ground-breaking law clinic will allow students to meet and assist actual clients while working alongside a psychologist and experienced practitioners on cases. Together with our internship programme, it will equip you to face real-world challenges after law school.

MASTER IN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMINAL LAW

The programme offers students a unique opportunity to explore the fast-growing field of European criminal law with a special emphasis on economic and financial criminal law.

The programme consists of six successive modules, providing students an in-depth view into several key aspects of European criminal law, comprising the following areas of European Criminal Law:

- regulation and enforcement within the EU,
- European criminal law and criminal procedure,
- corporate criminal law and compliance,
- judicial cooperation and the European law enforcement agencies.

In the second semester, each student prepares a Master thesis and participates in an internship, through which he or she will have the opportunity to further expand his or her skills by applying the acquired knowledge to real-life situations.

Courses are taught by leading scholars and practitioners, including judges from the Court of Justice of the EU, EU officials, and partners of leading law firms.

MASTER IN SPACE, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA LAW

The Master in Space, Communication and Media Law combines a range of courses on space law, international and European satellite communication law, media law, electronic communications and e-commerce law, intellectual property law, as well as data protection law. It covers these areas on international, European and national level.

Over the course of the programme, students acquire complete expertise in the regulatory aspects of space, communication, ICT and media law within an exciting and developing field.

The programme equips students with essential theoretical, practical and analytical skills to excel in the fast-paced legal world of a continuously developing field. It provides ample opportunities for development in the public and private sector, as well as in academia.

International academic partnerships, cooperation with partners in the private and public sector and teaching by academics and practitioners, from within and outside of Luxembourg ensure a vibrant exchange, as well as relevant experience for students.

Additional legal programming takes place in various teaching programmes of the University including in the interdisciplinary Fintech and Space Master programmes of the University.

Doctoral studies

The doctoral school of law offers a quality research environment, assuring the best conditions for an advanced training of doctoral candidates in law at the University of Luxembourg. Through its research and training programmes, the University fosters an open-minded approach to legal analysis, going beyond the boundaries of national jurisdictions, to promote comparative cross-disciplinary research, within a multilingual environment (English, French and German) and an international academic team.

In accordance with its commitment to an open-minded European and international perspective, the school organizes opportunities for scientific cooperation and exchanges with universities worldwide. This facilitates student mobility in terms of international research placements. At the same time, the school welcomes young researchers, students from abroad, and the co-supervision of doctoral theses.

At the end of 2022, there were 86 doctoral students. 14 new students started a thesis in 2022, while 10 students defended their thesis.

Certificate

CERTIFICATE IN LAW AND REGULATION OF INCLUSIVE FINANCE

The Certificate in Law and Regulation of Inclusive Finance is designed to educate and train future professionals in inclusive finance matters. The CLRIF is a 10 ECTS Certificate in Advance Studies held each year in January together with ADA, the MFAE and the European Investment Bank, devoted in particular to students from developing and emerging economies. The ADA Chair covers the accommodation costs and some travel support for these participants.

The objective of the programme is to deepen the participants' specific knowledge and skills in the field of inclusive finance law and regulation, with a focus on developing countries. In order to achieve this objective:

- Interactive courses are taught by European and international academics, practitioners from International Organisations and representatives of leading law and accountancy firms who promote discussions, argumentation and negotiation as an integral part of their teaching effort.
- Besides their participation in courses, participants will have the opportunity to work on case studies and will prepare oral presentations.

Moreover, participants will acquire intercultural competences, preparing them for work in international environments while also benefiting from a network of informal relations, useful for their future. It is also planned to facilitate networking among alumni through a semi-formal alumni organisation, enabling participants to maintain these relations in the long-term.

Teaching staff includes leading academics from the University of Luxembourg and other universities, development policy experts from ADA and the European Investment Bank Group, as well as industry specialists with extensive experience and networks in their subject areas. Participants will be in close contact with teaching staff and have the opportunity to meet seasoned professionals from regional, development and private banks, law and consultancy firms, as well as investment firms.

So far close to 170 professionals from 57 countries (e.g. Armenia, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Brasil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tchad, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe,...) have benefited from the programme.

Moot Court Programme

The Uni.lu Moot Court Programme is a cross-cutting teaching programme covering a wide range of moot competitions at European and international level in various areas of law. The programme provides students with moot-specific skills which are central to the training process of lawyers. More particularly, students have the opportunity to develop their research skills, complex-case analysis, legal writing, oral (persuasive) advocacy, critical skills and their ability to engage in effective teamwork. All this makes mooting one of the most integrated, formative activities in legal education.

The 2021–2022 academic year was marked by the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Against this backdrop, the 2021–2022 Moot Court season was challenging and tough, but at the same time extremely rewarding for the teams. Most of the competitions were held remotely. Uni.lu took part in six moot court competitions, which is particularly significant.

Students enrolled in the Uni.lu 2021–2022 LL.M. Programmes participated in the following Moot Court competitions:

- Concours européen des droits de l'homme René Cassin (Concours Cassin)
- European Law Moot Court Competition (ELMC)
- International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition (ICC MCC)
- International and European Tax Moot Court Competition (Tax MC)
- Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (MLMC)
- Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition (Price MC)

In 2021–2022 the Uni.lu teams were composed of 18 LL.M. students and 13 coaches, who are dedicated doctoral students playing a key role in building the necessary teamwork dynamics. They benefitted from the support of many colleagues, mainly doctoral researchers and academic staff specialised in the areas of law covered by the cases/problems relating to the various competitions. The programme also included dedicated soft skills training sessions for the Uni.lu Moot Court Coaching Team and, more especially, for each moot team in the oral phase of the competitions, on team building, stress management, problem solving, public speaking, etc. As part of the institutional cooperation between the Uni.lu and Clifford Chance, each moot team had the opportunity to attend specific training sessions on Clifford Chance Luxembourg's premises, where specialised lawyers, acting as judges, provided valuable guidance in the preparation of the students' performances in the oral pleadings. Clifford Chance also generously supports the Uni.lu Moot Court Programme's budget.

Building on the strengths developed during this preparation process, all the teams demonstrated, at various levels, their capacity for effective delivery, both written and oral, and to respond appropriately to the jury's questions in their respective competitions.

In conclusion, the Uni.lu mooters gained important mooting skills and experienced meaningful progress in experiential legal education, both individually and as a team.

The 2021–2022 season was also exceptional for the Uni.lu Moot Court Community building. Several interviews were conducted with students, coaches and legal practitioners as part of an audiovisual production project for educational and promotional purposes. Their video testimonials provided with valuable insights into their personal mooting experience and more generally on the benefits, challenges and opportunities it presents.



"Everyone should moot if they can. It is a lot of work, it is stressful, but it is also great, it is a lot of fun, it is incredibly rewarding... You learn just a lot, more than you could ever learn in the classroom.

I advise everyone: if you can do it, you should!

It is a great skill to have and it makes you better as a person, I think."

Ahmad Syrus

LL.M. Student, Best Oralist Applicant

2021–2022 International and European Tax Moot Court Competition

CONCOURS EUROPÉEN DES DROITS DE L'HOMME RENÉ CASSIN

The 2022 edition was dedicated to the freedom of expression on a social network. The case concerned the boundaries of humour and hate speech online. The team, composed of three mooters (two pleaders and one legal advisor), advanced through the written rounds, qualifying for the oral rounds held in person at the premises of the Council of Europe at the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg on 15–17 June 2022. The Final took place at the European Court of Human Rights on 17 June 2022. The team ranked 24th out of 32 selected teams from several European countries.

EUROPEAN LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

During the first phase of the competition until November 2021, the Uni.lu ELMC team, composed of four mooters, delivered two written pleadings (applicant and defendant) on a case combining several areas of EU law, namely competition law, internal market, labour law and sport law. On this basis, the team qualified for the Regional Final that was held in person at the Universitat Abat Oliba CEU in Barcelona on 10–12 March 2022. All the students delivered brilliant oral pleadings as Applicant, Defendant and Advocate General, before the ELMC panel of members of the Court of Justice of the European Union, professors and experts of EU law. Competing among the best 16 teams out of 80 selected teams, the Uni.lu team achieved very satisfying results.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Uni.lu ICCMCC team was composed of four students, acting as Counsel for the Prosecution, Counsel for the Defendant, Victim's Counsel and researcher. In March 2022, they submitted three written memorials addressing fundamental issues of substantive and procedural international criminal law, more concretely issues around crimes against humanity and war crimes with reference to the ICC's temporal and personal jurisdiction, the use of armed force and the laws of war and peacetime, and the proper representation of victims before the ICC. During the mandatory oral rounds held online from 9 to 18 May 2022, the speakers pleaded six times before the official ICC Moot Court judges. The team was ranked 44th out of 76 teams from 42 countries in the preliminary rounds of the competition. The score sheets and certificates of the competition contained positive feedback.

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN TAX MOOT COURT COMPETITION

During the preparation of the written phase of the competition, the Uni.lu Tax MC team, composed of three mooters, conducted research about the facts and issues of the "Star Golf Case". They had the opportunity to travel for a 3-day study visit to the IBFD library in Amsterdam. After the submission of two written memoranda, one providing arguments for the applicant (taxpayer) and one for the defendant (tax authorities) in January 2022, the team was admitted to the oral rounds held online in March-April 2022 at the University KU Leuven. The team gave the Uni.lu's best performance ever in this competition: 5th place overall out of 25 universities, award for the Best Memorandum Applicant, award for the Best Oralist Applicant (received by the student Ahmad Mafaz Syrus).

MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The two members of the Uni.lu MLMC team carried out research related to public international law and cases of the International Court of Justice, on a case concerning registration and damages involving objects manufactured in space. They submitted memorials and argued the case for both the Applicant and the Respondent. Organised by the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL), together with the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), the European Rounds of the competition were held in a virtual format from 22 to 28 March 2022, in Vienna, Austria. Even if they did not advance to the final regional rounds, the team achieved a lot in this very rewarding experience.

MONROE E PRICE MEDIA LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Building on the legal memorial submitted in January 2022, the Uni.lu Price team qualified for the regional Northern European Rounds, a three-day long competition hosted in partnership with the University of Paris and held online from 7 to 9 February 2022. This year, the moot problem related to freedom of speech and the media was based on State responsibility which arises out of upholding restrictions imposed by social media intermediaries. After winning two out of three matches, the two Uni.lu mooters rank 4th place and secured qualification for the International Rounds. 26 teams out of 79 teams participated from around the world in the 2022 International Rounds that were held online at Oxford University from 6-10 June 2022. These Rounds had been postponed due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, in order to express solidarity with those affected and to give the Ukrainian team a meaningful opportunity to participate. The team delivered great performance in four oral pleadings against several Universities from Asia and Europe.

SPONSORSHIP

From the institutional perspective, the FDEF and its longstanding partner Clifford Chance agreed upon a new Sponsorship Agreement in support of the Uni.lu Moot Court teams for the years 2022–2025. This represents a renewed commitment to enhanced cooperation within the Uni.lu Moot Court Programme.



Clinical Legal Education

A pioneer in Europe, the Consumer Law Clinic of the University of Luxembourg is the first European clinic exclusively dedicated to consumer law that is open to the public.

Attached to the Master in European Business Law, it sets up an innovative teaching system, inspired by the American model and adapted to the Luxembourg context.

PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

USERS CLINIC

Students in the second year of the master's programme are trained in the practice of legal information, which consists especially of conversations with real consumers whom they advise. This unique training course enables students to deal with complex legal issues based on collaboration with a professor and an Associate Professor in Psychology and lawyers of the Luxembourg Bar Association.

Clinical teaching is divided into an educational and practical teaching method.

- The first part, which prepares the student for the legal and psychological confrontation with the consumer, involves intensive trainings in clinical consumer law, mediation, law of evidence, and the organization of active role-playing seminars. Each student has three days to study real, anonymous cases and to think about the solutions – legal or not – that can be offered to it. They then meet with "actors" playing the role of the consumers of each case. Students have 20 minutes to explain the possible solutions to them under the supervision of a lawyer and a psychologist. They are later given an in-depth debriefing on their attitudes and communication skills. The mock interviews are conducted in French and in English, on premises and online, to train students for all situations.



Throughout the year, seminars are given by external speakers with valuable experience in the field of consumer law (consumer ombudsman, legal director marketplace of online platforms, ethics course, Bureau européen des unions de consommateurs, European Consumer Center, etc.). Students also have the opportunity to visit the Luxembourg Consumer Union (ULC) and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

- The second part of the programme consists of clinical consultations. The clinic receives questions from Luxembourg consumers and cross-border commuters in dispute with a Luxembourg professional by means of a form on the University webpage. In order to serve faculty staff during the pandemic, the clinic has also extended its jurisdiction to disputes relating to the reimbursement of airline tickets bought by staff members.

Students refer legal problems to the clinic's teaching staff and discuss them with the supervisors and their fellow students. They then meet with consumers to provide them with legal information under the supervision of lawyers. Each step of the clinical process is designed as an opportunity for guidance and practice.

Following the pandemic and for the start of the 2021 academic year, the clinic recruited 4 students from European Business Law Master, divided into 2 teams. Their work was supervised by three tutors under the supervision of 6 partner lawyers working pro bono for the clinic. For the academic year 2021-2022, 22 cases were referred to the clinic, 3 of which, due to their complexity, gave rise to interviews with actual consumers.

Recruitment was exceptional in September 2022, with ten students recruited from European Business Law Master, European Union Law and Litigation Master and European Economic and Financial Criminal Law Master, enabling the creation of 5 teams. Partly because the clinic's activities were the subject of an article in the RTL newspaper, 33 cases were referred to the clinic during the academic year 2022-2023, 9 of them during the 2022 winter semester, 2 of which resulting in interviews with actual consumers.

This increase in activity prompted the clinicians to challenge themselves to be able to handle a large number of cases after carrying out in-depth research. They could benefit from high-quality support from the personalized advice of the clinic's partner lawyers and the availability of their training supervisors. This experience enabled them to acquire the scientific and human qualities needed to handle cases in a quasi-professional context, which was very useful for their second-semester internship. In addition to the legal coaching sessions, the clinicians were also able to work on their oral expression, posture, ethics, and ability to work as part of a team, which gave them the opportunity to develop strengths and skills that are essential for their future profession.

CLINICITY

The Clinic also has a street law program consisting in reaching out to consumers in need and popularizing consumer law. Due to the pandemic, however, the program could not be organized during the 2022 summer semester.

PARTNERSHIPS

The clinic has entered into several partnerships with other universities and organizations, such as the University of Rome Tre with whom we organize annual visits in Rome and Luxembourg, or the University of King's College London whose students played the role of fake consumer during the PEC in order to train clinicians interviewing in English. The clinic is also in the process of discussing possible partnerships with the University of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, the University of Berkeley and the University of Tanger.

In addition to these partnerships, the Clinic is also part of various international networks such as ENCLE (European Network for Clinical Education, which aims to promote justice and increase the quality of law teaching through clinical legal education) and the *Réseau francophone des cliniques juridiques* (which aims to develop and promote clinical legal education in the french-speaking clinics). Finally, the clinic is also part of the STARS project (Skills Transfers in Academia: A Renewed Strategy) funded by the Erasmus + grant to develop clinical legal teaching across Europe. The project was funded by the University of Luxembourg, Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci, Universitatea Româno-Americană, Università degli studi di Brescia and Università Roma Tre.

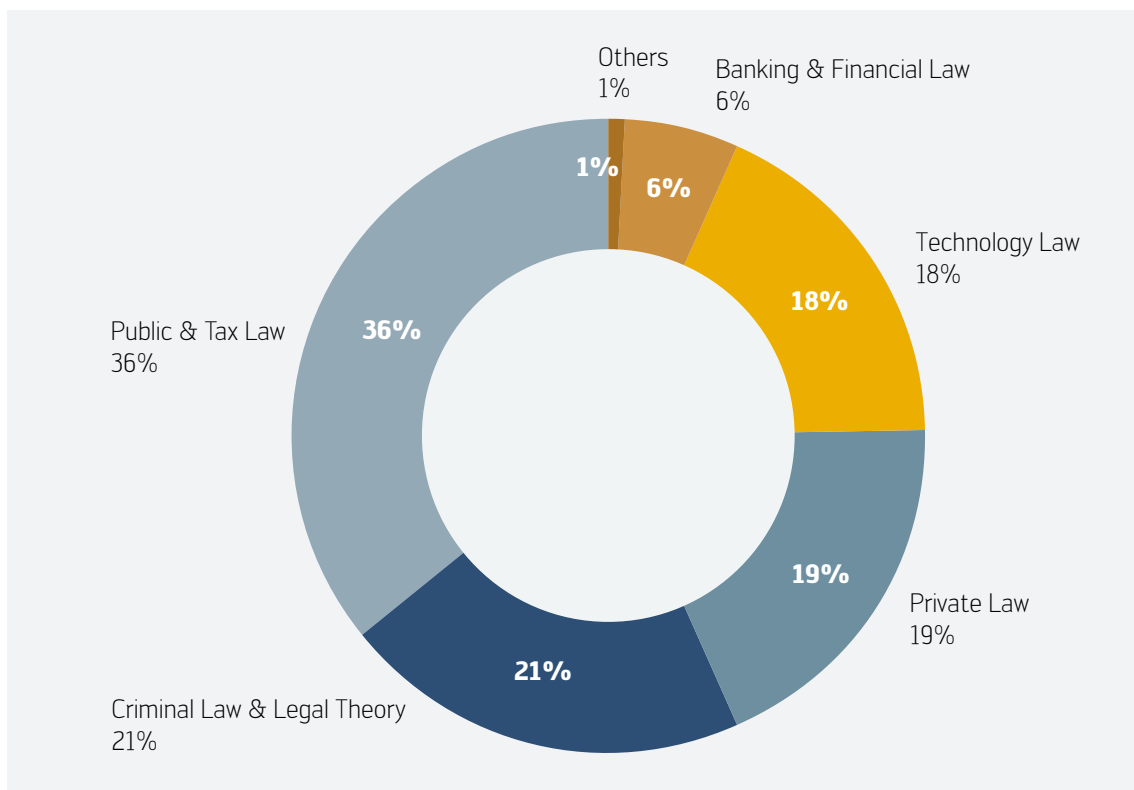
EVENTS

ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

In 2022, the Department of Law and its members organized nearly 80 events (colloquium, seminar, lecture series) covering all of its research areas. These events brought together over 1500 people (academics, legal researchers, practitioners, judges, senior officials, students).

EVENTS BY RESEARCH AREA (%)



DATE	TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT TITLE	ORGANIZER
18/01/2022	Ceremony	Moot Court Launch Ceremony	S. Munoz
24/02/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Les affaires sur la conditionnalité budgétaire en cas de violation des principes de l'État de droit dans un État membre de l'Union européenne	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
27/01/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Can investor-state arbitration challenge the EU's climate policy?	A. Donati
01/02/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Administrative Tribunals in International Organisations	E. Neframi
9-10/02/2022	Workshop (2 days)	The possibility of democracy today?	J. Van der Walt
10/02/2022	Lecture	Launching from Europe: the uncharted terrain and the German perspective	M. Hofmann
22/02/2022	Seminar	La réforme du droit luxembourgeois des faillites en question	D. Hiez
17/02/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	International economic law and non-economic values: a critical approach	A. Donati
24/02/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Piracy on all waves? The Legal Framework and Enforcement Issues for Rights Related to Copyright concerning Broadcasting Programmes from an EU Perspective	M. Cole
25/02/2022	conference (1 day)	Cryptocurrencies and crime - Building Regulation and Enforcement in Europe	S. Allegrezza
28/02/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Case of the European Court of Justice C-480/19 of 29 April 2021, E v. Veronsaajien oikeudenvallontayksikkö	W. Haslehner
09/03/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Restitution And Liability In The Multilevel Regulatory Framework Of Unauthorized Digital Payment Transactions	E. Poillot
10/03/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case C-501/18, Balgarska Narodna Banka and Case C-911/19, FBF	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
22/03/2022	Lecture	The Dutch Legal Framework for Space Launching Activities	M. Hofmann
22/03/2022	Seminar	Une rétrocession du patrimoine fiduciaire à l'arrivée du terme du contrat fiduciaire luxembourgeois	S. Ménétrey/D. Hiez
22-24/03/2022	Seminar (2 days)	EPPD Seminar	K. Ligeti
23/03/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Les enjeux des scissions transfrontalières au sein de l'Union européenne	I. Corbisier
24/03/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case C-481/19, Consob	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
24-25/03/2022	Conference (1 day)	The Global Minimum Corporate Tax	W. Haslehner
29/03/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Sustainable corporate risk management: risks of unsustainability as a driver for corporate sustainability	A. Donati
31/03/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Conférence de Lancement des Cahiers de Fiscalité	F. Chaouche + A. Prüm
07-08/04/2022	Conference (2 days)	What's (in) nationality? Citizenship-by-Investment (CBI) and Beyond	M. Happold

19/04/2022	Seminar	Propositions de réformes en matière de droit des sûretés	D. Hiez
22/04/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Getting to Space from China - Legal Framework & Policy Perspectives	M. Hofmann
27/04/2022	Seminar	Vertical reciprocity: Can Rawls's case for implicit unamendability be strengthened?	J. Van der Walt
02/05/2022	Panel	Unlocking the potential of customer satisfaction through cost-free ADR and advice	E. Poillot
02/05/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	The qualification of a hybrid financial instrument - Cases of the Luxembourg Administrative Court of 31 March 2022 N°46131C and 46132C	W. Haslehner
03/05/2022	Conference (1 day)	Criminal Proceedings and the Use of AI: Challenges for Common Criminal Procedure Principles and the Principles of the Rule of Law	K. Ligeti
04/05/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case C-645/19, Facebook Ireland and Others	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
10/05/2022	Seminar	Propositions de réformes en matière de droit des sûretés	D. Hiez
11/05/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	L'accès à Internet: un droit en quête de définition	E. Poillot
12/05/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case C-430/21, RS (Effet des arrêts d'une cour constitutionnelle)	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
17/05/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	The ecological transition's impact on the legal structure of capitalism	A. Donati
18/05/2022	Lecture	Brazilian space launches: regulatory and policy aspects	M. Hofmann
20/05/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Le juge administratif et l'acte administratif	J. Mendes
30/05/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case C-117/20, Bpost	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
30/05 - 01/06/2022	Conference (3 days)	EPPO one year in action: Towards resolving complexity and bringing added value	K. Ligeti
31/05/2022	Ceremony	Moot Court Award Ceremony	S. Muñoz
01/06/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Environmental law and just transition under the EU Green Deal	A. Donati
02-03/06/2022	Conference (2 days)	EU Agencies Before The Court Of Justice	H. Hofmann
07/06/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case T-612/17, Google LLC, formerly Google Inc. and Alphabet, Inc. v European Commission	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
09/06/2022	Workshop	L'émission de dette publique dans l'Union / Public debt issuance in the EU	F. Allemand
09/06/2022	Lecture	To Boldly Legislate: Regulatory & Policy Aspects of Space Launching Activities in the United States	M. Hofmann
13/06/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Account 115 and the acquisition price of a participation - Case of the Luxembourg Higher Administrative Court of 31 March 2022 N°46067C	W. Haslehner

16-17/06/2022	Conference (2 days)	Comparative Law in the Practice of European Supranational Courts: A People's History of Living in Multilayer Legal Systems	E. Poillot
20/06/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Sustainability and EU Competition Law	A. Donati
22/06/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	A new perspective on the protection of whistle-blowers under ECHR: Halet v Luxembourg	A. Pantazatou
24/06/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Le juge administratif et les sources de la légalité	J. Mendes
28/06/2022	Seminar	Aperçu des conséquences de la digitalisation des contrats en droit civil	D. Hiez
28/06/2022	Conference (1 day)	Regulation of Sustainable Finance	D. Zetzsche
30/06 - 01/07/2022	Conference (2 days)	SIPE XVth congress: rule of law in europe: Judicial independence and effective remedies	H. Hofmann
04/07/2022	Conference (1 day)	Sanctions in the light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine: what's new in law and practice?	M. Happold
07/07/2022	Lecture	The Japanese Legal & Policy Framework for Space Launches	M. Hofmann
07/07/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Planned obsolescence	A. Donati
12-15/09/2022	Conference/Workshop/Seminar (4 days)	Europaeum	M. Cole
23/09/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	L'intensité du contrôle judiciaire	J. Mendes
26/09/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Regulating Trade in Forest-Risk Commodities: Two Cheers for the EU	A. Donati
28/09/2022	Seminar	Place-Holding the Future: Legal Ordering and Intergenerational Justice for More-Than-Human Collectives	J. Van der Walt
30/09/2022	Lecture	Towards a Sustainable European Social Model	L. Ratti
05/10/2022	Conference (1 day)	8 th FinTech Conference	D. Zetzsche
06/10/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Corporate Sustainability: The Role of the Legal Advisor	A. Donati
06-08/10/2022	Workshop (3 days)	EAPIL Working Group on International	G. Cuniberti
13/10/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case T-125/22, RT France v Council	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
14/10/2022	Conference (1 day)	SOLVIT at 20: Towards a default tool for dispute settlement in the Single Market?	H. Hofmann
19/10/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Companies, human rights and environmental standard: new EU initiatives	A. Donati
20/10/2022	Workshop	11 th International SES Workshop: Towards Space Sustainability	M. Hofmann
21/10/2022	Lecture	EU Social Policy And Sustainability: From The Green Transition To Legal Certainty For Workers	L. Ratti
21/10/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Le juge administratif et les droits humains	J. Mendes
26/10/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Adhésion de l'Union européenne à la CEDH: actualité d'une problématique	H. Hofmann

26/10/2022	Seminar	Les angles morts de la réforme de la prescription extinctive en droit français	S. Menétrey
27/10/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Online Youth Protection and EU Law	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
10/11/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	The End of Negative Market Integration: 60 Years of Free Movement of Goods Litigation (1961-2020)	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
16/11/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Taming States: Democratic Contestation and International Law in the East African Court of Justice	M. Happold
17/11/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	The European Union's Sustainable Finance Action Plan	A. Donati
18/11/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Le droit de la consommation au XXI ^{ème} siècle: questions choisies	E. Poillot
18/11/2022	Conference (0,5 day)	Penser la boîte à outil du juge administratif	J. Mendes
21/11/2022	Seminar	Critical Race Theory And Criminal Law: Unveiling The Institutional Racism Operating In The Brazilian Criminal Justice System	S. Allegrezza
21/11/2022	Lecture	Energy Transition: A Labour Law Retrospective	L. Ratti
22/11/2022	Conference (1 day)	7 th Inclusive & Sustainable Finance Research Conference	D. Zetzsche
23/11/2022	Workshop	Réforme prescription	S. Menétrey
24/11/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Chamber Music, Atonal: How the Structure of the CJEU affects the Jurisprudence on Free Movement of Goods	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
24-25/11/2022	Conference (2 days)	Ditching the Maastricht Model? The Evolving Role of the ECB in the EMU	J. Mendes
24-25/11/2022	Conference (2 days)	European Patent Enforcement and the UPC: Status Quo and Perspectives	M. Stierle
28-29/11/2022	Conference (2 days)	AI Used in the Context of Adjudication: Challenges for Common Criminal Procedure Principles and the Principles of the Rule of Law	K. Ligeti
30/11/2022	Workshop	CRIMTYP Workshop	S. Allegrezza
01/12/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Prevention of harm in mobile telecommunication	A. Donati
01-02/12/2022	Conference (2 days)	Digital Investigative measures - Towards Empirical Legal Assessment?	M. Cole
05/12/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Joint case of the European Court of Justice C-885/19 P and C-898/19 P of 8 November 2021, Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe v Commission	W. Haslehner
06/12/2022	Lunchtime Seminar	Commentary on Case C-569/20 (Spetsializirana prokuratura (Procès d'un accusé en fuite))	H. Hofmann/S. Muñoz
08-09/12/2022	Colloquium (2 days)	Réformer le droit civil: regards croisés Roumanie – France – Luxembourg	E. Poillot and T. Mastrullo
15/12/2022	Seminar	Unshell Directive	W. Haslehner
16/12/2022	Workshop	Modernisation du Code civil	S. Menétrey

APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS AND PRIZES

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Appointments

PROF. LIGETI, HIEZ ET MENÉTREY APPOINTED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON REFORM OF THE CIVIL CODE

In September 2022, Professors Ligeti, Hiez and Menétrey were appointed to the steering committee set up under the Luxembourg Minister of Justice to accompany the process of modernising the civil code.

The steering committee's mission, at the request of the Minister, is to:

- to supervise the Civil Code reform project
- to study the various measures that can be taken to modernise the Civil Code
- to prepare draft legislative and regulatory reform texts, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum and a commentary on the articles;
- to give its opinion on specific questions relating to a subject for which it has been asked to prepare a draft text.

PROF. HAPPOLD APPOINTED TO EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S POOL OF ARBITRATORS

Matthew Happold, Professor in International Public Law at the University of Luxembourg has been appointed to the 'List of Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Arbitrators'. The Commission will draw on this list to make proposals for the appointment of arbitrators in specific cases or for pre-agreed lists (rosters) under the relevant bilateral agreements with third countries.

PROF. RATTI APPOINTED JEAN MONNET CHAIR IN EU LABOUR LAW

Open Sesame! Associate Professor Luca Ratti hopes to open the minds of Bachelor and Master students to the possibility of creating a sustainable European social model with the SESaMe (Towards a Sustainable European Social Model) project. Prof. Ratti has been awarded a prestigious Jean Monnet Chair in EU Labour Law to carry out the three-year project, which began in February 2022.

PROF. RIASSETTO APPOINTED TO THE HAUT COMITE JURIDIQUE DE LA PLACE FINANCIERE DE PARIS

Isabelle Riassetto, Professor in Commercial Law has been appointed as an expert to the Working Group on Investment Funds and the Liquidation of Investment Funds, set up by the Haut Comité Juridique de la Place Financière de Paris (HCJP). Founded at the initiative of the AMF and the Banque de France, the HCJP conducts independent legal analyses and submits them to the public. It is made up of lawyers, academics and other qualified individuals.

PROF. TOSZA APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE EU COMMISSION INNOVATION FRIENDLY REGULATIONS ADVISORY GROUP (IFRAG)

In October 2022, Stanislaw Tosza was appointed to the EU Commission Innovation Friendly Regulations Advisory Group. The expert group will focus on the use of emerging technologies in support of the public sector to improve, optimise and innovate its operations and service provision. It will be asked to work on concrete use cases selected by the Commission. Advice from the group may also support actions and programmes related to public procurement, the digital provision of key public services to citizens and businesses, and experimentation with advanced emerging digital technologies by public authorities in controlled environments (regulatory sandboxes).

Awards & Prizes

FDEF RESEARCH AWARDS



Created in 2019 to motivate and inspire the younger generation of researchers, the Research Awards include two categories: "Best PhD student", which comes with a prize of EUR 3000 and "Best Publication by an Early-Stage Researcher" which is accompanied by a prize of EUR 5000.

In 2022, Antonino Salmeri from the Department of Law was awarded the Best PhD student award. Antonino is a third-year PhD student, who is tackling contemporary international space law issues with his thesis "Enforcement Challenges of Space Mining as Multi-Level Regulatory System". As co-lead of the Space Exploration Project Group at the Space Generation Advisory Council, Antonino is also involved in several outreach projects.

Dr. Afroditi Marketou, Postdoctoral Researcher within the Department of Law, received the prize for her publication, a monograph entitled "Local Meanings of Proportionality" from Cambridge University Press. The book fills a gap in the literature by offering one of the rare empirical studies on the different meanings of proportionality as part of a global constitutional discourse.

PESCATORE PRIZE

On 31 March 2022, Doctoral Graduates Olivier Voordeckers and Simona Demková were officially awarded the 2020 and 2021 Pescatore Prizes, respectively, for the best doctoral thesis by the Doctoral School of Law.

PORTABELLA SCHOLARSHIP

Offered by the Foundation Luis Portabella y Conte Lacoste in order to support University of Luxembourg students in their studies, the 2022 Portabella Scholarship was awarded to Levi Landu, student within the European Banking and Financial Law (LL.M.)

ALLEN & OVERY MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIP

Allen & Overy funds a Mobility Scholarship through les Amis de L'Université, launched in 2021, which allows one outgoing and one incoming Erasmus Plus student within the Bachelor in Law to benefit from both financial support, an internship, and mentoring opportunities. This scholarship promotes values of diversity and inclusion, allowing students to concentrate on their studies without having to worry about financing them while the internship gives students the opportunity to discover a practice area of their choice and put their knowledge acquired during their study in practice for a one-month internship. Two law students, Joana Pereira Cardoso from the University of Luxembourg who studied at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Emily Walsh from the University College Cork in Ireland have been awarded the scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year.

JACQUELINE NOEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Fondation Jacqueline NOEL was created under the aegis of the Fondation de Luxembourg and is dedicated to Jacqueline Noel, a world citizen and fervent European. In 2021, the foundation established a merit-based scholarship to recognise excellence among PhD graduates of the University of Luxembourg. Dr. Teresa Quintel, who successfully defended her PhD thesis "Managing migration by processing personal data within the adequate data protection instrument" at the Doctoral School of Law in 2021 within the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF) is the University's first PhD graduate to be awarded the Jacqueline NOEL scholarship.

The Jacqueline NOEL foundation provided also scholarships for the travel costs of female participants in the CLRIF who came from Africa.

In October 2022, the Fondation Jacqueline NOEL has decided to extend the partnership with the University of Luxembourg. A new three-year agreement has been concluded with the University of Luxembourg to provide a merit-based scholarship "Bourse d'Excellence Jacqueline NOEL" to recently graduated University of Luxembourg students having defended their doctoral thesis in the fields of Economics or International Development.

PIERRE WERNER SCHOLARSHIP



In July 2022, the Fondation Pierre Werner management committee came together to select the scholarship laureates. Their final decision was based on the outcome results of the pre-selection committee from the University of Luxembourg, composed of Prof. Benny Mantin, Prof. Joana Mendes, Prof. Pierre Picard and Prof. Josip Glaurdić. Lisa Urban, from the Doctoral School of Law with the subject "Hacking Techniques in Criminal Investigations – A comparative and European Analysis" has been awarded one of the four 2022 scholarships.

CHARLES CLARK MEMORIAL LECTURE

In 2022, Media Law Professor Mark D. Cole from the University of Luxembourg was selected to give the annual Charles Clark Memorial Lecture, which is the closing event at the London Book Fair. Previous speakers at this event commemorating one of the most influential copyright lawyers of the UK included EU Commissioners, WIPO Director General and leading intellectual property law professors from the US, Australia and the UK.

PARTNERSHIPS

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The University of Luxembourg subscribes to the principle of international student mobility pursuant to the Bologna agreements (1999). The Act of 12 August 2003 on the creation of the University of Luxembourg implements this principle in the following terms: *"Bachelor's degree may be conferred only if a student enrolled in the University has attended, for a required period, another university or any other institution of higher education abroad."*

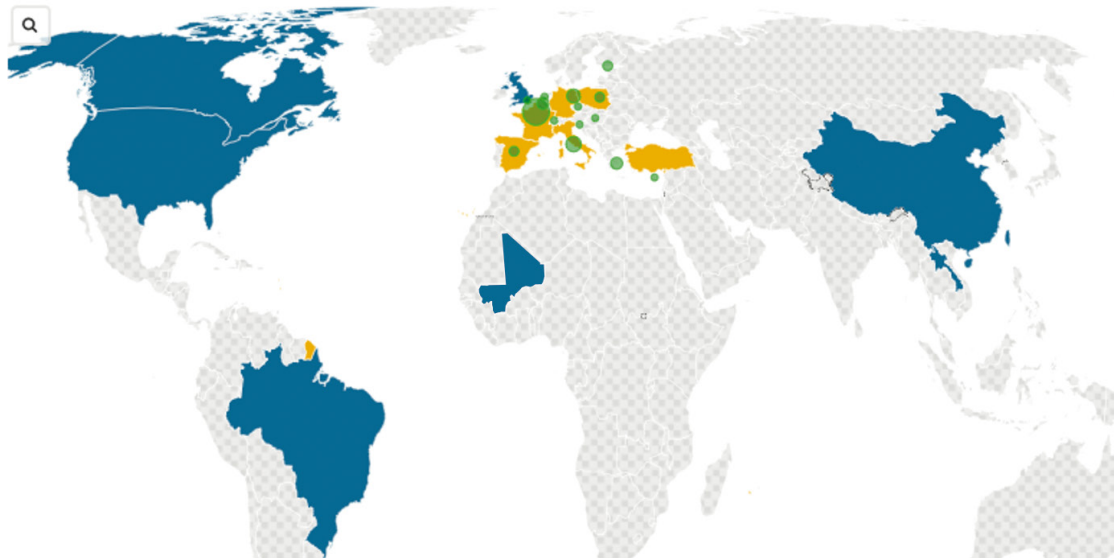
STUDENT AND STAFF MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

The University also supports higher education teaching and administrative staff to take part in professional development activities abroad as well as staff from the world of work to teach and train students or staff at higher education institutions. Staff mobility programmes allow to spend a training period abroad at a partner higher education institution, enterprise or any other relevant workplace in Europe.

As of 31 December 2022, eight academic cooperation and exchange agreements and 26 inter-university partnership agreements are in force in the field of law. Under the ERASMUS programme, the University has concluded exchange partnerships with 38 universities in 29 Member States or European countries. In the academic year 2022/23, a total of 131 students from the Bachelor in Law and the Master in Law were studying abroad for one semester within these agreements.

PARTNERSHIPS BY CATEGORY (2022)

1. Academic cooperation and exchange 2. Inter-university partnership
3. ERASMUS partner universities 5 10



VISITING RESEARCHER PROGRAMME

Since 2021, the Department of Law has developed a visiting researcher programme. Senior researchers (who received their PhD at least five years ago) and researchers (post-doctoral researchers who received their PhD less than 5 years ago) can conduct their research at the Department of Law for a period within six months, with the possibility to exceptionally extend this period to up to one year.

Visiting researchers are very welcome to participate in the life of the Department, attend any academic events and present their research in different fora (lunchtime seminars, seminars, workshops, conferences). Teaching, if requested, cannot be guaranteed but can be discussed on an ad hoc basis, depending on the needs of the teaching programmes.

No funding is provided under the visiting programme. This, however, does not exclude the possibility of external or internal funding under different programmes/projects or under different cooperation agreements between the two institutions.

Cooperation programmes

INTER-UNIVERSITY COOPERATION LUXEMBOURG-BAMAKO

The cooperation activities with the partner universities in Bamako (University of Legal and Political Sciences, and University of Social Sciences and Management) aim to provide concrete and targeted support for the development of advanced teaching and research. These actions broaden and strengthen the initial cooperation undertaken by the University of Luxembourg and complement the fields of Luxembourg cooperation in Mali.

This inter-university project has three components:

1. Support for advanced teaching, training of teachers and research in Law and Economics at the universities of Bamako;
2. Support for the creation of documentation, access to databases and documentation, as well as software for statistics and econometrics, and training for library staff;
3. Strengthening the governance of Bamako's universities.

COOPERATION LUXEMBOURG-LAOS

The University of Luxembourg has been cooperating since 2013 in the field of legal higher education with the National University of Laos, initially by organising academic missions to the Lao Faculty of Law and Political Science in Vientiane. Since 2017, the University of Luxembourg, through its Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance is actively promoting the Rule of law through legal knowledge in the framework of an Inter-University Cooperation Project (2017-2021) signed in 2015 between the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Lao People's Democratic Republic.



This project is a bilateral cooperation funded by the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs. It is an integral part of the Indicative Cooperation Programme between the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

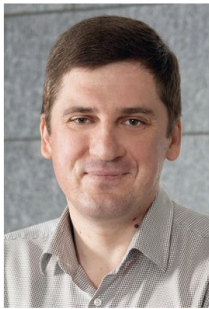
Beginning in 2017 with an initial 4-year agreement, the Project has been extended to 2024 after the successful completion of its first phase. The second phase (2021-2024) is part of the new Luxembourg general cooperation strategy for sustainable development – Road to 2030.

The Inter-University Cooperation Project aims to promote Rule of law and Good governance by focusing on enriching legal knowledge (teaching of law angle) and legal research (research in law angle) in Lao PDR, and ensuring its dissemination (documentation angle), through its support to the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the National University of Laos, who is the leading law faculty in the country.

Reflecting the new strategy of Luxembourg's Development Cooperation of creating multi-actor partnerships, the Project allows to shape concrete synergies between universities and research centres. Our objective is to have a greater impact on improving the quality of legal higher education in Laos. The Inter-University Cooperation provides an autonomous cooperation bringing two academic institutions and follows a step-by-step approach to strengthen the capacity of Laotian law lecturers. With this pragmatic approach, the University of Luxembourg aims at fostering the legal culture and the the respect of fundamental rights in Laos.

FDEF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS - SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

In response to the war in Ukraine and assuming our responsibility for urgent support of Ukraine's academic community, the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF) at the University of Luxembourg (Uni.lu) has established the FDEF Research Fellowships – Solidarity with Ukraine, dedicated to Ukrainian researchers and researchers of other nationalities, who are affected by the invasion of Ukraine and intend to pursue joint research projects in collaboration with a member of the FDEF academic staff. Dans le cadre de ce programme, le Département Droit a accueilli deux chercheurs ukrainiens en 2022: Serhii Kravtsov (Associate Professor of Department of Civil procedure, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Kharkiv) et Olena Sokolova (PhD researcher at the National Law University of Yaroslav Mudryi, Department of Law of the EU, in Kharkiv).



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News to be reported in the 2023 annual report will include:

- Official launch of the National Centre of Excellence in Financial Technologies (NCER-FT) on 29 March 2023: The NCER-FT is an interdisciplinary initiative that focuses on the financial industry's technological challenges and opportunities. Led by researchers from the University of Luxembourg's Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT) and the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF), the NCER-FT implements a singular interdisciplinary research and innovation approach, combining expertise from technology, finance, and law;
- At the end of April 2023, the University of Luxembourg and the Ministry of Justice signed a framework cooperation agreement and two project contracts that will focus on the reform of the prescription legal regime on the one hand, and the reform of the Law of Obligations - Contract Law on the other. The aim is to provide expertise and guidance on the Civil Code reform project, to study the various measures that could be taken to modernise the Civil Code and to prepare draft legislative and regulatory reform texts, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum and a commentary on the articles;
- Prof. Zetzsche presented the case for Financial Inclusion at High-Level Speakers' Panel of the United Nations' Social Commission in New York on 6 February 2023 and was commissioned to author a study for the European Parliament on "Regulatory Challenges after the Market in Crypto Assets Regulation (MiCA) and the revision of the Transfer of Funds Regulation";
- Associate Professor Martin Stierle will start a new project funded by the FNR CORE programme by September 2023 on a project "Building A Green Patent Framework To Foster Sustainable Development" (BUGPAF);
- Prof. Mark Cole joins German "Zukunftsrat" for Public Service Media as one of the "Zukunftsrat" for the future development of public service media tasked with the mission to develop recommendations for the reform of public service broadcasting, its use and acceptance.

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