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THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Welcome to the Department of Law at the University of Luxembourg. We are proud to be the Law Department of one of the world's most international universities in the midst of Luxembourg's economic centre, the European institutions and bodies including the Court of Justice of the European Union.

In 2023, our exceptional community of academics, staff, and students actively developed innovative teaching in the Bachelor and Master programs, clinical and mooted education, and the Doctoral School. The Department hosted a large number of research projects, with output in the form of publications, conferences, and colloquiums. We are delighted about the integration of the University's new Luxembourg Centre of European Law. This integration will lead to many joint activities and opens the door to first-rate research facilities, including an in-house research library.

With the help of various partners, our mission is to develop ideas for developing the legal systems we study. Teaching and research aim to impact society by offering a first-class education for critical and reflective lawyers capable of working in complex societies and defending the rule of law.



For information about the many projects and programs at the University's Department of Law, please look through this report and do not hesitate to contact me or any of my colleagues on topics of interest.

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

Department of Law

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 2023, the Department has 27 professors, as well as 3 invited and honorary professors, 5 research scientists, 11 research & development specialists, 15 postdoctoral researchers and 91 doctoral researchers. The Department welcomed 9 visiting research scientists and postdoctoral researchers. 19 new PhD students joined us whilst during the same period, 21 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. GIULIA RAIMONDO, POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER IN THE DEPARTMENT SINCE AUGUST 2022



Giulia is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Luxembourg. Her research interests lie in public international law, international migration law, and legal philosophy. She is especially interested in the interconnections between international and European human rights and refugee law.

At the Department of Law, Giulia is the convenor of the RESCOM Lecture Series on Migrant Rights at the European Borders, generously sponsored by Luxembourg FNR. She also co-organises the Human Rights Insights seminars and coached Luxembourg's 2023 Jessup moot court team alongside Caroline Lichuma and Stanislav Gubenko. She is currently an invited lecturer at the University of Fribourg, teaching a course on EU law.

Before joining the University of Luxembourg, Giulia completed her PhD in International Law (summa cum laude) at the Geneva Graduate Institute, where she also worked as a teaching and research assistant. Thanks to the SNSF Doc.

Mobility Fellowship, she completed her doctoral research at the University of Oxford. Her doctoral thesis examined the international responsibility of the EU and its member states for potential human rights violations during the implementation of the European integrated border management. It won several awards and will be published as an open-access monograph by Hart Publishing in April 2024. In addition to her PhD, Giulia holds a Master of Laws from McGill University and a law degree from the Catholic University of Milan. Along with her Ph.D. studies, Giulia was a Europaeum Scholar.

Giulia is a member of the International Law Association Committee on International Migration and International Law and regularly consults international organisations and NGOs and questions pertaining to human rights and refugee law. Most recently, she consulted the European Parliament regarding Frontex Status Agreement with Mauritania.

The functioning of the Department is ensured through alternating monthly meetings, partly of all professors ("Jour Fixe"), partly of the Research Area Coordinators and Committee Chairs ("Executive Committee"), 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.

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 cover various elements of European, international and Luxembourg Banking & Financial Law, Criminal Law & Theory, Public Law and Tax Law, Private Law/Droit civil, and Tech, Media and Space Law.

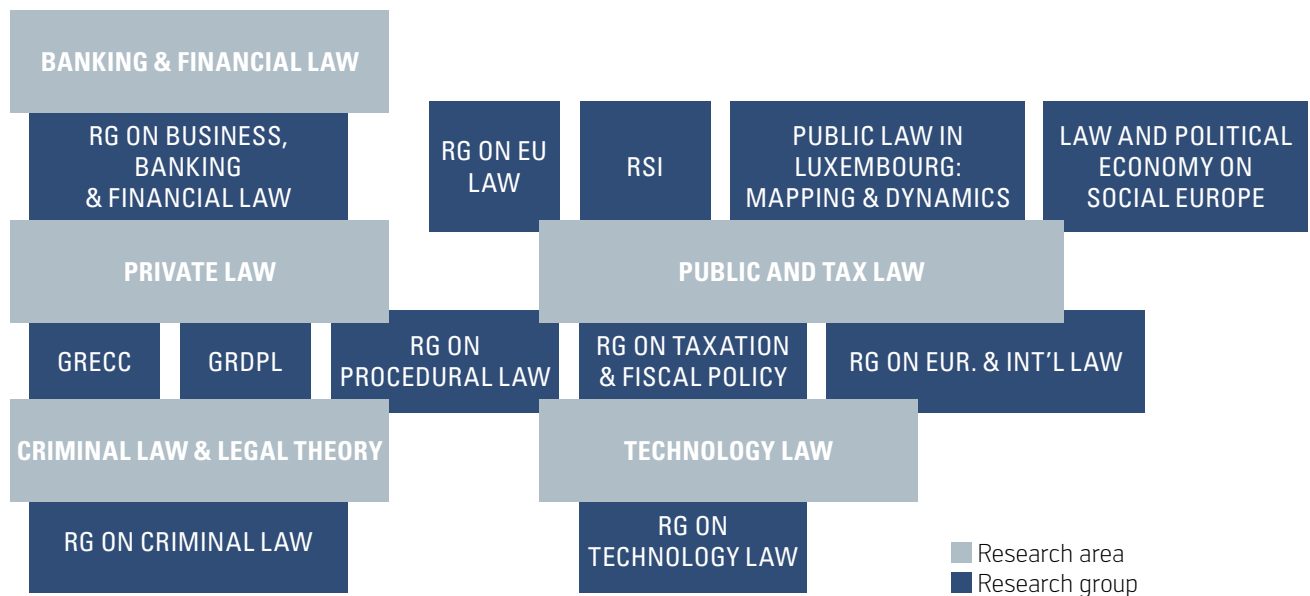


RESEARCH AREAS AND THEIR MEMBERS

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

Established in 2018, the Groupe de réflexion en droit privé luxembourgeois (GRDPL) brings together academics and legal practitioners dedicated to researching Luxembourg's private law. Focusing on civil law in Luxembourg, the GRDPL hosts conferences also in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice (Assises du Code civil) and a committee tasked with modernizing the Civil Code. With over twenty members, the group comprises lawyers committed to advancing legal discourse in Luxembourg.

GROUPE DE RECHERCHE EN ENSEIGNEMENT CLINIQUE ET CONSOMMATION

The Groupe de Recherche en Enseignement Clinique et Consommation (GRECC) focuses on innovative pedagogy, particularly clinical teaching methods, and research in national, European, and comparative consumer law. Based at the University of Luxembourg's Clinique du droit, GRECC conducts interdisciplinary research spanning administrative, civil, and criminal law, as well as psychology, educational science, and digital technologies in consumer law. GRECC coordinates European projects like STARS (<http://www.lawstars.eu/>), resulting in the development of a clinical teaching charter and numerous publications in English, French, Italian, and Portuguese on consumer law.

The GRECC started on 12 December 2023 its new seminar series with the following session: meeting with the Consumer Ombudsman (Speech by Claude Fellens, Consumer Ombudsman).

RESEARCH GROUP ON TAXATION AND FISCAL POLICY

This group aims to address crucial issues in tax law and fiscal policy through innovative research. By leveraging the expertise across departments of law and economics, the group fosters interdisciplinary collaboration to better understand and respond to complex tax policy challenges. With a particular focus on international taxation, the group acknowledges Luxembourg's role as a financial center. Understanding the intricate dynamics of international, constitutional, and European law, alongside economic policies and taxpayer behaviors, is essential for shaping the future of taxation. Comprising law professors and economics professors, along with doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, the group facilitates diverse perspectives to tackle these multidimensional issues.

RESEARCH GROUP ON EUROPEAN UNION LAW

The EU public law group works closely with the interdisciplinary Robert Schuman Initiative for European Affairs. Through research, writing, and teaching, the members of the group explore the complexities of EU law, including its constitutional and regulatory aspects, the interplay between international, EU, and national law, and the tools used across various policy areas such as economics, digital law, and foreign relations. Additionally, the research investigates the structures and powers of government and governance networks involved in policy design and implementation.

A LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY APPROACH ON SOCIAL EUROPE

This research group investigates how the EU influences socio-economic relationships and shapes national legal systems. It examines labor law's role within the EU, questioning whether it merely protects workers in a capitalist economy or extends to a more democratic function. Additionally, it explores how EU economic governance, particularly within the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), impacts labor law at the national level. Furthermore, the group analyzes how the EMU's institutional framework limits the politicization of social issues, hindering the democratization of the economy. By examining the historical and contemporary EU economic governance alongside its socio-economic model, the research aims to understand how the EU's legal framework intersects with political economy.

ROBERT SCHUMAN INITIATIVE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

The Robert Schuman Initiative for European Affairs (RSI), established on April 11, 2016, promotes innovative thinking by addressing pressing societal challenges through research and solution development. With a multidisciplinary approach, it focuses on issues such as economic integration, constitutional evolution, and historical processes within the European Union (EU). RSI supports and provides a framework for research projects led by its members and fellows, encompassing both theoretical and applied research. Through publications, conferences, and roundtables, RSI aims to enhance visibility on EU integration matters and stimulate informed debates for the future of Europe. The team comprises three former Jean Monnet Chairs in Law and Political Science, along with additional professors from History, Law, and Political Science, fostering diverse perspectives and international collaboration.

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, Advocate Generals and other members of the EU institutions and practitioners.

PUBLIC LAW IN LUXEMBOURG: MAPPING & DYNAMICS

This Research Group explores the multifaceted identity of Luxembourg public law through historical analysis, comparative studies, Europeanization impacts, and examination of legal practices. With a focus on structural elements rarely studied systematically, the research aims to be innovative and comprehensive, investigating both past and present developments. Collaboration with practitioners, foreign specialists, and experts from related disciplines enriches the research. The group aims to increase visibility and synergy among its members' work through collective activities like conferences and seminars. Main projects include studies on the History of the State and its judiciary, Luxembourgish constitutional and administrative law, and public agencies in both Luxembourg and foreign legal systems.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW RESEARCH GROUP

The Banking and Financial Law Research Group conducts innovative research in business law, with a focus on banking and financial law. It explores the impact of digitization, climate change, ESG goals, and human rights on business structures. Drawing on expertise from various legal domains, including criminal, tax, commercial, and labor law, the group approaches these topics from European, comparative, and domestic perspectives, particularly in Luxembourg. It fosters collaboration with colleagues from economics and finance departments for collective research projects.

CRIMINAL LAW RESEARCH GROUP

The Criminal Law Research Group at the University of Luxembourg enhances knowledge in criminal law, procedure, and fundamental rights, including areas like financial regulations and administrative penalties. Engaging in European and international debates, it has secured funding for numerous research projects from the European Union and Luxembourg's Fonds National de la Recherche. The group focuses on European criminal justice, economic and financial criminal law, technology's impact on criminal justice, comparative and international criminal justice, and compliance. Research encompasses both substantive and procedural criminal law, adopting an interdisciplinary approach that integrates legal theory, social sciences, economics, and ICT research.

RESEARCH GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY LAW

The Research Group on Technology Law aims to enhance understanding and regulatory approaches to technology-related issues, crucial within Luxembourg's EU and international context. With Luxembourg's prominence in space activities, satellite communications, and innovation-driven businesses, research focuses on legal frameworks for IP, data, and emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence. Emphasizing legal and regulatory dimensions, the group considers policy, economics, and IT research. Research spans international, EU, and national law, examining implementation and application. Led by law professors and an honorary professor, the group includes postdoctoral and doctoral researchers from various units supporting its activities.

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. The HSGM, supported by the Department of Law and the Department of Finance, bundles sustainability research with a special focus on sustainable governance and markets. It covers various aspects including institutional, legal, and economic frameworks, as well as the impact of a changing environment and social effects. Issues considered include climate change, poverty, gender, inequality, exclusion, environmental degradation, migration, and peace.

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FDEF House for
Sustainable Governance
and Markets

Sustainability Economics



Sustainable Finance & Regulation



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

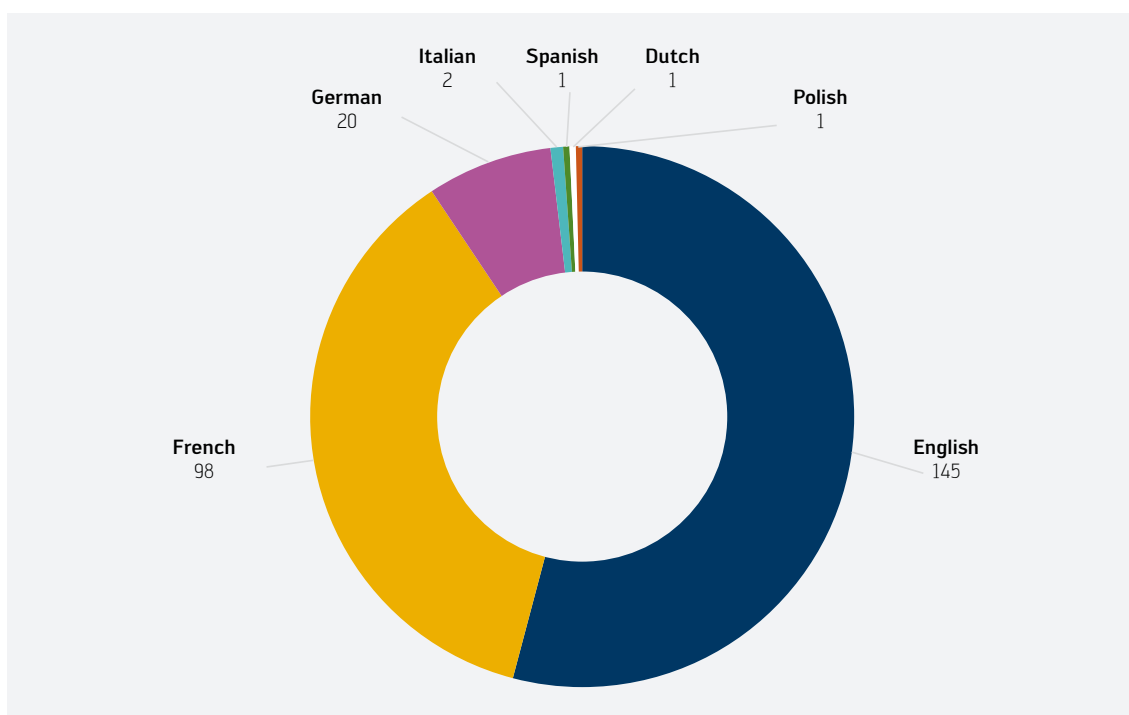
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Impact and scientific output

The total number of publications of the Department of Law registered in 2023 is 270 (OrbiLu data, excl. doctoral thesis). Major categories are monographs, book chapters and papers published in books (44.44 %) and articles and papers published in scientific journals (45.56 %). In addition, 21 doctoral theses were published. English is the first publication language (54.44 %), French the second (36.30 %) and German the third (7.41 %).

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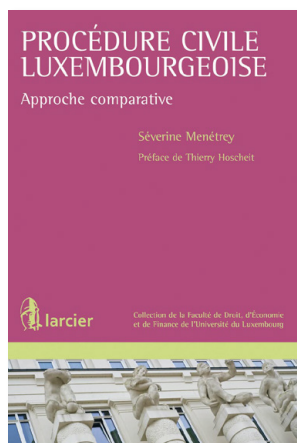
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- **Enforcement in multi-level regulatory systems, REMS (REMS I)**, funding programme: FNR - PRIDE, PI: LIGETI Katalin, from 15-Jul-2016 to 14-Jan-2023
- **Playing Public Policy (P-CUBE)**, funding programme: EU - ERASMUS+, PI: HOFMANN Herwig C.H., from 01-Sep-2020 to 31-Aug-2023
- **Making Transparent Invisible Surveillance: Digital investigatory measures in the European Union and their compatibility with EU data protection law (MATIS)**, funding programme: FNR - INTER - FWO (Weave), PI: COLE Mark D., from 01-Jan-2019 to 31-Dec-2024
- **Law and AI: WaYs to Explore Robust Solutions (LAIWYERS)**, funding programme: UL - IAS-AUDACITY, PI: COLE Mark D., from 01-Feb-2020 to 31-Jan-2025
- **INformation in the EU's Digitalised GOvernance (INDIGO) (INDIGO)**, funding programme: EU - H2020 - NORFACE, PI: HOFMANN Herwig C.H., from 01-Nov-2020 to 15-Jan-2024
- **China's infrastructure development in Europe from a human rights perspective: The cases of Italy and Ukraine (HARMONISE)**, funding programme: UL - IAS-YOUNG ACADEMICS, PI: HAPPOLD Matthew, from 01-Jan-2022 to 31-Dec-2025
- **EU Law Enforcement Network (EULEN)**, funding programme: EU - ERASMUS+, PI: LIGETI Katalin, from 01-Oct-2019 to 25-Sep-2023
- **Les Etablissements publics au Grand-Duché du Luxembourg (ETAPUB)**, funding programme: PRIVATE - PRIVATE, PI: GERKRATH Jörg, from 01-Jun-2020 to 31-May-2023
- **The Governance of Monetary Policy: The EMU's Legitimacy Conundrum (EMULEG)**, funding programme: UL - IAS-AUDACITY, PI: MENDES Joana, from 01-Jun-2021 to 31-Mar-2024
- **Digitalisation Law and Innovation (DILLAN)**, funding programme: FNR - PRIDE, PI: HOFMANN Herwig C.H., from 01-Oct-2020 to 30-Sep-2027
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- **Forgotten Memories of Supranational Adjudication (FOMESA)**, funding programme: FNR - CORE - Junior, PI: ERPELDING Michel, from 01-Sep-2022 to 31-Aug-2025
- **DIGItalisation of defence RIGHTS in criminal proceedings (DigiRights)**, funding programme: EU - JUST, PI: ALLEGREZZA Silvia, from 01-Dec-2022 to 28-Feb-2025
- **Modernising Codes of Criminal Procedure on digital investigative methods: combining the languages of criminal procedural law, data protection law and European human rights law (PROMODE)**, funding programme: FNR - INTER - FWO (Weave), PI: LIGETI Katalin, from 01-Jan-2023 to 31-Dec-2026
- **Building a green patent framework to foster sustainable development (BUGPAF)**, funding programme: FNR - CORE, PI: STIERLE Martin, from 01-Sep-2023 to 31-Aug-2026
- **Gathering electronic evidence for administrative investigations – comparative study of law and practice (ELEVADMIN)**, funding programme: EU - OLAF, PI: TOSZA Stanislaw, from 01-May-2023 to 30-Apr-2025
- **Access to case law data: publicity of court decisions and legal information technology (RESCOM LS)**, funding programme: FNR - RESCOM, PI: MENÉTREY Séverine, from 01-Dec-2022 to 30-Nov-2023
- **Strengthening EU asset recovery and sanction tracing against highly-corrupt regimes and entities (KLEPTOTRACE)**, funding programme: EU - HORIZON, PI: HAPPOLD Matthew, from 01-May-2023 to 30-Apr-2025
- **MACHURA-URBANIAK Anna (AFR)**, funding programme: FNR - AFR_Individual, PI: PRÜM André, from 01-Jan-2020 to 31-Dec-2024
- **Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and the EU Preventive Restructuring Directive 2019/1023: Success or Failure? (SMEPRD)**, funding programme: EU - HORIZON - MSCA, PI: MASTRULLO Thomas, from 01-Sep-2023 to 30-Jun-2025
- **Automated Financial Regulations change Impact Analysis (AFRICA)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: ZETZSCHE Dirk, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Automatization of Investment Fund Set-up and Registration from a Supervisory Perspective (AFS)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: ZETZSCHE Dirk, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Regulating Cryptoassets (CryptoReg)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: ZETZSCHE Dirk, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Incremental compliance checking of financial documents (ICCOFIDO)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: TOSZA Stanislaw, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Data Lake – A Legal Analysis of Datalakes (Legallake)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: ZETZSCHE Dirk, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Program analysis for regulatory compliance assessment of FinTech Software (RegCheck)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: TOSZA Stanislaw, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Robotic Process Automation in Anti-Money Laundering Compliance (RoboComp)**, funding programme: FNR - NCER - FINTECH, PI: TOSZA Stanislaw, from 01-Mar-2023 to 31-Aug-2025
- **Migrant Rights at the European Borders (MIGREUR)**, funding programme: FNR - RESCOM, PI: RAIMONDO Giulia, from 09-Oct-2023 to 30-Jun-2024

FOCUS ON SOME OF THE MAIN EXTERNALLY RESEARCH PROJECTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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 INDIGO is conducted under the direction of Prof. H. Hofmann.



DILLAN

DILLAN brings together researchers from law, artificial intelligence (AI), and computer science to explore regulatory needs in adapting European legal systems to the digital revolution. With seventeen professors supervising PhD candidates and a postdoctoral researcher, the project aims to ensure digitalization enhances efficiency while safeguarding the rule of law, democracy, transparency, and individual rights. Through inter- and intra-disciplinary cooperation, DILLAN will develop innovative approaches to studying the impact and regulation of digital transformations in legal decision-making.

CRIM-AI

Many of us have invited Artificial Intelligence (AI) into our lives without knowing (or caring) how it works: Siri™, Alexa™, DeepI™, 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 to enhance judicial cooperation in recovering illicit assets. While Regulation (EU) 2018-1805 has introduced freezing and confiscation orders, national implementation strategies vary. The project will comprehensively research and analyze these strategies through desk research and practitioner interviews. Findings will be presented in a comparative report, focusing on three main areas. First, national procedures will be cataloged and made accessible through FORCE's digital ecosystem, aiding European practitioners with updated information and practical instructions. Second, research results will be shared through a Virtual Learning Environment hosting an online course and case simulations, supplemented by podcasts for wider dissemination. Third, FORCE will develop a model of cooperation, drafting Common Practical Standards and Recommendations through consultation with practitioners via FORCE Community, seminars, and focus groups.

DIGIRIGHTS

The rapid digitalization spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted criminal justice proceedings, yet often without adequate consideration for maintaining equivalence between offline and online procedural rights. The DigiRights project focuses on digitalizing procedural rights, such as interpretation, translation, access to the case file, legal assistance, and presence at trial. Through national and comparative research across several EU countries, including Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, and Italy, the project aims to propose European guidelines for digital application, ensuring uniform and adequate protection. Specifically, it evaluates the equivalence of digitalized procedural rights compared to traditional recognition, with attention to videoconferencing and artificial intelligence. By targeting national and EU authorities, law, and policymakers, DigiRights seeks to guide interpretations and adaptations of EU criminal law, fostering effective application, mutual trust, and recognition among Member States.

PROMODE

The Digital Era has revolutionized crime and criminal investigations, with law enforcement agencies rapidly adopting digital methods such as online searches, production orders, undercover operations, lawful hacking, and AI-driven analytics to combat cybercrime. However, this shift towards "intelligence-led policing" has not been accompanied by corresponding reforms in criminal investigations and proceedings, leaving digital investigative methods largely unregulated or under-regulated. Despite the harmonization of data protection rules at the EU level through the transposition of the EU 2016 Law Enforcement Directive, criticism has arisen regarding its insufficient engagement with criminal procedural law and its failure to address emerging challenges in law enforcement and surveillance. This project takes a constructive reformist approach, aiming to facilitate dialogue between criminal procedural law, data protection law, and EU human rights law to ensure that digital investigations are both effective and compliant with fundamental rights.

KLEPTOTRACE

The EU has historically been a target for assets misappropriated by global "kleptocrats." The laundering of corruption proceeds in the EU not only undermines economic development and fair competition but also threatens the rule of law, fundamental rights, and democracy within the EU and in third countries. While the EU has implemented measures like asset recovery and sanctions to combat transnational corruption, their effectiveness is hindered by several factors: limited understanding of kleptocrats' evasion tactics, challenges in detecting links between corruption and other crimes, lack of investigative tools and databases, difficulties for banks to identify corruption schemes, and complexities in legal bases and judicial cooperation. These gaps impede the effective tracing and recovery of kleptocrats' assets and sanctioned entities, making long-term sustainability challenging.



ELEVADMIN

As our lives increasingly migrate online, our digital activities leave traces that can be crucial in punitive proceedings. However, regulations surrounding access to electronic evidence in criminal investigations have received more attention than in administrative law enforcement. To address this gap, Associate Professor Stanislaw Tosza is coordinating the ELEVADMIN project. This two-year initiative, funded by the Union Anti-Fraud Programme - Hercule component, will compare the rules and practices of gathering electronic evidence in administrative enforcement across various domains. The project aims to provide policy recommendations for extending OLAF's powers to access electronic evidence from ISPs, filling the gap in administrative punitive enforcement.

NCER

The University of Luxembourg inaugurated 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 Professors Yves le Traon and Gilbert Fridgen from the University of Luxembourg's [Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust \(SnT\)](#) as well as from the [Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance \(FDEF\)](#) Professor Dirk Zetzsche, ADA Chair in Financial Law (inclusive finance) from the Department of Law and Professor Michael Halling, Chair in Sustainable Finance from the Department of Finance, the NCER-FT implements a singular interdisciplinary research and innovation approach, combining expertise from technology, finance, and law. In addition, the FT NCER leadership team comprises Professor Silvia Allegrezza and Dr Julia Sinnig from the Department of Law.

In 2023, in its initial phase which lasts two years, the FT NCER launched 18 ramp-up projects to explore the opportunities of interdisciplinary FinTech research, including artificial intelligence, decentralized finance, automated compliance, and automatization in the investment fund industry. Project leads from the law department include Professors Silvia Allegrezza, Elise Poillot, Martin Stierle, Stanislaw Tosza and Dirk Zetzsche. Further, the FT NCER launched the interdisciplinary FDEF x SnT Lecture series in September 2023, coordinated by Luisa Künzel, PhD student at the Law Department's ADA Chair in Financial Law (inclusive finance), with three interdisciplinary lectures in 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 (9th edition in 2023),
- The annual Inclusive & Sustainable Finance conference (8th edition in 2023) (together with ADA, the European Investment Bank, and the MFEA), and
- Conferences and seminar series on focus topics with Luxembourg and international stakeholders, as well as a quarterly seminar series on sustainable finance together with the Chair in Sustainable Finance and the Luxembourg Sustainable Finance Initiative.

In 2023, ADA Chair staff collectively published more than 50 publications in 2023, with over 15 publications peer reviewed/edited, and presented at more than 50 conferences, workshops and seminars at universities and regulators, including at the United Nations, COP28, ESMA, EBA, the AFI Global Policy Forum, the European Microfinance Week, and various central banks. In 2023, the holder of the ADA Chair was listed at the global top of various metrical rankings that signal impact, for instance SSRN's all-time downloads (top twenty), as well as Google Scholar (1,089 cites in 2023).

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 January 2023, the 7th cohort of the Certificate was held in-person, with 17 participants from 13 countries. The atmosphere was stimulating, signalling major recognition of the programme in sustainable development circles. Further, the ADA Chair contributes actively to the University of Luxembourg's FT NCER.



ATOZ CHAIR FOR EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL TAX LAW (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 Tax Law –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 master 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 master 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 Tax Law at the University of Luxembourg, where he is also full professor and the Course Director for the Master in European and International Taxation programme.

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.

CHAIR IN INVESTMENT FUNDS LAW

Launched in September 2023, the Chair in Investment Funds Law results from a partnership between the University and the Luxembourg law firms Arendt & Medernach and Elvinger Hoss Prussen. The Chair carries out research, teaching and knowledge transfer activities responding to the continual needs of the finance hub. Adapting to a constantly evolving European legal framework for investment funds, whilst addressing new challenges linked to digitalisation and sustainable development.

CHAIRE INTERNATIONALE L'EUROPE SOUVERAINE

The « Chaire Internationale L'Europe Souveraine » (CILES) is a joint research project with the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (Bayonne). It is funded by the regional association of the French Basque Country. The research associated with the Chaire focusses on questions of European sovereignty. At its core, it is about the normative conception of a sovereign Europe (shared or post-national sovereignty, constitutional pluralism), but also about the ability of European law to shape and steer in the face of the challenges of a globalised risk society (climate protection, migration, digitalisation, internal and external security).

The project is located at the interface between law, social and political sciences and demonstrates both the international networking of the department and its expertise in questions of European law.

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.

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).



TEACHING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

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 LUCIA MAORI, A STUDENT AT THE MASTER 1 IN EUROPEAN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

I am currently a European Law M1 student at the University of Luxembourg, aiming to complete the M2 in "Space, Communication and Media Law". I completed my undergraduate studies at Amsterdam University College (Liberal Arts & Sciences) where I majored in Physics with a minor in Law, respectively focussing on Astroparticle Physics and International Law. The Bachelor thesis I wrote about assessing the environmental impacts of mining platinum group metals on Near Earth Asteroids made me particularly aware of the need for new legislation tailored to today's technological development and related risks (environmental, as well as economical and societal) in the fields of space activities and resource utilisation. This confirmed my determination to specialise in Space Law, hence this Master programme.

The University's position in the space domain, particularly with regards to legal research, offers ample opportunities to integrate this sector. This March, for instance, I attended Space Resources Week, an international forum bringing together experts, space agencies, public and private actors. In parallel, a UniLu professor gave me the opportunity to participate (on behalf of the Luxembourg Space Agency) during the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs Expert Meeting, co-hosted by Luxembourg and Belgium. In addition to highly skilled and inspiring professors, the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance is located in the same building as the Luxembourg Center for European Law, thus stimulating vibrant exchanges between scholars and offering a significant body of knowledge students may easily access. The above, combined with the University's proximity to European Institutions and the variety of law courses offered during this M1, create a stimulating learning environment.

THE 1ST YEAR OF THE MASTER

The first year of master 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 master 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 master programme 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 Tax Law.

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 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 Master 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 2023, there were 91 doctoral students. 19 new students started a thesis in 2023, while 21 students defended their thesis.

THESIS DEFENCES

DEFENDANT	THESIS TITLE	SUPERVISOR
Ceci, Jean-Marc	La présence inactive. Droit & littérature: le paradigme du témoignage pour penser le lien	J. Van der Walt
Hubai, Andrii	Quantifying the abuse potentiality in the investor treaty protection regime (ICSID Convention): the investment fund case study	I. Riassetto
Gerardy, Marie Olivia Philippine	The 'Standards Effect': the public instrumentalization of technical standards in EU law	J. Mendes
Santaló Goris, Carlos	The Application of the European Account Preservation Order in Germany, Luxembourg and Spain: A Comparative-Empirical Analysis	B. Hess
Leterre, Gabrielle Céline Giliane	From Standards of International Law for Outer Space Resources Exploitation to Sustainable Mining	M. Hofmann
Lupinu, Pier Mario	Liquidity post resolution in the (European) Banking Union: status quo, comparative analysis and proposals	A. Prüm
Mc Ardle, Arron Lorne	A Principled Judicial-Regulatory Framework Analysis of Approaches to Hate Speech under European, German, Irish and English Human Rights Law	J. Gerkrath
Chiara, Pier Giorgio	Security and Privacy of Resource Constrained Devices	M. Cole
D'Ath, Florence Louise J.	The General Data Protection Regulation: a Multi-functional Framework for the Defence of Data Subjects' Fundamental Rights and Freedoms in the Digital Sphere	J. Gerkrath
Homov, Ella	L'avènement du futur cadre juridique international dédié aux activités d'exploration et d'utilisation des ressources de l'espace extra-atmosphérique	M. Hofmann
Ancora, Antonio	A Dispute Avoidance Mechanism for Transfer Pricing in the EU - State Aid Hallmarks: a review of legal uncertainty in light of State aid risks	A. Pantazatou
Hubkova, Pavlina	Courts and Soft Law: International and EU soft law in the reasoning of national courts	J. Mendes
Dirutigliano, Jacopo	The Right to an Explanation	H. Hofmann
Barresi, Olimpia	New perspectives in AI and sentencing	S. Allegrezza
Mustert, Lisette	Cross-border enforcement of the GDPR by independent administrative authorities	H. Hofmann
Chiapponi, Giovanni	Interfaces between national and EU law: time limits in cross-border civil proceedings and their impact on the free circulation of judgments	B. Hess

Urban, Lisa	Hacking techniques in Criminal Investigations. A Comparative and European Perspective	S. Allegrezza
Hiry Lesch, Jasmin	The Commission's Institutional Role in Initiating Union Acts	H. Hofmann
Blount, Kelly	Applying existing legal frameworks to predictive policing with artificial intelligence: gaps, tensions, and individual harms.	K. Ligeti
Nègre, Damien Loïc Timoléon	L'activité professionnelle en droit européen de la consommation. Etude d'un critère de qualification	E. Poillot
Nalbandian, Bianca	'Sovereign Investors INC.', or Sovereign Wealth Funds in Investment Arbitration and in Award Enforcement Proceedings	H. Ruiz-Fabri

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.



Photo of Participants of the CIF 2023

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 more than 200 professionals from 58 countries (e.g. Armenia, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Czech Republic, 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, Swaziland, 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 programme of legal experiential education covering a wide range of moot competitions at European and international level in various areas of law. The programme provided students with moot-specific skills which are central to the training process of lawyers. Students can develop their research skills, practice complex-case analysis, legal writing, oral 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.



FOCUS ON MR ZHONGYU (RICHARD) WANG, MEMBER OF THE JESSUP MOOT COURT TEAM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG IN 2022-2023

"Mooting in Uni.lu is one of the most unforgettable experiences I have ever had in my legal studies. Department of Law and our esteemed partner Clifford Chance Luxembourg have provided abundant support from both academic and economic perspectives, making the preparation of the moot courts more robust and sufficient. Also, the highly international environment in Luxembourg has also made the cooperation of team members from diverse social and cultural backgrounds possible. Mooting in an "international" team has taught me many important things out of the mooting itself.

Beyond all of these, it is fun to present your legal analysis of a certain case in front of senior fellows interested in the same field after a long and "painful" preparation. Most importantly, mooting will let you find your true interest in the career path as a law student. To research, to advocate, to work as a team under pressure, what you have "suffered" are all accurate reflections of your future legal careers."

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

The 2022–2023 academic year saw a return to normalcy for moot court competitions worldwide after the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. University of Luxembourg's teams participated in person, fostering personal connections and networking opportunities with other universities.

The Uni.lu's teams included 17 master students from diverse law programs, backed by 8 coaches, including doctoral and post-doctoral researchers. Tailored sessions for each moot competition covered relevant legal areas, complemented by general workshops, soft skills training, and specialized sessions through collaboration with Clifford Chance, involving 9 coaches.

CONCOURS EUROPEEN DES DROITS DE L'HOMME RENE CASSIN

The 2023 edition focused on the rule of law and elections. Uni.lu's team, consisting of three mooters, progressed through the written rounds and qualified for the oral phase, competing against 38 selected university teams. However, they couldn't participate in the Semi-finals and Final at the Council of Europe due to unavoidable circumstances.

EUROPEAN LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

During the initial phase until November 2022, Uni.lu's ELMC team, consisting of four mooters, prepared written pleadings on EU restrictive measures, the Environmental Liability Directive, and EU citizenship. Following this, a team of three master students, coached by a doctoral researcher, advanced to the ELMC Regional Final in Barcelona, Spain, held from March 9 to 11, 2023. Competing against 11 top teams out of 80, they delivered outstanding oral submissions, achieving impressive results at the Regional Final.

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN TAX MOOT COURT COMPETITION

This year, Uni.lu's Tax Moot Court team, comprised of four master students, tackled the taxation of remote work in a digitalized market. They navigated through national and international tax law, including OECD guidelines, representing both the company's tax authorities and its directors. The team participated in the competition at KU Leuven, Belgium, from March 26 to 31, coached by a doctoral researcher. Despite tough competition, they excelled, earning the Best Applicant Memorandum Prize for students Melissa Schmitz and Katerina Dimitrova. Uni.lu continues to stand out in tax law competitions with this achievement.

MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Uni.lu's Space Law Moot Court team, consisting of two master students, participated in the European Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (MLMC) at the University of Jaén, Spain. Organized by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and coordinated by the European Centre of Space Law (ECSL), the team addressed the case of *Argyiam v. Koligian*, involving space-related disputes. They showcased exceptional growth and development, guided by a doctoral researcher and a M2 student assistant. Through interactions with professionals and peers from diverse European countries, they expanded their network and established valuable connections for the future.

PHILIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

In the 2023 Jessup competition, Uni.lu's team, coached by doctoral researchers, tackled complex issues including peace treaty interpretation and hazardous waste disposal before a simulated International Court of Justice. With four master students, they competed in both European and International Rounds. They placed 8th out of 15 teams in the European Rounds at the University of Geneva, with Zhongyu Wang winning 7th Best Oralist. Subsequently, in Washington D.C., they participated in the White & Case International Rounds, engaging with over 130 teams and attending networking events. The experience provided valuable skills in written and oral advocacy, enriching their future careers.

PARTNERSHIP

The University entered into a new sponsorship agreement with our main Moot Court sponsor, Clifford Chance. This allows the teams to continue to travel and represent Luxembourg and is an immense source of support for which we are grateful.



Clinical Legal Education

The University of Luxembourg's Consumer Law Clinic, a pioneering initiative in Europe, provides hands-on legal training to second-year master's students, focusing on consumer law. Through innovative pedagogical activities, students engage in real-life legal consultations and receive guidance from professors, psychologists, and practicing lawyers.

USERS CLINIC

The program consists of two main components: intensive training sessions and clinical consultations. Intensive training involves role-playing seminars, case studies, and mock interviews with consumers, preparing students for real-world legal challenges. Clinical consultations allow students to address legal queries from consumers, offering practical legal advice under supervision. The clinic's activities have gained attention, leading to increased case referrals and positive media coverage. Additionally, the clinic conducts outreach programs to educate the public on consumer law issues, such as online purchases. Through collaborative efforts, students develop essential legal skills and contribute to the community's legal awareness.

Ten students from different law master's programme joined the clinic during the academic year 2022-2023 and 33 cases were referred to the clinic. The clinic was also subject of an article in the RTL newspaper.



CLINICITY

The Clinic's street law program engages with consumers to promote awareness of consumer law and legal research. In the academic year 2022-2023, the focus was on online purchases. Students provided guidance on navigating websites, identifying risks, and understanding e-consumer rights. They collaborated in small groups to analyze issues, develop practical solutions, and create accessible presentations for the public. Their efforts culminated in a successful presentation to University of Luxembourg staff during a Lunch Talk event in May.

PARTNERSHIPS

The clinic has formed partnerships with various institutions including the Faculty of Law in Rijeka, Croatia, where students acted as mock consumers to help clinicians practice English interviews. Additionally, partnerships have been established with the University of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi, University of Tangier, and University of Laos. The clinic is also involved in international networks such as ENCLE and Réseau francophone des cliniques juridiques, promoting clinical legal education. Furthermore, it participates in the STARS project funded by Erasmus + grant, aiming to enhance clinical legal teaching across Europe, in collaboration with several universities including Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci, Universitatea Româno-Americană, Università degli studi di Brescia, and Università Roma Tre.

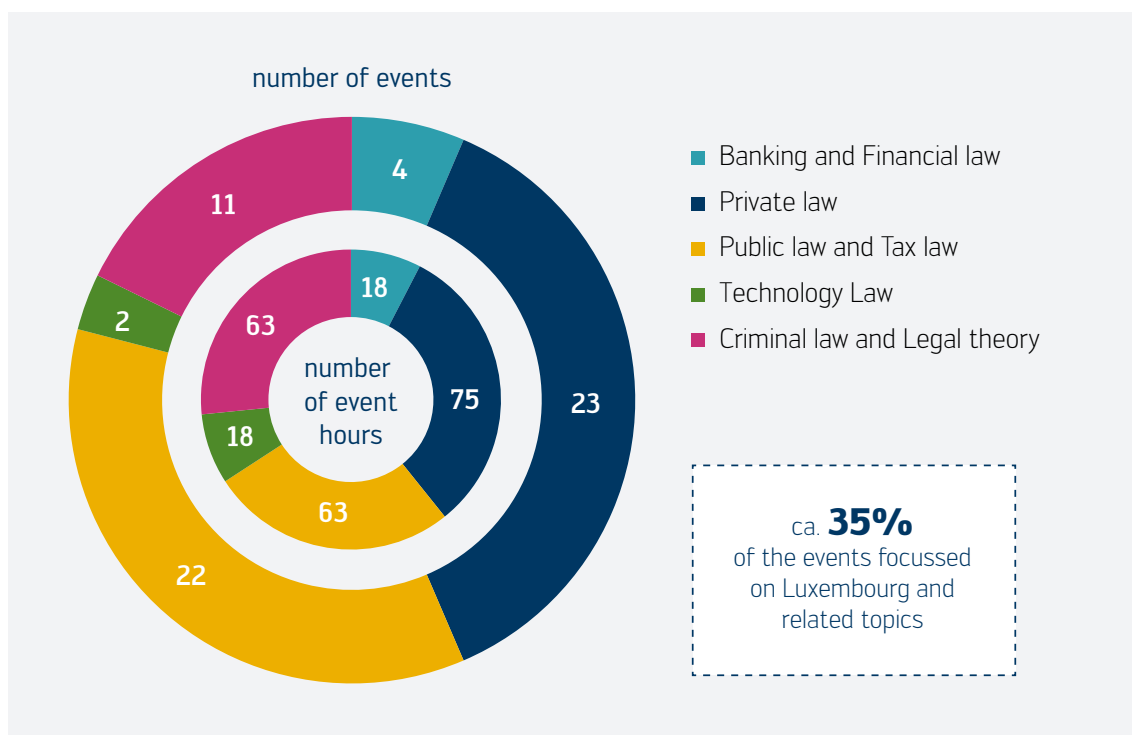
EVENTS

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

In 2023, the Department of Law and its members organized over 60 events (colloquia, seminar, lecture series) representing 237 hours of debates/exchanges, and bringing together over 2200 people (academics, legal researchers, practitioners, judges, senior officials, students).

EVENTS BY RESEARCH AREA (%)



DATE	TYPE OF EVENT	TITLE OF EVENT	INTERNAL ORGANISER
18/01/2023	Lecture with Q&A	Promoting Inclusion and Green Finance: A task for the Regulator	Dirk Zetzsche
07/02/2023	Conference	Système de l'obligation naturelle	Séverine Menetrey,
David Hiez	Lunchtime Seminar	Can investor-state arbitration challenge the EU's climate policy?	A. Donati
11/01/2023, 18/01/2023, 25/01/2023, 14/02/2023.	Seminar	Constitutional Essentials Seminars, 1. Political Philosophy, 2. Liberal Legal Theory and Constitutionalism, 3. Constitutional Law and Adjudication	Johan Van der Walt
08/02/2023	Conference	Constitutional law and the Organization of Empires	Johan Van der Walt
09/02/2023	Book Launch Seminar	ECB - from a central bank of stability to a central bank of crisis?	Klaus Tuori,
13/02/2023	Seminar	Gathering electronic evidence: a European solution for limitations of national criminal procedures.	Stanislaw Tosza
01/03/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	"Questioning the "smartness" of smart governments: a call for intelligent, but not all-knowing, governments"	Herwig Hofmann
06/03/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	Share lending agreements and the Luxembourg participation exemption regime	Werner Haslehner
16/03/2023	Meeting	Study on Markets in Crypto Assets Regulation	Dirk Zetzsche
28/03/2023	Lecture Series	L'accès aux décisions de justice à l'épreuve de nouvelles techno-logies au Luxembourg et ailleurs (Lecture n°1)	Séverine Menetrey
29/03/2023	Lecture	What is political about constitutional review?	Johan Van der Walt
17/04/2023	Lecture Series	L'accès aux décisions de justice à l'épreuve de nouvelles techno-logies au Luxembourg et ailleurs (Lecture n°2)	Séverine Menetrey
20-21/04/2023	Conference	La recevabilité des moyens de cassation en matière civile	Séverine Menetrey
21/04/2023	Roundtable	La Charte des droits fondamentaux dans les conclusions des Avocats généraux	Eleftheria Neframi
24/04/2023	Lecture	Do International Investment Agreements Protect Against Un-shell Directive & EU Windfall Taxes on Fossil Fuel Companies?	Werner Haslehner
25/04/2023	Lecture Series	L'accès aux décisions de justice à l'épreuve de nouvelles techno-logies au Luxembourg et ailleurs (Lecture n°3)	Séverine Menetrey
05/05/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	ECJ clarifies the scope of the legal professional privilege	Werner Haslehner
11/05/2023	Lecture Series	L'accès aux décisions de justice à l'épreuve de nouvelles techno-logies au Luxembourg et ailleurs (Lecture n°4)	Séverine Menetrey
12/05/2023	Conference	La nouvelle Constitution et l'administré	Joana Mendes
16-17/05/2023	Seminar	Droit et décroissance: Poursuivre l'exploration des possibles juridiques	David Hiez
23/05/2023	Conference	La réforme du droit des contrats: quels enseignements tirer de la réforme belge pour le Luxembourg?	David Hiez



24/05/2023	Conference	Réunion du CT prescription	David Hiez
25-26/05/2023	Conference	EU/US Conference on Clinical Legal Education	Elise Poillot
31/05-01/06/2023	Workshop Series	Political Reflexivity and Collective Self-Representation in Dis-rupted Societies	Johan Van der Walt
05-06/06/2023	Conference	EPPO the Way Forward: New Potentials and Challenges	Katalin Ligeti
05-06/06/2023	Workshop	Free Speech Discussion Forum	Mark Cole
08-10/06/2023	Conference	EATLP Congress 2023	Werner Haslehner,
Aikaterini Pantazatou	Seminar	Propositions de réformes en matière de droit des sûretés	D. Hiez
12/06/2023	Workshop	CRIM/AI Project Meeting	Katalin Ligeti
13/06/2023	Conference	L'agencement du droit commun et des normes dérogatoires – Le cas du droit privé financier	Patrick Kinsch
19/06/2023	Lecture Series	L'accès aux décisions de justice à l'épreuve de nouvelles techno-logies au Luxembourg et ailleurs (Lecture n°5)	Séverine Menetrey
20/06/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	First Meeting ETAPUB Comparative Law Project	Jörg Gerkrath
28/06/2023	Table ronde	Réunion du CT prescription	David Hiez
28/06/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	Les règles générales de droit international privé au premier quart du XXI	Elise Poillot,
30/06/2023	Lecture	L'autonomie communale et nouvelle tutelle étatique	Joana Mendes
03/07/2023	Workshop	Gathering electronic evidence for administrative investigations - comparative study of law and practice	Stanislaw Tosza
04-05/07/2023	Conference	Private actors as judges and enforcers in the technology-driven world	Stanislaw Tosza
14-15/09/2023	Conference	The future of European public law under the influence of auto-mated decision-making INDIGO Final Conference	Herwig Hofmann
21-22/09/2023	Conference	Forensic DNA Phenotyping: The Ethics of Forensic Genetics, Effective Social and Legal Oversight, and Technical Advance-ments	Silvia Allegrezza
22/09/2023	Lecture	Les autorités administratives indépendantes en discussion: régulation, indépendance, responsabilité	Joana Mendes
26/09/2023	Conference	Faut-il réformer le code de commerce ?	Isabelle Riassetto
04/10/2023	Conference	9 th Fintech Conference	Dirk Zetzsche
04/10/2023	Symposium	Democracy at Work: Contract, Status and Post-Industrial Jus-tice	Joana Mendes

Luca Ratti	Lunchtime Seminar	A new perspective on the protection of whistle-blowers under ECHR: Halet v Luxembourg	A. Pantazatou
05/10/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	Harmonisation of the Rules on Third State Defendants in EU Courts	Suzana Muñoz
Herwig Hofmann	Seminar	Aperçu des conséquences de la digitalisation des contrats en droit civil	D. Hiez
09/10/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	Lunchtime Seminar Series on EU and Luxembourg Tax Law Juris-prudence	Aikaterini Pantazatou
11/10/2023	Lecture Series	Lecture n° 6: Instruments de diffusion et de recherche des décisions de justice des juridictions européennes (CJUE/CEDH)	Séverine Menetrey
17/10/2023	Conference	Les droits et libertés dans la Constitution révisée du GDL. Y a-t-il des droits humains qui relèvent du domaine du droit privé?	Jörg Gerkrath,
Patrick Kinsch	Lecture	The Japanese Legal & Policy Framework for Space Launches	M. Hofmann
25/10/2023	Workshop	12th International SES Workshop. Secure Communications Via Satellite: Regulation and Technology	Mahulena Hofmann
10/11/2023	Lecture	Quel recours administratif pour l'avenir?	Joana Mendes
13/11/2023	Lecture Series	Lecture n° 7: "Access to judicial decisions, e-justice and the Crea2 project"	Séverine Menetrey
14/11/2023	Conference	Protection des majeurs au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg: droit positif et grandes lignes de la réforme (tant) attendue	David Hiez
16/11/2023	Lecture Series	European Borders and the New Pact: Externalisation Impetus, Governance, and Solidarity	Giulia Raimondo
16/11/2023	Conference	« Glyphosate: Présentation et analyse des dernières décisions luxembourgeoises sous le prisme du droit luxembourgeois et du droit européen de l'environnement »	Joana Mendes
21/11/2023	Lecture	Enjeux de la modernisation du code civil pour le Grand-Duché	David Hiez
23/11/2023	Conference	8 th Inclusive and Sustainable Finance Research Conference	Dirk Zetzsche
29/11/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	'Managed openness'? Transparency and communication at the CJEU	Johan Van der Walt
05/12/2023	Lecture Series	Lecture n° 8: Effets théoriques et pratiques de l'open data des décisions de justice en France	Séverine Menetrey
05/12/2023	Conference	La réforme de la loi de 1928 sur les ASBL: quels changements?	David Hiez
11/12/2023	Seminar	Solidarity between the Member States of the EU. A principle of (re)distribution	Eleftheria Neframi
12/12/2023	Lecture Series	Frontex Officers in Third Countries: Monitors, Bystanders or Complicit?	Giulia Raimondo
14/12/2023	Lecture Series	Lecture n° 9: JusticeBot and Generative AI: Enhancing Access to Legal Information and Judicial Decisions	Séverine Menetrey
14/12/2023	Présentation	Que savons-nous sur le contrôle fiscal au Luxembourg?	Julia Sinnig
14/12/2023	Lunchtime Seminar	Lunchtime seminar 'Judgment of the Tribunal Administratif of 29 September 2023, no. 46470'	Aikaterini Pantazatou

AWARDS AND PRIZES

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FDEF RESEARCH AWARDS

On 16 April 2024, the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF) gathered for the fifth FDEF Research Awards, an occasion celebrating the remarkable achievements of researchers across Faculty's three departments. The Research Awards include two categories: "Best Doctoral Candidate", which comes with a prize of EUR 3000 and "Best Publication by Early-Stage Researcher" which is accompanied by a prize of EUR 5000.

In 2023, Francesca Finelli from the Department of Law was awarded the Best PhD student award. She published the article *Countering circumvention of restrictive measures: The EU response in the Common Market Law Review*. The Research Committee was impressed that she could already achieve a publication in the Common Market Law Review at this early stage of her career.

Dr. Mathilde Calcio-Gaudino, Research Scientist within the Department of Law, received the prize for her piece

"Les angles morts de la réforme de la prescription extinctive en droit français" in the *Annales du Droit Luxembourgeois*. This piece is a very extensive study of a situation under French law that is aimed to provide a backdrop for reform ideas in Luxembourg. In addition to the awards, the Research Committee also recognised "Research Excellence in 2023". This year, Prof. Séverine Menétrey and Prof. Luca Ratti were awarded this recognition of outstanding research achievements.



PESCATORE PRIZE

The "Pierre Pescatore Prize" is awarded annually by the Doctoral School of Law for the best doctoral thesis. In 2023, it was awarded to Dr. Nicole Citeroni for her thesis "Systemic Economic Offences as a New Paradigm of International Crimes - Towards an Evolution or Revolution of International Criminal Law?".

PRIX DE LA FONDATION DU MERITE EUROPEEN

Every year, the Fondation du Mérite européen awards the student with the best master thesis on the topic of European Law. The Fondation is a Luxembourg non-profit association whose object is to recognise the achievements of individuals, or occasionally organisations, for their outstanding contribution to the advancement of the European ideal or for particular achievements of a transnational nature, over and above their strict professional achievements. In 2023, the award was given to Ioanna Bagia for her master thesis "The Rights and Responsibilities of Domestic Violence Perpetrators: A Fundamental Rights Perspective".

PRIX DU BARREAU DE LUXEMBOURG

The Barreau de Luxembourg sponsors two awards, bestowed upon the Bachelor and the Master in Law student with the highest-grade point average. The Prix du Barreau de Luxembourg was awarded in 2023 to Thierry Hirsch (Bachelor level) and to Nicole Mundhenke (Master level).

AZIZI AWARD

The Prix Joseph Azizi, presented by Josef Azizi, former judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union, is awarded each year to the best student of the European Union law and Litigation Master. In 2023, it has been awarded to Nicole Mundhenke.

PORTABELLA EXCELLENCE MOBILITY AWARD

The Portabella Excellence Mobility Award, offered by the Foundation Luis Portabella y Conte Lacoste to honour the best Bachelor students from each of the University of Luxembourg's three faculties, was awarded to Valérie Rücker.

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.

For the academic year 2022-2023, the scholarship for outgoing Erasmus Plus students has been awarded to Carla Invernizzi from the University of Luxembourg who studied at the Università degli Studi di Firenze. The scholarship for incoming Erasmus Plus students was awarded in the same academic year to Klaudia Jaczweska from the Uniwersytet Warszawski.

ATOZ SCHOLARSHIP

The ATOZ Foundation was set up under the aegis of the Fondation de Luxembourg to support educational projects, as it believes that education is the key to personal accomplishment, and that research and development are essential for personal and societal progress. The Foundation is equally keen to support projects promoting social cohesion. In 2023, the ATOZ scholarship has been awarded to Angel Berrios, student in the Master in European and International Taxation.

FERRERO FELLOWSHIP

The Ferrero Fellowship is a talent support programme founded in 2017 as part of a partnership between the Ferrero HQ in Luxembourg and the University of Luxembourg. The Fellowship consists of a stipend and the opportunity to carry out an internship at the company. Ferrero has awarded the fellowship in 2023 to Diletta Blangero, student at the Master in Banking and Finance Law at the University of Luxembourg.

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. Since 2021, the foundation awards a merit-based scholarship to recognise excellence among PhD graduates of the University of Luxembourg. Dr. Chrysa Alexandraki was awarded the Jacqueline NOEL Scholarship in 2022 for the successful defence of her doctoral thesis on "Climate Finance law through the Lens of Transparency & Accountability". In 2023, the award was received by Dr Nicole Citeroni for the successful defence of her doctoral thesis entitled "Systemic Economic Offences as a New Paradigm of International Crimes - Towards an Evolution or Revolution of International Criminal Law?"



The Jacqueline NOEL foundation provided also scholarships for the travel costs of eight female participants who came from Africa to participate in the Certificate in Law and Regulation of Inclusive Finance.

LINKLATERS MAKING LINKS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Linklaters Luxembourg and the University of Luxembourg have partnered to launch the Linklaters Making Links Programme in Luxembourg, recognising and supporting outstanding students pursuing a Bachelor of Law degree in the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF). The Making Links Programme, which is also being implemented in Amsterdam, Brussels, Lisbon, Milan, Paris and Stockholm is specifically designed to help talented university students from underrepresented groups succeed in their early careers by supporting the development of technical and professional skills whilst building strong commercial fluency and a global outlook. Every year, two students who are in their third year of the Bachelor in Law will be selected for this scholarship. In 2023, the scholarship was awarded to Donya Sekhri-Zeggar and Charlene Houle.

PIERRE WERNER SCHOLARSHIP

Inspired by the ideals of Pierre Werner, the University of Luxembourg and the Fondation Pierre Werner together established a scholarship awarded to outstanding applicants from European countries (except Luxembourg) pursuing a full-time postgraduate degree in political science, law, finance or economics at the University of Luxembourg. The stipend is awarded annually and can be divided between up to four successful candidates based on the decision of the selection committee. In 2023, two of the four laureates were from the Doctoral School in Law: Laura Aade with the subject "The interplay between the private governance of social media platforms and the restrictions imposed by European consumer protection" and Anna Machura-Urbaniak with the subject "Misconduct in banking and finance industry: Implications of behavioral science research for the EU law".



THE GRAND CHALLENGE

Our former PhD student Pier Giorgio Chiara and his team 'LegalAlzers' won the 1st University of St. Gallen Grand Challenge on the EU AI Act.

The Grand Challenge seeks to clarify how to implement the EU AI Act on concrete AI technology by way of a scientific competition. The organizers selected 12 teams from 30 team applications based on their expertise and commitment, the credibility of their pitch, and their diversity in terms of gender, age, and general background. The selected teams then competed by assessing a series of AI applications from the industry upon compliance with the proposed AI Act as it stands in mid-2023. Based on the experience from the Grand Challenge, the organizers will inter alia prepare policy recommendations.

In the Grand Challenge Final in July 2023, the jury chose two teams as co-winners: Pier Giorgio's team 'LegalAlzers' succeeded alongside 'Conformity Mavericks'. The further team members of 'LegalAlzers' are: Dirk Brand (team leader, Stellenbosch University, South Africa), Emmie Hine (University of Bologna, Italy), Kholofelo Kugler (University of Lucerne, Switzerland), Parisa Osivand (University of Toronto, Canada), and Yasaman Yousefi (University of Bologna, Italy and University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg).

PARTNERSHIPS

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

At the University of Luxembourg a Bachelor's degree may be conferred only if a student enrolled in the University has spent a semester abroad.

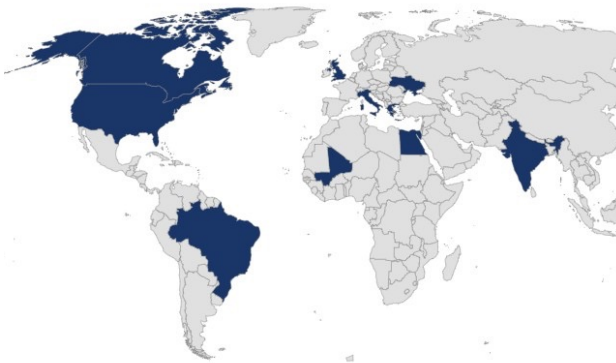
STUDENT AND STAFF MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

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 2023, 28 international academic partnerships are in force in the field of law.

Under the ERASMUS programme, the University has concluded exchange partnerships with 63 universities in 20 countries. In the academic year 2022/23, a total of 114 students from the Bachelor in Law and the Master in Law were studying abroad for one semester within these agreements.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS



DISTRIBUTION OF ERASMUS MOBILITIES



VISITING RESEARCHER PROGRAMME

The Department of Law has a long standing 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.

During the year 2023 the Department of Law hosted as visiting researchers:

- **CINNIRELLA Claudia**, University of Catania (Italy)
- **COMAN-KUND Florin**, Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands)
- **CORRARO Davide**, University of Milan (Italy)
- **ESSER Joyce**, Leiden University (Belgium)
- **KRAVTSOV Serhii**, National Law University of Yaroslav Mudriy, Kharkiv (Ukraine)
- **LAURI Cristiana**, University of Macerata – European University Institute (Italy)
- **MINKKINEN Panu**, University of Helsinki (Finland)
- **SOKOLOVA Olena**, National Law University of Yaroslav Mudriy, Kharkiv (Ukraine)
- **VON CRIEGERN Johanna-Marie**, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany)

COOPÉRATION LUXEMBOURG-LAOS

Since 2013, the University of Luxembourg has been cooperating 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, we are 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.

ANNEX

ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

LIST OF PROFESSORS (AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023)

- **Silvia Allegrezza**, Associate Professor of Criminal Law
- **Stefan Braum**, Full Professor in Criminal Law
- **Mark D. 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 Haslehner**, Full Professor in European and International Tax Law
- **Luc Heuschling**, Full Professor in Administrative and Constitutional Law
- **David Hiez**, Full Professor of Civil Law
- **Herwig C. H. 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
- **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

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