

Working Group

Private Law Working Group

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ABSTRACT

The Private Law Working Group has been established with the aim of providing a forum for researchers willing to present and discuss their work. It attempts to facilitate an open discussion about the recent developments in private law, with particular emphasis on European private law. For the purposes of the working group, private law is understood in a broad sense including property, contract and tort law, consumer protection law, unfair commercial practices, intellectual property law and commercial law, private law international law, as well as general theory of private law and the relationship between private law and regulated markets. The hope is that the discussions of the working group will contribute to a greater understanding of private law and its role in the contemporary society.

In order to meet this goal, the working group will organise the series of presentations by both PhD researchers and established academics, guests lectures and workshops.

If you are interested in private law and/or you would like to present your research in the framework of the Private Law Working Group, do get in touch at europriatelaw@eui.eu

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PAST EVENTS

Academic Year 2020-2021

- 11 May 2021: [Contract Law for the many? Adjudicating as if contract matters in EU consumer law](#)
- 29 March 2021: [Policy reasons and the private law character of English tort law](#)
- 19 February 2021: [Preferences of Choice of Law in International Business Transactions](#)
- 09 December 2020: [Justice for Contracts](#)
- 23 November 2020: [Is “more” better? Broadening the right to sue in competition damages claims in both sides of the Atlantic](#)

Academic Year 2014-2015

- 1 December 2014: ADR as a new layer of conflict resolution. Prof. Ruhl (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena)
- 23 February 2015: Class Actions in the US. Prof. Klonoff (Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon)

Academic Year 2013-2014

- 30 September 2014: Contract Law and Regulation. Prof. Giuseppe Bellantuono (University of Trento)
- 26 May 2014: Is It an Unfair Commercial Practice to mislead vulnerable consumers? Prof. Jan Trzaskowski (Copenhagen Business School)
- 9 April 2014: The Hidden Costs of Free Goods: Implications for Antitrust Enforcement. Prof. Michal S. Gal (Haifa University, Israel)
- 17 March 2014: The tyranny of purpose: what happens when huge powers are ruled by tiny ideas. A critique of the impact of the Internal Market law. Prof. Gareth Davies (UV, Amsterdam University)
- 9 December 2013: EU Constitutional limits to EU Financial Supervisory Authorities. Heikki Marjosola (University of Helsinki)

- 20 November 2013: The Blessing or the Agony of Choice? Global trade necessitates globalization of law; does this also apply to contract law? Prof. Ingeborg Schwenzer (University of Basel)
 - 17 October 2013: The institutional design of competition agencies: the Dutch case of the Authority Consumers & Markets, ACM, by Prof. Annetje Ottow (Utrecht University)
 - 17 October 2013: Contract Governance in the EU: conceptualising the Relationship between Investor Protection Regulation and Private, by Prof. Olha Cherednychenko (University of Groningen)
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Academic Year 2012-2013

- **27 May 2013:** The Remedy of Damages in Public Procurement in Israel and in the EU: A proposal for reform? by Prof. Arie Reich (Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law & Institutions, Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University)
 - **8 May 2013:** EU passenger, patient, viewer and caller - or EU Citizen, by Frank Benyon (Senior Fellow, Department of Law, EUI) and Roberto Cisotta (LUMSA University)
 - **18 April 2013:** Legal Reform in Countries of Transition - the Experience of the Western Balkans, by Dr. Thomas Meyer (Sector Fund Manager, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ))
 - **20 March 2013:** European Private Law seen from the bottom of legal practice, by Prof. Carla Sieburgh (Radboud University Nijmegen)
 - **14 February 2013:** A European Property Law? A discussion on possible principles and models, by Prof. Kare Lilleholt (University of Oslo)
 - **4 February 2013:** General Principles of EU Law: Who needs them?, by Prof. Takis Tridimas (Queen Mary University of London)
 - **30 January 2013:** Discussing European Financial Markets, by Prof. André Prüm (University of Luxembourg)
 - **21 January 2013:** The impact of the economic crisis over the indebtedness of Icelandic consumers, by Prof. María Elvira Mendez Pinedo (University of Iceland)
 - **30 October 2012:** Principles and Structure of Post-Modern Civil Liability Law, by Prof. Gert Brüggemeier (University of Bremen)
 - **12 October 2012:** The ECJ Case Law on Communication to the Public Right: Towards a new interpretation of the Copyright, by Dr. Luis Anguita (Complutense University)
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Academic Year 2010-2011

- **1 June 2011:** Enforcing (unilateral) promises: A historical inquiry and a theoretical framework, by Javier Habib (EUI Researcher)
- **4 May 2011:** The global(ized) investor - financial regulation between the transnational and regional dimensions, by Antonio Marcacci (EUI Researcher)
- **6 April 2011:** Incentives Produced by Contractual Damages: a Law and Economics Perspective, by Gramcheva Lyubomira (EUI Researcher)

- **17 March 2011:** Self-Sufficiency of Sectorial Legal Orders?, by Prof. Micklitz (EUI)
 - **29 November 2010:** Intellectual Property at the Firm's Boundary, by Dr. Yane Svetiev (Max Weber Fellow)
 - **6 October 2010:** From harmonization to coordination? EU law in the Lisbon governance architecture, by Professor Stijn Smismans (Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law and Governance, Cardiff Law School)
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Academic Year 2009-2010

- **17 May 2010:** Omega and beyond: balancing freedoms and rights in European contract law, by Dr. Chantal Mak (Centre for the Study of European Contract Law, University of Amsterdam)
- **29 March 2010:** The Role of Arbitral Institutions in the Creation and Ensuring the Efficiency of the Modern System of International Commercial Arbitration, by Barbara Warwas
- **15 March 2010:** Trade Mark Protection v Ambush Marketing: Limits of Event Mark Concept, by Julia Busko
- **03 March 2010:** Protecting music, not markets: The conflict between copyright collecting societies and single market aims, by Ben Farrand
- **08 February 2010:** Deconstructing the Canon. The uses of argument in the interpretation of contracts, by Dr. Valentina Calderai
- **25 January 2010:** Institutional Approach to Optional Elements in European Directives, by Lukasz Gorywoda (EUI Researcher)
- **07 December 2009:** The Role of Private Regulation in EU Consumer Law: The Case of Advertising Standards, by Paul Verbruggen
- **23 November 2009:** Workshop on Unfair and misleading commercial practices—challenges in consumer protection (in collaboration with the FairSpeak Project Group, Copenhagen Business School)
- Section 1: Unfair Commercial Practices (focus on the UCPD, with emphasis on the impacts of the VTB-judgement)

Speakers:

- Pr. Dr. Jules Stuyck, University of Leuven "The VTB-Judgment: "Much to do about nothing - but the real questions about the UCPD are still on the table."
- Associate Professor Jan Trzaskowski, Copenhagen Business School "A critical perspective on the VTB-judgement"
- Pr. Dr. Jochen Glöckner, University of Konstanz
- PhD student Marcin Rogowski, EUI "Sales promotion between aggressiveness and uncertainty - the VTB"

Section 2: Fair and unfair presentation of food (presentation of key results of the work carried out by the Danish Group, FairSpeak)

Speakers:

- Pr. Peter Møgelvang-Hansen, Copenhagen Business School “Methods of legal regulation and a study of Danish cases 2002-2007 concerning misleading presentation of food”
- Associate Professor Viktor Smith, Copenhagen Business School “What's in a (food) name? From consumer protection to cognitive science - and back”
- Associate Professor Henrik Selsøe-Sørensen, Copenhagen Business School and Assistant Professor Jesper Clement, Copenhagen Business School “Eye-tracking consumers' visual attention: What do consumers actually look at on food labels?”

9 November 2009: Inaugural Session

Introductory and organizational remarks on the activities of the Working Group followed by a presentation of Jan-Jaap Kuipers on “The Delimitation of the Scope of Directives in the International Arena - A Matter of Community Law? ’