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Director's Introduction

Working at the IECL is never dull, and this year has made that abundantly clear. A rich and diverse range of research, teaching and service have taken place within our walls, physical and metaphorical in 2023-4, a detailed in this report. But I would like to start out by noting one of the things I am personally most delighted by, which is the regrading of the two IECL Course II academics we have, Genevieve Helleringer and Johannes Ungerer. This year, their hard work, talent and dedication to their roles was recognised by being regraded and given the new titles reflecting their status as Senior Research Lecturers. The IECL is lucky to have such colleagues and we are grateful to the Faculty, particularly the Dean and the Head of Administration for supporting the applications.

We continue to benefit from exchanges with a range of **academic visitors** to the Institute, working in EU Law, Comparative Law and Competition Law. Our visitors between October 2023 and September 2024 came from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, Pakistan, Portugal, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and Turkey (see p. 24). Once again, a diverse body of academics from around the world found common cause within Oxford to advance scholarship. It's particularly wonderful to see the new connections being made both with Oxford colleagues and within the group of visitors, with colleagues returning to their home countries and institutions and inviting others they met in Oxford there as well. To be a crossroads for intellectual endeavour is no bad thing, and a role Oxford in general has performed for centuries.

Amongst the work the IECL has been doing, readers can find much of interest and significance. Our partnership with the **Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL)** recently continues to be of great benefit to both institutions. We had a great colleague in Branka Marusic this year, making connections in IP law between Stockholm and Oxford, and we had three Senior Fellows visiting as part of their sabbatical arrangements: **Pål Wrangé** working on international law and the concept of data; **Crina Baltag** furthered scholarship on arbitration and **Emil Elgebrant** was working on various aspects of property law and insolvency. We also had a particularly rich connection with the SCCL through their generous support for a visitor to go to Stockholm, and

for support for the Research Masterclass, now in its second year (see pp. 44). Not only did Laura Carlson teach on the course, but we hosted a combined event with the Stockholm Symposium, which came to Oxford this year as part of its Biennial cycle, in September 2024, focusing on, amongst other things, the Duty of Loyalty, and featuring the incoming Professor of Comparative Law, Professor Lionel Smith, who joins us from Cambridge next year (on which more will be written in the next Annual Report). In that collaboration, the SCCL also brought Nordic doctoral students over for a joint session of the Masterclass, as well as inviting our Masterclass students to the larger event. Their continuing friendship, generosity and intellectual curiosity and achievement are a boon to everyone in Oxford; they are also an absolute pleasure to work with. This year saw a further meeting of the very successful biennial conference on 'Global Trends in Arbitration', the fourth iteration of which was held to great acclaim in Stockholm in May 2024 (see report on p. 43 et seq.).

The IECL also has a close working relationship with the **Maison Française d'Oxford (MFO)**, bringing young scholars from France to the IECL for periods of between one term and one year (see pp.29). We also have a visit from a senior French academic each year, in May. It was a pleasure to welcome the **Paris Visiting Fellow**, an old friend to Oxford too, Professor Isabelle Hasquenoph from the University of Paris 1, in May. With the help and support of the MFO, we were recently moreover able to propose reconstituting our Paris Visiting Fellowship programme on the basis of a new trilateral collaboration between the IECL, the MFO and (in alternating years) the Universities of Paris 1 and Paris 2. That new agreement should come into effect in the 2024-5 academic year.

Our agreement with **Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law** in Hamburg the Institute facilitates an exchange of early career researchers. Two **Max Planck Gildesgame Fellows** come for a term each in Michaelmas and Hilary every year, and through the Institute, the Oxford Law Faculty can similarly send researchers to Hamburg for a total of up to six months. During the course of this year, the IECL signed an agreement with the wider **Max Planck Law** network, allowing a similar level of exchange across almost all areas of law. Through this agreement the IECL can support the full breadth of work across the Faculty in Oxford, from public law to labour law, and from Intellectual Property to criminal law, security and public international law. The inaugural visitors on that scheme were selected over the summer of 2024 to go in 2024-5, with news on that new link being reported in the next Annual Report. We are also fortunate that through the generosity of Professor Guido Alpa we can offer dedicated research funding for Oxford doctoral students wanting to spend a month or two at **La Sapienza University of Rome** (so-called **Alpa Scholarships**) (p. 31). We have a new agreement with the **EUJ in Florence** to celebrate as well, with Professor Iyiola Solanke having initiated this new link, particularly with an interest in supporting EU law within the IECL.

The IECL continues to be in touch with **Dr Volodymyr Venher** from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, now its Dean, but last year a visitor to the IECL. We see him in Oxford when possible, for research and discussion, and are planning an event in collaboration with the OECD for 2024-5 on Election Integrity.

Our wider relationships are strong, with a new agreement with the University of Seville, and a visit this year to Leiden, Bonn and Pompeu Fabra, completing a round of the Director of the IECL visiting each of the partner institutions we have, for the first time since well before the Covid Pandemic. In January 2024, a visit took place to Bonn, during a rare snowy period in the city, to meet with the IECL's former Director and dear colleague, Prof Birke Häcker, and present a paper for colleagues and students there. In March 2024, Matt Dyson visited Leiden University to host a work in progress seminar with early career and fixed term researchers, discussing their work particularly from a comparative law angle. Finally, in May 2024, there was a visit to Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, presenting a paper for academics and doctoral students, and

meeting our Exchange students there, buying them local drinks and delicacies while watching some Catalan students build a Castell!

Our flagship Course II programme, more precisely **Law Faculty's undergraduate student exchange programmes**, remains a core concern of the IECL. In 2023-4, The Course II Director and the IECL Director completed a review of Course II, which has led to some greater resources flowing into the programme, and a restructuring to provide greater support for the students. Our partners are universities in France, Germany (Bonn and Munich), Italy, the Netherlands and Spain (see p. 36 et seq.). The highly sought-after Course II ('Law with Law Studies in Europe') allows up to 35 of our students to spend their third of four years at one of our partner institutions and brings a corresponding number of undergraduate exchange students to Oxford, where they take the 'Diploma of Legal Studies'. What used to be run under the auspices of the EU's Erasmus+ programme now comes within the remit of the UK's new Turing Scheme for outgoing Oxford students (our partner institutions make their own arrangements for the students they send to Oxford). That shift continues to present problems, both in terms of the much-reduced sums of money available to the scheme and the higher administrative burdens and uncertainty, as well as the practical difficulty for the students flowing from no longer being EU Citizens if they are only British Citizens. The University of Oxford's continuing support for the programme is very welcome indeed. As part of our preparatory programme, the Institute has recently reconfigured its longstanding and popular **French Law Mooting Competition** so as to broaden students' opportunities for honing their French legal skills (p. 52). Under the aegis of my colleague Dr Geneviève Helleringer, the competition was run for the third time in its new format in May 2024, generously supported by Gide Loyrette Nouel. I am equally delighted to report that Dr Johannes Ungerer's **Oxford Comparative Moot in German Law** ran in its second year in 2024. It was sponsored by Freshfields' Munich office, and was a huge success (see p. 51) and will run in 2025 as well.

This report gives insight into the work done in the IECL in the last year, particularly of the **members of the Institute and affiliated Visiting Research Fellows** (see individual profiles at p.8 et seq.). We have been particularly working hard this year to expand the scope of our Research Fellows, beyond the traditional core of comparative private law, and welcoming those from public law, criminal law, family law, human rights and beyond. The IECL is a global-facing hub for the Faculty of Law and a welcoming space for anyone working on EU Law, Comparative Law or Competition law. We hosted an Open Day in the IECL, in addition to wider communications across the Faculty, to show what we can offer. We have also begun to offer PGR desks, for students who identify that they are working in one of our fields, to be able to work in the IECL and be part of our community, the first part of the Faculty to do so for any research students.

This document also contains more detailed reports of some of our **one-off events, conferences and seminars**, which have also grown. In particular, as part of our drive to support scholarship all over the world, we have been moving our annual lecture around different regions, from Asia last year, to Latin America this year (see p. 40)

In February 2024, we welcomed Bronwen Phillips as the new permanent Administrator of the IECL, after Kat Hayward moved on to other opportunities, and Nick Mould from the Faculty administrative team covered for a few months. Bronwen came to us from the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, and before that from the Law Faculty, and has made a huge contribution to the IECL already.

Matthew Dyson, 12 October 2024

Staff

Academic Staff

Professor Matthew Dyson, Professor of Comparative Law and Director of the Institute

Professor Ariel Ezrachi – Deputy Director of the Institute and Director of the Centre for Competition Law and Policy

Dr Geneviève Helleringer – Deputy Director of the Institute, Director of the Undergraduate Law Exchange Programme and IECL Senior Research Lecturer in French Law and Business

Professor Iyiola Solanke – Deputy Director of the Institute and Jacques Delors Professor of EU Law

Dr Branka Marusic – Stockholm Centre/Oxford Fellow for 2023-24

Professor Javier García Oliva – Tutor in Spanish Law

Mr Nello Pasquini – Tutor in Italian Law

Dr Johannes Ungerer – Erich Brost Senior Research Lecturer in German Law and EU Law

Research Fellows

Professor Sanja Bogojević (Professor of Law and Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall)

Professor Ngoc Son Bui (Professor of Asian Laws and Fellow of St Hugh's College)

Professor Başak Cali

Dr Marco Cappelletti (Junior Research Fellow, St John's College)

Professor John Cartwright (Emeritus Professor of the Law of Contract and Emeritus Fellow of Christ Church)

Professor Horst Eidenmüller (Professor of Commercial Law and Fellow of St Hugh's College)

Professor Pavlos Eleftheriadis (Professor of Public Law and Fellow of Mansfield College)

Professor Stefan Enchelmaier (Professor of European and Comparative Law and Fellow of Lincoln College)

Professor Luca Enriques (Professor of Corporate Law and Fellow of Jesus College)

Professor Wolfgang Ernst (Regius Professor of Civil Law and Fellow of All Souls College)

Professor Liz Fisher (Professor of Environmental Law and Fellow of Corpus Christi College)

Professor Sandy Fredman (Professor of the Laws of the British Commonwealth and USA and Fellow at Pembroke College)

Professor Mark Freedland (Emeritus Professor of Employment Law and Emeritus Fellow of St John's College)

Professor Joshua Getzler (Professor of Law and Legal History and Fellow at St Hugh's College)

Professor Barbara Havelkova (Associate Professor of Law and Fellow of St Hilda's College)
Professor Jonathan Herring (Professor of Law and Fellow at Exeter College)
Professor Angus Johnston (Professor of Law and Fellow of University College)
Professor Ciara Kennefick (Associate Professor of Law and Fellow of Christ Church)
Dr Signe Larsen (Fellow by Examination, Magdalen College)
Professor Dorota Leczykiewicz (Associate Professor of Law and Fellow of St Peter's College)
Dr Natalie Mrockova (Supernumary Teaching Fellow, Lecturer in Law and Fellow of Merton College)
Professor Justine Pila (Professor of Law and Fellow of St Catherine's College)
Professor Fernanda Pirie (Professor of the Anthropology of Law and Fellow of St Cross College)
Professor Sandy Steel (Professor Law and Fellow of Wadham College)
Professor Kristin van Zwieten (Clifford Chance Professor of Law and Finance and Gullifer Fellow at Harris Manchester College)
Professor Stephen Weatherill (Emeritus Jacques Delors Professor of European Law)
Professor Rebecca Williams (Professor of Public and Criminal Law and Fellow at Pembroke College)

Visiting Research Fellows

Professor Hugh Beale (Emeritus Professor, University of Warwick and Visiting Professor in the Oxford Law Faculty)
Dr Fabina Bettini (Lecturer in Property Law, University College London)
Rachel Brandenburger (APCO Worldwide)
Professor Alexandra Braun (Lord President Reid Chair of Law, University of Edinburgh)
Professor Laura Carlson (Professor in Private Law, University of Stockholm)
Professor Gerhard Dannemann (Professor of English Law, British Economy and Politics, Humboldt University, Berlin)
Professor Eric Descheemaeker (Professor, University of Melbourne)
Professor Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson (President of the Conservatoire national des arts et métiers)
Professor Samuel Fulli-Lemaire (Professor, University of Strasbourg)
Professor Birke Häcker (Director of the Institute of International and Comparative Private Law and Schlegel Chair in Civil Law, common Law and Comparative Law, University of Bonn)
Professor Martijn Hesselink (Professor of Transnational Law and Theory, European University Institute)
Professor Rodrigo Momberg Uribe (Professor of Civil Law, Catholic University of Valparaíso)
Professor Juan Pablo Murga Fernández (Senior Lecturer, University of Seville)
Dr Julian Nowag (Senior Lecturer in EU Law and Competition Law, University of Lund)
Conor Quigley QC (Serle Court Chambers)
Professor Wolf-Georg Ringe (Director of the Institute of Law and Economics, University of Hamburg and Visiting Professor in the Oxford Law Faculty)
Professor Helen Scott (Regius Professor of Civil Law, University of Cambridge)

Professor Volodymyr Venher (Dean of the Faculty of Law and Associate Professor in the Department of General Theoretical Jurisprudence and Public Law, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla University)

Dr Jan Zglinski (Assistant Professor, London School of Economics)

Professor Katja Ziegler (Sir Robert Jennings Professor of International Law, University of Leicester)

Administrators

Bronwen Phillips

Note: The following pages feature (only) those staff biographies and activities which the Institute received in time for inclusion in this report. A number were not submitted.

Staff Biographies and Activities



Alexandra Braun holds the Lord President Reid Chair of Law at the University of Edinburgh. She is also Professor Extraordinary at the Department of Private Law of the University of Stellenbosch.

Professor Braun has broad research interests in comparative law and legal history, in particular, in the areas of trusts and succession law. She is also interested in the impact of the transfer and distribution of wealth on death on questions of intergenerational equality and in the cultural history of inheritance. She has been particularly interested in exploring informal testamentary practices, including informal promises of a future inheritance. This research has culminated in her monograph entitled '[Claiming a Promised Inheritance: A Comparative Study](#)' published by OUP in 2022. The book provides a comparative study of unfulfilled promises of an inheritance and of their legal treatment across various both the civil and common law legal traditions. The book was recently selected as one of the "Law Books of the Year" in the German law journal *Juristen Zeitung* (See R Zimmermann, 'Juristische Bücher des Jahres – Eine Leseempfehlung' (2023) 78 *Juristen Zeitung* 858, at 864.)

Over the past academic year Professor Braun has continued her work on two main projects. The first project explores the role of purposes in the context of trusts and, in particular, in Scots law. The second project examines testamentary freedom in a historical, comparative and contextual perspective. The research was recently published in the *Edinburgh Law Review*. The article entitled '[Testamentary Responsibility](#)' questions testamentary freedom as the bedrock or organising principle of succession law. It does so by bringing into sharper focus another important value of succession law: 'responsibility'. The article argues in favour of a responsible exercise of testamentary power – an exercise that reflects the relationships that testators leave behind. By exploring the concept of testamentary freedom from a historical, comparative and contextual perspective, the article shows the contingency of the concept of testamentary freedom, and that testamentary freedom and responsibility are not mutually exclusive concepts. The article also illustrates that acknowledging responsibility as a core value opens up new and different ways of understanding and theorising succession law and its underpinning rationales and justifications.

Selected Publications

- 'Testamentary Responsibility' (2024) 28 *Edinburgh Law Review* 325-355.

Selected presentations

- 'Private Purpose Trusts in Scotland,' Symposium on Non-Charitable Purpose Trusts, Gonville and Caius, Cambridge University, 16 February 2024.
- Introduction to 'Claiming a Promised Inheritance: A Comparative Study', University of Edinburgh, 2 November 2023.
- 'Testamentary Responsibility', Inaugural lecture Lord President Reid Chair of Law, 6 October 2023.



Marco Cappelletti is Tutorial Fellow in Law at Worcester College, Oxford, and a Research Fellow at the Institute.

His research interests lie primarily in the field of comparative law and private law, particularly tort.

In the past year, Marco has been involved in several comparative law initiatives.

Together with Professor Ciara Kennefick and Professor Dorota Leczykiewicz, Marco is co-editing a volume intended to celebrate the retirement and the scholarship of Professor Simon Whittaker. The volume, entitled *Comparative Reflections in Private Law: Essays in Honour of Simon Whittaker*, will be published by Oxford University Press in 2025 and will feature contributions from world-leading comparative law scholars. Marco will contribute a chapter himself, exploring the concept of foreseeability in the English and French laws of torts. The chapter is entitled 'Foreseeability in the Law of Torts: A Comparative Analysis'.

In addition, Marco has worked on a project which investigates the role of private law in responding to building safety issues in residential buildings. This project, co-authored with Dr Fabiana Bettini (UCL), compares English and Italian law, assessing if and how private law is used to address building safety problems in the two legal systems. This chapter, entitled 'Tackling Building Safety through Private Law: A Comparative Analysis', will be included in a collection of essays edited by Matthew Bell, Susan Bright, Ben McFarlane, and Andrew Robertson. The volume will be published by Hart in 2025.

Finally, Marco has completed an article that critically assesses Professor Gregory Keating's justificatory reasoning on strict liability, as presented in his book *Reasonableness and Risk: Right and Responsibility in the Law of Torts* (OUP 2023). The article, entitled 'Justifying Harm-Based Strict Liability: Reflections on Keating's *Reasonableness and Risk*', is forthcoming in *Law and Philosophy*.

In Oxford, Marco has given or gives tutorials and classes in Tort law, Contract law, Land Law, and Roman Law. In addition, Marco delivers lectures at the Law Faculty on selected tort law topics.



John Cartwright is a former Director of the IECL, Emeritus Professor of Contract Law in the University of Oxford, and Emeritus Student (Fellow) of Christ Church. He is a Research Fellow at the Institute.

His research is in English and comparative private law, with a focus on contract law and property law. His work in comparative law involves in particular the comparison between English law and French (and French-related) systems, but in his work on (national) English law, whenever appropriate he also engages in comparison with the civil law tradition, to help the reader better understand the approach taken by English law.

Selected publications:

- 'Good Faith in English Contract Law: Lessons from Comparative Law?' in E. Peel and R. Probert (eds) *Shaping the Law of Obligations: Essays in Honour of Professor Ewan McKendrick KC* (Oxford University Press, 2023), 23-37
- 'Precedent in English and Welsh Private Law' in C. Ramberg (ed) *The Role of Legal Precedent in Private Law: A Comparative Study* (Intersentia, 2024), 67-88

Selected presentations

- Seminars on the common law for Dutch practitioners (October 2023; January and June 2024)
- Preliminary Agreements in the Common Law': keynote lecture at the international conference on 'Acuerdos Preliminares en el Derecho Privado', Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile, 17 April 2024
- 'Good Faith in Private Law: A Common Law/Civil Law Divide?', Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile, 19 April 2024

Other activities

- In Hilary Term 2024 John Cartwright gave a Seminar (and the related tutorials) on comparative contract law within the undergraduate option on Comparative Law in the Oxford Law Faculty.
- Since 2002 he has taught at the Université Paris Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2), first as professeur invité, and since 2019 as professeur contractuel de droit privé: droit du common law. The academic year 2023-2024 was his final year of teaching before retirement at Paris, but during this year he continued to teach courses at undergraduate (first and second year) and graduate (Master 2) level: the undergraduate teaching is aimed at giving French students an introduction to the common law (and to the English law of contract and tort in particular), and the graduate teaching involves seminars giving a broader introduction to comparative law, including the methodology of comparison between the common law and the civil law.



Horst Eidenmüller is a Statutory Professor for Commercial Law at Oxford University's Faculty of Law, a Professorial Fellow of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, and a Research Fellow of the Institute. He is also a Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI).

In the 2023-24 reporting period, he was working primarily in three fields: (1) Law and Technology in a comparative perspective, (2) Comparative Civil Procedure and ADR, and (3) Comparative Corporate Insolvency Law. Regarding (1), Eidenmueller co-organised an international conference at the University of Chicago (Law School) on "How AI Will Change the Law". This led to two research publications on how AI will change commercial negotiations. Eidenmueller presented these publications at the conference and later at Seoul National University. Regarding (2), Eidenmueller completed an empirical project on "Extending the Shadow of the Law: Civil Procedure Reforms in Commercial Matters in a Post-Pandemic and Post-Brexit World" (with Kathrin Eidenmueller and Conor McLaughlin). He presented the results of the study at the University of Munich and at Vienna University. Regarding (3), Eidenmueller co-edited a leading commentary on the new German restructuring procedure ("StaRUG") which contains extensive comparative analyses; and he worked and published in the field of comparative out-of-court restructurings (bailouts).

Selected publications

["Game Over: Facing the AI Negotiator"](#), *The University of Chicago Law Review Online* (forthcoming)

["The Advent of the AI Negotiator: Negotiation Dynamics in the Age of Smart Algorithms"](#), *Journal of Business & Technology Law* (forthcoming)

["Expanding the Shadow of the Law: Designing Efficient Judicial Dispute Resolution Systems in a Digital World – An Empirical Investigation"](#) (with Kathrin Eidenmüller and Conor McLaughlin), *Harvard Negotiation Law Review* (forthcoming).

["Muenchener Kommentar zum StaRUG"](#) (ed. with R. Stuerner, H. Schoppmeyer and St. Madaus) (Muenchen: C. H. Beck, 2023)

["Taxes Blown in the Wind? The Siemens Gamesa Bailout"](#) (with Javier Paz Valbuena), *Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (ZIP)* 44 (2023), 2601 – 2608.



Luca Enriques is Professor of Corporate Law at the University of Oxford Faculty of Law and Research Fellow at the Institute. His research focuses on corporate governance, corporate law and financial regulation, covering them both with a focus on EU law developments and policy debates and from a comparative angle, with specific attention to the differences between the US system and the European framework.

Selected publications

- The Voluntary Carbon Market: Market Failures and Policy Implications (with V. Battocletti and A. Romano), 95 University of Colorado Law Review (2024), 519-573.
- Justifications for minority co-owned groups and their corporate law implications (con S. Gilotta), 25 Theoretical Inquiries in Law (2024), 141-160.
- L. Enriques and G. Strampelli eds, Board-Shareholder Dialogue: Best Practices, Legal Constraints and Policy Options, Cambridge University Press, 2024, xxiii-574.

Selected presentations

- (2023) European Company Law Experts Group, Workshop on 20 Years Takeover Directive, Stoccolma, 12-13 ottobre, presentation of the paper 'Death by a Thousand Cuts: Hostile Bids in Europe, 2004-2023'.
- (2024) IESE/ECGI, Annual Corporate Governance Conference, "Towards a New Model of Boards of Directors", Madrid, 15 April, presentaatonj: 'Boards and Shareholders'.
- (2024) CEU Universidad San Pablo/Registradores de España, V Congreso Internacional de Gobierno Corporativo, "Sostenibilidad, diligencia debida y productividad empresarial, Madrid, 18-19 April, keynote lecture 'Corporate Purpose, Sustainability, and Conflicts of Interest in European Company Law'.
- (2024) Ontario Securities Commission, 7th International Takeovers Regulators' Conference, Toronto, 5-8 maggio, keynote speech.
- (2024) New York University, NYU-LawFin/Safe Frankfurt-ESCP BS Law & Banking/Finance Conference, New York, 6-7 giugno, presentation of the paper 'Green Gatekeepers'.

Other activities

Member of the Working Group on the UNIDROIT Project on the Legal Nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits



Wolfgang Ernst is the Regius Professor of Civil Law and a Research Fellow at the Institute. Prior to joining the Oxford Law Faculty in 2015, he held chairs at the Universities of Tübingen (1990–2000), Bonn (2000–2004) and Zurich (since 2004), where he still Professor of Roman and Private Law on a fractional basis.

During 2023-24, the bulk of his work was done in the field of Roman law. For the project ‘Money in Roman Law’, a first conference, bringing together an international team of contributors, was held in Leiden (NL). A small booklet was published, addressing the question whether ‘general’ history should heed legal arguments made at the time (*Vom Recht in der Weltgeschichte*, Basel 2023). He co-edited a volume, together with Andrew Dickinson and Timothy Endicott, *Dicey +100. - A.V. Dicey: A Centennial Commemoration* (Cambridge 2024), a collection of conference papers. His project to re-image the Veronese Gaius is still in full swing. After the not-so-successful test images taken in 2022, new technologies have been brought into play, XRF and others, which have already produced promising test results. The cooperation partners are the California ‘Early Manuscripts Electronic Library’ and Gregory Heyworth, University of Rochester (N.Y.), with his Lazarus project.

Selected Publications

- ‘Before Mann: Martin Wolff on Monetary Law’ in J Allen and G Dannemann (eds), *FA Mann: The Lawyer and His Legacy*, Oxford 2024, 205 seq.
- ‘Caput Secundum Legis Aquiliae in the History of Roman Law Scholarship’ in H de Jong (ed.), *Secundum doctores - Essays in Medieval Learned Law in Honour of Harry Dondorp*, Amsterdam 2023, 5 seq.
- ‘Review: David Lloyd Dusenbury, *The Innocence of Pontius Pilate. How the Roman Trial of Jesus Shaped History, 2021*’, in *Rechtsgeschichte* 32 (2024) 182 seq.
- ‘Votar sobre el conocimiento jurídico’, *En letra* 8 (2023) 191 seq. [a translation of a paper written some years ago]

Select Presentations

- ‘Josef Esse and the “Flume-School”’, Max-Planck-Institut für Rechtsgeschichte und Rechtstheorie, Frankfurt/Main, 6 September 2024.



Ariel Ezrachi is Director of the Centre for Competition Law and Policy and Deputy Director of the Institute. He is the Slaughter and May Professor of Competition Law and a Fellow of Pembroke College.

His research focuses on competition law and enforcement policies in digital markets. His work in recent years addressed the effects of algorithms and big data on competition dynamics, the rise in power of key gatekeepers, and the manipulation and exploitation of consumers.

Selected publications

- EU Competition Law, An Analytical Guide to the Leading Cases, Hart Publishing (8th Edition, 2024)
- 'Generative AI Systems' (with M. E. Stucke) – Submission to the EU Commission (2024).
- 'Can competition law save democracy? Reflections on democracy's tech-driven decline and how to stop it' (with V Robertson) (2024) Journal of Antitrust Enforcement
- 'The Competitive Effects of Generative AI' (2024) Japan Association of International Economic Law.
- 'Antitrust & AI supply chains' (with M. E. Stucke) Forthcoming, Theoretical Inquiries in Law

Selected presentations

- Artificial Intelligence and Competition Policy, Japan Association of International Economic Law (2024)
- Market power and liberal democracy, Stichting Ontwikkelingen Mededingingsrecht, Netherlands (2024)
- Competition law and Democracy, University of Athens & Hellenic Competition Commission (2024)
- Distortions of the marketplace of ideas, Brandeis Institute (2024)
- Generative AI and competition, IBA London (2024)
- Future of European Antitrust, Brussels (2024)
- Digital Platforms and Competition Law, CUHK (2024)
- Generative AI and Competition Policy, Internationale Kartellkonferenz, Berlin (2024)

Other activities

- Co-editor-in-chief of the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement (OUP)
- Leads the pro-bono 'Value of Competition' programme.



Birke Häcker holds the Schlegel Chair in Civil Law, Common Law and Comparative Law at the University of Bonn. She is a Visiting Research Fellow of the Institute and was formerly its Director.

Professor Häcker's background is in both English and German law, her research focusing on core private law (especially contract, tort, property/trusts, restitution of unjust enrichment, and succession), usually in comparative perspective and often involving a historical angle. Besides covering the traditional common law – civil law spectrum in these fields, she has a particular interest in the emerging 'comparative common law' phenomenon, ie, that of comparisons conducted between the different and increasingly diverging common law jurisdictions.

During the past academic year, Professor Häcker has been working with Dr Johannes Ungerer, Erich Brost Senior Departmental Research Lecturer at the IECL, to prepare for publication the conference volume of the 'Default Rules in Private Law' workshop they ran together in March 2023. The proceedings are due to appear with Bloomsbury/Hart Publishing in the Institute's dedicated books series 'Studies of the Oxford Institute of European and Comparative Law'.

As already in the previous year, Professor Häcker offered a session in the programme of the IECL Research Masterclass 2024 on the topic of comparative legal history. Together with the participating doctoral students she explored the particular 'Challenges of Researching the Past in Comparative Perspective' and greatly enjoyed the lively discussion that followed.

Selected publications

- 'A Comparative Introduction to Default Rules', in B. Häcker/J. Ungerer (eds), *Default Rules in Private Law* (Hart Publishing, in preparation for publication), approx. 25 pages.
- 'What Accounts for a Democratic State's Ability to Defend its Core Values?' in C.M. Flick (ed), *Is the Open Society Sustainable in Case of Emergency?* (Convoco! Editions, 2024), 113–134.

Selected presentations

- 'Comparative Law in National Legal Scholarship', Plenary Address at the Annual Conference of the British and Irish Society of Legal Scholars (SLS), University of Bristol, September 2024.
- 'To Compare, or Not to Compare, That is the Question', Inaugural Lecture as 'Honorary Doctor' of the University of Stockholm, Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law, Stockholm, May 2024.
- 'Civil Codes in the 21st Century and the Art of Ageing Gracefully', Opening Address at the first General Session of the 29th General Meeting of 'The Common Core of European Private Law', Stockholm, May 2024.
- 'Law as a Science? Comparative Reflections on Classrooms, Codes and Cases', Address at the Stockholm-Bonn Law Symposium 2024, University of Bonn, April 2024.
- 'Two Comparative Perspectives on English Law', Faculty Research Seminar, Portsmouth Law School, University of Portsmouth, February 2024.



Geneviève Helleringer is Associate Professor at the University of Oxford and the IECL Senior Research Lecturer in French Law and Business law. She is also a law professor at Essec Business School Paris, a research member and vice-president of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), and a Fellow of Reuben College. Geneviève is Director for Undergraduate exchanges. She is also a member of the IECL management committee and of the Maison française in Oxford (MFO) Oxford Management Committee as well as the MFO Paris Strategic Committee.

Geneviève's academic research focuses on contract, corporate and financial law as well as alternative dispute resolution. Across these subjects, she has an in-depth research expertise in the issue of conflicts of interest, understood as situations where one's own interest interferes with obligations one has to act in another person's interest. Her work draws on insights from comparative law, as well as psychology and ethics.

For the past year, Geneviève continued working on data collection for a cross-cultural study on promises and engagement (9 jurisdictions and 2,700 participants) and an experimental study on the impact of framing on the perception of settlement amounts. She also authored an analysis of corporate governance from a behavioural perspective, co-authored with colleagues from Singapore, South America, and Germany, and a comparative analysis of stakeholderism outside of the US and the UK. Geneviève is the PI of an international team engaged in a comparative analysis on VC standard investment contracts.

Geneviève co-organised with Luca Enriques, as well as the universities of Frankfurt and Pennsylvania and the LSE, an international and transdisciplinary conference on the Law & Finance of Private Equity and Venture Capital that took place in Oxford in June 2023. Many of the presented papers and comments included a comparative perspective.

Selected publications

- 'The Hardening of Corporate ESG' in K Alexander and M Siri (eds), *Sustainable Finance, Corporate Law and Corporate Governance* (OUP, 2024) (with C Skinner)
- English Law sections in the commentary of Shareholders' Rights Directive, M Buchberger and C Coupet (eds), *Directives "Droit des actionnaires" 2007/36/CE & (UE) 2017/828* (Bruylant, 2023)
- "Behavioural Perspectives on Corporate Law and Corporate Governance" in J Gordon and G-W Ringe (eds), *Oxford Handbook on Corporate Law and Corporate Governance* (OUP, exp. 2025)

Other activities

- Geneviève is in charge of the French Law courses for undergraduate students. All second year students enrolled in Law with European Studies (French Law) competed in the Oxford French Law Moot sponsored by Gide Loyrette Nouel that Geneviève organised in May 2024.
- In the past year, Geneviève acted as expert witness in French Law in front of the UK High Court and the US International Trade Commission, and as member of the Board of Appeal of the European Supervisory Financial Authorities.

Selected talk / conferences

- Geneviève is co-editor of the *Journal of Financial Regulation* (Oxford University Press): the journal is the only one in its category to include a comparative panorama in each issue.
- Since 2018 Dr Helleringer is an academic editor of the *Oxford Business Law Blog*, which often features posts including a comparative or European perspective.
- Seoul National University, Financial Law Forum, 29 September 2024. Paper: "M&A Terms in French Civil Law: Importing and Adjusting".
- Global Corporate Governance Colloquium, Columbia University, 13-14 June 2024. Paper: 'Corporate Purpose Requires Diversity'.

- Corporate and Financial Law Roundtable, LSE, 11 November 2023. Paper: Behavioural Perspectives on Corporate Law and Corporate Governance



Rodrigo Momberg Uribe is Professor of Private Law at Universidad Católica de Valparaíso and Director of the LLM Program of the Faculty of Law on the same university. He is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute.

His research focuses on Latin American contract law, both at the level of harmonisation measures and at the level of comparison between Latin American domestic systems and European jurisdictions. He is also leading a research project on long-term contracts, with the aim of analysing their main characteristics and differences from traditional discrete contracts, and therefore the need to adapt legal rules and principles to the needs of long-term relationships. He is also exploring a new area of research into the relationship between sustainability and contract law. In the field of consumer law, Rodrigo has developed a line of research related to new mechanisms of collective redress.

Selected publications

- “Legal Transplants: A Case Study of Private Law in Its Historical Context”, in Siems, M. and Po, J.Y. (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Law*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, with Gerardo Caffera y María Elisa Morales.
- “Contractual formalities in modern contracting. No oral modification clauses and the doctrine of *venire contra factum proprium* as a limit to its enforceability”, *Ius et Veritas*, 67 (December 2023), with Gonzalo Severin.
- “Some reflections on Force Majeure Clauses in Modern Contracting”, *Latin American Legal Studies*, Vol. 11 N^o2 (2023)



Nello Pasquini is currently a teaching fellow in Italian Law at the institute. His focus is on Italian Private Law. Nello's main role within the institute is to prepare students for their year abroad in Siena by teaching 'Italian Law and Methods'.

As well as holding a tutoring position at the institute, Nello is also a consultant for the legal firm Pini Franco LLP, an advisor to the Sir Dennis Mahon Foundation and a member of the Aspen Institute Italia.



Georg Ringe is Professor of Law and Finance and Director of the Institute of Law & Economics at the University of Hamburg. At Oxford, he is a Visiting Professor at the Law Faculty, a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of European and Comparative Law, and an Academic Editor of the Oxford Business Law Blog.

His research continues to lie in the general areas of comparative and European business law – with a particular interest in the regulation of financial markets, corporate law, capital markets, and insolvency law. During 2023-24, the main focus of his research was on regulatory questions concerning sustainability and ESG investing as well as on legal aspects of technology and digitalisation.

In the spring of 2024, he was a Visiting Professor at Stanford Law School.

Selected publications

- ‘How to facilitate ESG investor engagement’, in: Luca Enriques and Giovanni Strampelli (eds), *Board-Shareholder Dialogue: Policy Debate, Legal Constraints and Best Practices* (Cambridge University Press 2024) 242-269
- ‘Eurozone resilience and the promise of market integration’, in: Kaushik Basu, Jörn-Axel Kämmerer and Hans-Bernd Schäfer (eds), *The EU Reexamined: A Governance Model in Transition* (Edward Elgar 2024) 80-103
- ‘Gesellschaftsrecht’ [‘Company Law’] in: Stefan Vogenauer (ed), *Englisches Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht* [‘English Commercial Law’] (4th edn, C.H. Beck 2024) 236-319

Selected presentations

- Keynote speaker, ‘Investor Empowerment for Sustainability’, Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law, September 2024
- Speaker, ‘The Social Cost of Blockchain’, European Association of Law & Economics Annual Conference, University of Turin, September 2024
- ‘Prosperity Requires Diversity: The Darkside of Anglo-America’s Myopic Corporate Purpose Movement’, Global Corporate Governance Colloquium, New York, June 2024
- ‘Investor-Led Sustainability in Corporate Governance’, PARC Discussion Meeting – Getting to Carbon Net Zero: The Role of Reward, London, April 2024
- ‘Investor-Led Sustainability in Corporate Governance’, Conference “Tendencias y Desafíos del Derecho Societario en América Latina”, Cali, Colombia, March 2024
- Bank Resolution: An intellectual learning process from Banking Union to CMD, Panel Chair, EBI Global Academic Conference on Banking Regulation, Frankfurt, February 2024
- ‘The Social Cost of Blockchain’, Oxford Business Law Workshop, University of Oxford, February 2024



Iyiola Solanke

Selected Publications:

Edward Elgar Research Handbook on European Anti-Discrimination Law (forthcoming 2024)

Selected Presentations:

Central European University Law School (Civica Tour of Excellence Lecture), 'Rethinking the Introduction to EU Law' (September 2023)

Science Po Law School (CIVICA Tour d'Excellence Lecture), 'Centering black women in EU equality law' (November 2023)

Centre for European Studies, Helsinki University, 'Decolonising Solidarity in EU Law' (EuroStorie Center of Excellence in Law, Identity and European Narratives) (March 2024)

West Coast EU Law Scholars Workshop University of California, Berkeley (April 2024)

The Europa Lecture, 'Decolonising EU Law' Leiden University (May 2024)

EUI Summer School Special Course on 'Decolonising EU Law' (June 2024)

Council for European Studies (CES) Annual Conference Panels on 'Decolonising EU Law' (July 2024)



Johannes Ungerer is the Erich Brost Senior Research Lecturer at the Institute and St Hilda's College; he was promoted from Lecturer in May 2024. He also took up his additional appointment as a Global Associate Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame (USA) in England.

During the academic year 2023-24, his teaching comprised lectures on German law (for first and second year students on Course II, who will be going abroad to Bonn or Munich during their third year under the Faculty's exchange scheme). He hosted the second round of the Oxford Comparative Moot in German Law in February 2024, which was chaired by Professor Solanke and fully funded by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. A report about the moot is published on page 51. His tutorial teaching comprised both Contract law and Tort law at St Hilda's. Additionally, at the Law Faculty, he was part of the teaching team for the BCL/MJur Conflict of Laws course and the Oxford Postgraduate Diploma in IP Law. He also co-led seminars in Comparative Law.

His research activities focused on private international and comparative law, which is reflected in his publications and conference presentations listed below. He also continued his doctoral supervision of a Recognised Student.

In addition to his teaching and research, he served as a BCL/MJur Academic Advisor as well as a member of both the Institute's Management Committee and the Faculty's Communications and Web Advisory Committee.

Selected publications

- J Ungerer, 'Challenges of navigating the Rome I Regulation in respect of the Rome Convention, Brexit, and Consumer Protection: CJEU, judgment of 14 September 2023, C-632/21 – Diamond Resorts Europe' (2024) 21(1) GPR - European Union Private Law Review 10
- J Ungerer, 'German Law's Dilemma with Punitive Damages: German Federal Court of Justice, Judgment of 4 June 1992, Case IX ZR 149/91 (BGHZ 118, 312)' in J Goudkamp and E Katsampouka (eds.), *Landmark Cases in the Law of Punitive Damages* (Hart 2023)
- J Ungerer, 'Behavioural economics of internationally unifying private law' in B Köhler et al (eds.), *The Elgar Companion to UNIDROIT* (Edward Elgar 2024)
- T Lutzi and J Ungerer 'Englisches Internationales Privat- und Zivilverfahrensrecht' in Vogenauer (ed), *Englisches Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht* (4th edn, CH Beck 2024)
- J Ungerer, 'LL.M. Exam Paper in Private International Law (Conflict of Laws)' (2024) 46(1) *Juristische Ausbildung* 52

Selected presentations

- "Internationally Unifying Private Law – Behavioural Insights", Research Masterclass, Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford, 10.9.2024
- "Legiliquids as a Regulatory Instrument in English, German, and EU Contract Law", 17th Annual International Conference on Contracts (KCON XVII), University of Bristol, 20./21.6.2024
- "Foreign Punitive Damages Awards in Germany", University of Augsburg, 8./9.3.2024
- "Third State Defendants in EU Courts", Research Forum on European Legal Studies, University of Osnabrück, 30.11./1.12.2023
- "Foreign Law? In English Courts?!", Principal's Research Seminar, St Hilda's College, University of Oxford, 8.11.2023
- "A Bidirectional Comparison of Consideration in Contract Law", Bocconi University, 6.11.2023
- "Harmonisation of the Rules on Third State Defendants in EU Courts", University of Luxembourg, 5.10.2023

Stephen Weatherill is an Emeritus Professor of European Law. Although he formally retired from the Jacques Delors Chair in European Law at the end of academic year 2020/21, he remains active in the study of European Union law. He continues to write in areas of particular interest to him, most of all the law of the EU's internal market and the intersection of EU law with professional sport. The latter has generated and continues to generate some fascinating and high-profile litigation such as that concerning football's European Super League, the transfer system, and the regulation of agents.

Selected Publications

- “Consumer Protection”, pp.425-430 in Jan M. Smits, Jaakko Husa, Catherine Valcke and Madalena Narciso (eds), *Encyclopedia of Comparative Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2023).
- ‘The impact of the rulings of 21 December 2023 on the structure of EU sports law’, *International Sports Law Journal*, published online 4 March 2024, <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40318-024-00265-w>.
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- ‘Protecting the Conditional Autonomy of Governing Bodies in Sport From Review “From a Competition Standpoint”: How the Court Should Decide Its Pending Cases on the Transfer System, the Regulation of Agents and Club (Re-)Location’ (2024) 8/2 *European Competition and Regulatory Law Review* 67 – 82.
- ‘Harmonization in the EU Internal Market’, *Oxford Encyclopedia of EU Law* (online, 2024).
- ‘Football Revolution: how do the Court’s rulings of 21 December 2023 affect UEFA’s role as a “gatekeeper”’, Blogpost on EU Law Analysis, 4 January 2024, [<https://eulawanalysis.blogspot.com/2024/01/football-revolution-how-do-courts.html>].
- ‘Is Sport “Special”’, blogpost on EU Law Live’s Competition Corner, 24 January 2024, [<https://eulawlive.com/competition-corner/op-ed-is-sport-special-by-stephen-weatherill/>].
- ‘Changing the law without admitting it: The Court’s three rulings of 21 December 2023 applied twice in January 2024’, blogpost of Kluwer Competition Law Blog, 7 February 2024, <https://competitionlawblog.kluwercompetitionlaw.com/2024/02/07/changing-the-law-without-admitting-it-the-courts-three-rulings-of-21-december-2023-applied-twice-in-january-2024/>.



Katja Ziegler is the Sir Robert Jennings Professor of International Law and Co-director of the Centre of European Law and Internationalisation (CELI) at the University of Leicester. She is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute.

Professor Ziegler teaches and researches in the areas of public international, human rights, EU law and comparative constitutional law.

Her research interests lie in the constitutionalisation and interaction of legal orders in an international, European and comparative law context.

She focuses in particular on the interaction of legal orders through human rights, on the methods and devices of such interaction, as well as the interaction between international law and EU law (including EU-UK relations law post-Brexit). A further strand to her research is (comparative) foreign relations law, with a focus on mechanisms of accountability: the evolution of the role of parliaments, and the operation of the rule of law in international contexts.

Selected Publications

- 'Wettbewerbsrecht' [English Competition Law], in S Vogenauer (ed), *Englisches Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht* [English Commercial and Economic Law] (4th edn, CH Beck, Munich 2024), chapter 9, 365-463 (with Florian Wagner-von Papp).
- 'The Paradigm Shift from EU Law to International Law of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement: A Swansong', in J Adams-Prassl, Sanja Bogojevic, A Ezrachi and D Leczykiewicz (eds), *The Internal Market Ideal – Essays in Honour of Stephen Weatherill* (Oxford University Press 2024), Chapter 16, 339-363.

Selected presentations

- 'Values and the Internal Market – In Search of a Hierarchy?' In Pursuit of the Internal Market Ideal – A symposium in honour of Professor Stephen Weatherill, University of Oxford, March 2024.
- 'EU Rule of Law Constitutionalism and the EU's Relations with the Wider World: From External Autonomy 'Exceptionalism' to Substantive Constitutional Hierarchies?', EU Law Discussion Group, University of Oxford, November 2023.

Other activities

- Member of the editorial board of the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*.
- Member of the Advisory Board of *European Public Law*
- Member of the Steering Committee of the London Conference on International Law 2024

Visitors to the Institute



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In addition to researchers who come to the Institute from partner institutions under the terms of our international institutional links, we host established academics from other institutions as independent researchers under the terms of our Academic Visitor programme. Our visitors play a major part in the life of the Institute during their visit, and most of them give one of our weekly (lunchtime) seminars to explain their research to the benefit of Institute members, the wider Faculty as well as graduate students – and to give the visitors an opportunity to receive feedback on their work. The Institute welcomed the following visitors between October 2023 and September 2024:

Visiting Fellows	
Professor Pål Wrangé (Stockholm Senior Visiting Fellow)	<i>Is data a thing or not? A comparison of international legal discussions in international humanitarian law and international trade law</i>
Dr Crina Baltag (Stockholm Senior Visiting Fellow)	<i>Costs in International Arbitration</i>
Dr Branka Marusic (Stockholm Centre/Oxford Fellow)	<i>The Autonomous Legal Concepts of EU Law as Vehicles for Harmonisation of Copyright</i>
Professor Isabelle Hasquenoph (Paris Visiting Fellow)	<i>Administrative Law and Social Media</i>

Academic Visitors	
Mariá Agnes Salah Abusleme (Universidad de Chile)	<i>The nature and scope of the real right of conservation</i>
Professor Seong Jo Ahn (Jeju National University)	<i>Mistake about Factual Elements of Justification: A Comparative Study</i>
Lorena Mariá Arismendy Mengual (CUNEF University)	<i>Current issues in Restitution: Disgorgement of profits</i> <i>Emerging Technologies Law: Challenges and opportunities</i>
Dr Sevgi Aydin (University of Cologne)	<i>Corporate Opportunity</i>
Francesco Bilancia (University of Rome)	<i>Digital Platform and Social Network Conditionality on the Sovereignty of the People and Democracy</i>
Dr Lorenzo Cecchetti (LUISS University)	<i>The Charter and the EU Law-Making Process: Towards a 'Theory of Concretisation' of EU Fundamental Social Rights</i>
Professor Matthew Conaglen (University of Sydney)	<i>Control of trustee discretion in comparative view</i>
Dr Martina Conticelli (University of Rome)	<i>Property and Due Process: Procedural requirements in the definition of the proprietary status in Europe</i>
Dr Pablo Angel Gutiérrez Colantuono (Universidad Nacional del Comahue)	<i>Prevention as a function of the Public Administrations</i>
Dr Jan Exner (Karlova University)	<i>Advancing Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe through Sport</i>
Professor Johann Hattingh (University of Cape Town)	<i>The Dialectical Relationship between Taxation and the Political Balance of Power: Legal Connectedness of Colonial-era Mining Enterprises in Africa: 1880-1950</i>
Professor Caroline Heide-Jorgensen (University of Copenhagen)	<i>EU advertising law</i>
Dr Tim Hülskötter (University of Munster)	<i>The impact of the single market objective in EU competition law and its shadow in UK competition law post-Brexit</i>

Dr Muhammad Akbar Khan (International Islamic University)	<i>Legal Education Systems in the United Kingdom and Pakistan: A Comparative Analysis</i>
Dr Günhan Gönül Koşar (Hacettepe Üniversitesi)	<i>Sharenting: A Comparative Research on the Violation of Children's Privacy Online by Their Parents and the Legal Remedies Available</i>
Professor Dario Latella (University of Messina)	<i>The "Legal Capital": From its eclipse to a new rise</i>
Professor Joon Hyong Lee (Hanyang University)	<i>Institutional and Theoretical Developments of Land Ownership in UK (With focus on Sectional Ownership)</i>
Professor Antonio Legerén-Molina (University of A Coruña)	<i>Consideration and Cause: Their current functions</i>
Professor Tina Palonitty (University of Helsinki)	<i>Bio-CCU: Regulating CCU value chains</i>
Professor Augustin Parise (Maastricht University)	<i>Nineteenth-Century Concordances of Codes and Twentieth-Century Transatlantic Dialogues amongst Comparatists</i>
Professor Dr. Viktoria Robertson (Vienna University of Economics and Business)	<i>Big Tech, Democracy and Antitrust</i>
Dr Christian Ruesing (University of Muenster)	<i>General clauses and their relationship to special provisions in EU private law</i>
Professor Rui Soares Pereira (University of Lisbon)	<i>Tort Law and Criminal Law in Comparison</i>
Dr Matteo Turci (Università degli Studi di Genova)	<i>Boundaries between contractual freedom and human rights</i>
Dr Emilie Yliheljo (University of Helsinki)	<i>Bio-CCU: Emergence of CCU value chains</i>

Maison Française d'Oxford Visiting Graduate Students

Maxime de la Bruyere (University of Aix-Marseille)	<i>Consequentialism in Judicial Reasoning in French and British public law</i>
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Celia Saidi (University of Paris 1)	<i>Regularisation of Contracts: A Comparative Study between French and English Law</i>
Mahmoud Kreidie (University of Paris 1)	<i>Investment arbitration and armed conflicts</i>
Clara Guyard (University of Paris 1)	<i>Disability and Labour Law</i>

International Institutional Links: Reports from Recent Participants

The IECL acts on behalf of the Faculty in engaging with other institutions outside Oxford for the purposes of research in the fields of European and comparative law. Some of our international institutional links are designed to allow research visits by Oxford researchers to our partner institutions, generally for both senior scholars and graduate students (such as the exchange with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg), but sometimes aimed particularly at graduates or early career academics (Alpa Scholarships, for the University of Rome Sapienza). We also welcome visitors to the Institute from these partner institutions under the terms of our agreement with them, and we have for many years additionally hosted a Paris Visiting Fellow from (in alternating years) the Universities of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas. Reports from some of this year's participants in these schemes are set out below.

IECL signs MoU with the Law Faculty, European University institute (EUI) in Florence

In April 2024, the IECL signed an MOU with the Department of Law of the European University Institute in Florence. The MoU aims at facilitating collaboration in the fields of higher education and research, including joint educational offers, benefitting faculty, students, researchers and staff in both institutions. Envisaged activities include promotion of sabbaticals, visiting professorships, visiting fellowships, staff visits in both institutions; organisation of an exchange programme for researchers at the doctoral and post-doctoral levels, production and promotion of joint workshops, conferences, research collaborative projects and any further academic and scientific events, such as international high-level academic exchange platforms. Visiting periods may be up to 6 months, normally between October and June. For more information contact Professor Iyiola Solanke. See <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/content/news/iyiola-solanke-success-iecls-mou-agreement>. For details of the Law Department at EUI see: <https://www.eui.eu/en/academic-units/department-of-law>

Maison Française d'Oxford Visiting Graduate Students

Maxime de la Bruyere

Célia Saidi



I am a PhD candidate at Aix-Marseille University, working on a thesis titled "Consequentialism in Judicial Reasoning in English and French Administrative Law." I was incredibly fortunate to spend three months (Trinity Term) at the IECL as part of the mobility support program for young researchers, in partnership with the *Maison Française d'Oxford*. It is not just a polite expression to say that living these three months was a true privilege—an exceptional experience. And for several reasons.

First, Oxford itself. It is a bubble within the academic world. The entire city is designed around the professional and personal flourishing of its University members.

Then, the Faculty of Law. The institution is rich in resources and dynamism. You can always access any resource you need for your work and attend weekly seminars that, thanks to their diversity, will inevitably capture your interest.

Finally, and certainly not least, the IECL. The entire team, led by Professor Dyson, ensures that you feel like a full member of the center. And it works. Being part of the IECL means benefiting from everything mentioned above, as well as having a personal workspace, which is ideal for concentrating on your work. It's also a special place where you can meet researchers from a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds. This is a real asset for any researcher, especially a doctoral student just starting out in the academic world. Presenting your work at an IECL seminar is also a great way of making progress, particularly thanks to the feedback you get from the researchers present. On a different note, the Friday morning coffees in the director's office are a very convivial and unifying experience.

To sum up, the working environment, the almost unlimited resources, the very rich encounters, the opportunity to present my work and get feedback on it, all helped me to make an absolutely considerable leap forward in my thesis work.

In short, there's nothing ordinary about this experience, which represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, making it literally a true privilege—an exceptional experience.

Maxime de la Bruyere



The stay at the University of Oxford was an opportunity to deepen research into English Contract Law by accessing very rich and varied resources. It was also an opportunity to discuss the research topic with English law professors (at the Institute of European and Comparative Law) and with French lecturers in other disciplines (at the Maison Française d'Oxford).

The three months spent in Oxford, during the *Michaelmas term* resulted in a definite progression in the research and writing. It was also decisive for the comparative dimension of the thesis, which was the subject of numerous exchanges.

With regard to English law, the aim was to consult as many resources as possible in accordance with the bibliographical forecasts. The research also led to the enrichment of the established bibliography. Efforts were concentrated on resources not available in France.

I was able to lead a seminar for the first time since the start of my thesis on the subject of my research. The seminar was followed by a very enriching discussion led by Professors and researchers from all over the world, specializing in different areas of Private Law.

Being at the IECL helped me to make contact with many members of Institute. With the help of my thesis supervisor, Professor Yves-Marie Laithier, an interview was arranged with Professor Emeritus John Cartwright. All the ideas were presented, argued and debated. Professor Cartwright was very involved and provided a decisive point of view. The interview was very rewarding.

Célia Saidi

Alpa Visiting Scholar

Fabio Núñez del Prado, Wolfson, Oxford

Eimear Fanthorpe, Pembroke, Oxford



I would like to wholeheartedly thank Professor Matt Dyson, Professor Guido Alpa, and the IECL for this amazing opportunity. Without their support this research trip would not have been possible. I would also like to thank my supervisor Professor Liz Fisher for her mentorship during my application and while I was in Rome.

During my visit to La Sapienza, I had the opportunity to engage with multiple Professors and talented PhD students who warmly offered feedback on my research, as well as helped me develop my ideas and discussed new concepts with me. This exposure was particularly instrumental to the next stage of my DPhil research, as it introduced novel challenges and inspired a different lens through which to approach my topic.

At La Sapienza I had the opportunity to present two guest lectures. One was on my research on the Water Framework Directive, and the other on the nature of legal education in the UK and Ireland. During the former, I engaged with Italian experts who were invited to attend my lecture on water quality law. Their inputs have led to further developments in my thesis.

In addition, I attended classes on European Union law, and assisted one of La Sapienza's professors design teaching materials for a class. These experiences in the classroom helped further develop my approach to teaching EU law and refine the EU comparative aspect of my research.

Throughout the trip I also had the opportunity to attend multiple conferences at La Sapienza, other universities in Rome, and Torino. These conferences resulted in insightful deliberations with academics and industry experts on water and EU law. These connections have resulted in new opportunities, colleagues, and friends whom I hope to keep in contact with.

Personally, I also had the opportunity to improve my Italian and enjoy Spritz in the warm spring weather.

I cannot recommend applying for this scholarship enough, and highly encourage future applicants to consider the opportunity should it arise for them.

Eimar Fanthorpe



Thanks to the generous support of the Alpa Scholarship, I was able to spend two months between September and November 2024 at the Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza.' During my research stay, I focused on my doctoral dissertation, which analyzes the unilateral appointment mechanism in international arbitration. Additionally, I took the opportunity to advance a survey I have been conducting with practitioners specializing in international arbitration, with the help of several individuals I met during my stay.

La Sapienza is a university that provides an intellectually stimulating environment, offering opportunities to exchange ideas with professors and students from diverse fields who challenge and enrich your perspectives. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Professors Guido Alpa, Alessandro Somma, and Ms. Paola Valerio, who ensured that I could maximize my experience at La Sapienza. Ms. Valerio was consistently attentive and introduced me to every corner of the university upon my arrival. I first met Professors Guido Alpa and Alessandro Somma during a book presentation at La Sapienza concerning international law, authored by Professor Mads Andenas. The event was captivating, and I had the opportunity to discuss my doctoral dissertation with Professor Alpa at the conclusion. It was particularly gratifying to converse with him, as he is one of the most esteemed arbitrators in Italy.

In Rome, I not only took full advantage of the resources that La Sapienza offered but also seized the opportunity to conduct research at other institutions, such as UNIDROIT, which houses a comprehensive collection on international arbitration, and the Biblioteca Nazionale. I also arranged several meetings with practitioners from leading firms to gain their insights into the arbitrator appointment system from a practical standpoint.

Being in Rome provided an excellent opportunity to delve deeper into my research and complete some pending tasks. For instance, I visited the University of Bologna, the oldest university in the Western world and a cradle of law, whose legacy has significantly influenced my legal education. I also traveled to Milan, one of the main hubs for international arbitration, where I met with practitioners and engaged in compelling discussions about the role of party-appointed arbitrators. I attended an ICC conference and a book presentation on “the neutrality of the arbitrator,” which is particularly relevant to the development of my dissertation. Additionally, during my stay, I was invited to give a class at Rey Juan Carlos University on international arbitration and participated as a speaker at the UNCITRAL Conference for Latin America.

Beyond my academic endeavors, living in Rome for two months, especially in the autumn, was a true adventure. Wandering through the streets of the Eternal City was exhilarating. I learned Italian, savored the best pasta and pizza I have ever tasted, visited the Vatican, spent a weekend on the Amalfi Coast, ran a half marathon, and, most importantly, forged lasting friendships. This experience has been memorable and filled with wonderful recollections. As the saying goes, all roads lead to Rome.

I am deeply grateful to Professor Guido Alpa, the IECL, Professor Alessandro Somma, and Ms. Paola Valerio for providing me with this opportunity, which has been foundational not only for the development of my doctoral dissertation but also as a life experience.

Fabio Núñez del Prado

Stockholm Senior Visiting Fellows

Pål Wrangé

I visited Oxford on a research sabbatical from 1 October to 1 December, that is, during the Michaelmas term. During that period, I made four different presentations on different but related subjects: The University of Reading (10 October), the Public International Law (PIL) Discussion Group at Oxford (18 October), the University of Sheffield (25 October) and the Institute of European and Comparative Law at Oxford (23 November).

The presentations explored different ways of understanding international law and digitalisation (“cyberspace”), and the feedback received was very useful. In addition, I wrote two articles – one Festschrift article centred on the research of the subject of the celebration and an

encyclopaedia article on collective security. The writing of the last article benefitted enormously from my access to the Bodleian library.

I had a great number of meetings with colleagues, including the new Chichele Professor, Dapo Akande and other members of the law faculty, the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC), the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and the Cyber Studies Programme. I further regularly participated in seminars of the PIL group, the IECL and other research centres at Oxford.

The IECL provided a very hospitable environment. Even though public international law is not within the focus of the activities of the centre, it was nevertheless easy to relate to the community of researchers there, with their quite different backgrounds and research fields. The Friday morning coffee meetings usually morphed into interesting informal seminars on various topics. The director, Matt Dyson, was invariably friendly and helpful, and through his recommendations, I got a temporary senior common room membership at Corpus Christi, which turned out to be another very interesting place for academic conversations. The sabbatical was generously funded by a grant of SEK 100 000 from the Cassel foundation.



Emil Elgebrant

During my time as a senior Stockholm fellow at IECL, April – June I continued to work on my research project, *Property Law for Various Intangible Assets in Swedish Law*, with a particular emphasis on general private law, property law and insolvency law.

The research stay at IECL was indeed among the shorter ones, but nonetheless intensive and very valuable in so many different ways. I particularly appreciated, aside from the most obvious benefit of having an office space, the social and inclusive research environment I encountered at the IECL, with regular seminars, researchers from various legal cultural backgrounds, and discussions on a wide range of topics related to different legal systems, and last but not least, an ever-replenishing bowl of sweets in the director's office.

Furthermore, it was a clear honour to present my own research at the end of my stay. Being on a research stay in Oxford is also something truly special due to the various activities organized by the different Colleges, and I am very grateful for my own affiliation with LMH College. Moreover, and perhaps what was most valuable for me in terms of research, were the various conversations I had with different researchers, none mentioned, none forgotten, and not just within legal science, which provided me with invaluable insights into how my own research can be improved and developed. Last but not least, I will miss all the daily walks along the Thames and hope that I soon can return.

Exchange with the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL), Stockholm University



Branka Marusic was the Stockholm Centre Fellow for 2023/24. During her fellowship she was able to focus on both her research and setting up a Stockholm-Oxford IP workshop, alongside being actively involved with the academic community.

Her research at Oxford has focused on EU harmonisation in the field of copyright in the EU. As a result of her findings, Branka is exploring the

possibility of similar patterns in the other four fields of IP.

The workshop was organised as a workshop for junior researchers in intellectual property – both from Oxford and Stockholm and provided a venue for the participants to share their research. The workshop hosted more than twenty participants and consisted of eight research presentations. This workshop was made possible with a grant from the Christ Church Research Centre – to whom all the participants are highly thankful.

Selected Publications

- Branka Marušić, Towards Resilient Educational Systems in the EU – Proposal for an Operational Education Exception, *Flexibilities in Copyright law [ed] Caterina Sganga and Tatiana-Eleni Synodinou*, Routledge, *forthcoming*
- Branka Marušić, TDM Exception or Limitation – Methodology of implementation in the EU Member States: creating cohesion or diversion?, *Stockholm IP Review*, *forthcoming*
- Branka Marušić, Requirements for Environmental Claims in Marketing Based on Third-Party Certification, *GRUR International*, *forthcoming*
- Branka Marušić, Determining a Country Where a Satellite Broadcast Has Been Made, *GRUR International*, *Volume 73, Issue 6, June 2024*
- Branka Marušić, Challenging the Refusal to Grant a Second Supplementary Protection Certificate, *GRUR International*, *Volume 73, Issue 3, March 2024*
- Branka Marušić, Tobacco Company is Prohibited from Sponsoring Festival and Promoting its Products in Connection with it, *GRUR International*, *vol 73, issue 1, January 2024*

Selected Presentations

- Nordic/German Intellectual Property Network Meeting 2023 – 25 to 27 October 2023, Chiemsee, Germany; presented postdoc project titled: The Autonomous Legal Concepts of EU Law as Vehicles for Harmonisation of Copyright, Organiser: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

The Centre for Competition Law and Policy (CCLP)

The Centre for Competition Law and Policy (CCLP) is a specialist unit of the Institute. It provides a centralised platform for teaching and research of competition law and policy within the Law Faculty. Lectures, seminars and other activities focus on the enforcement of competition in the UK, EU and USA, international aspects of competition law, and antitrust policy and economics.



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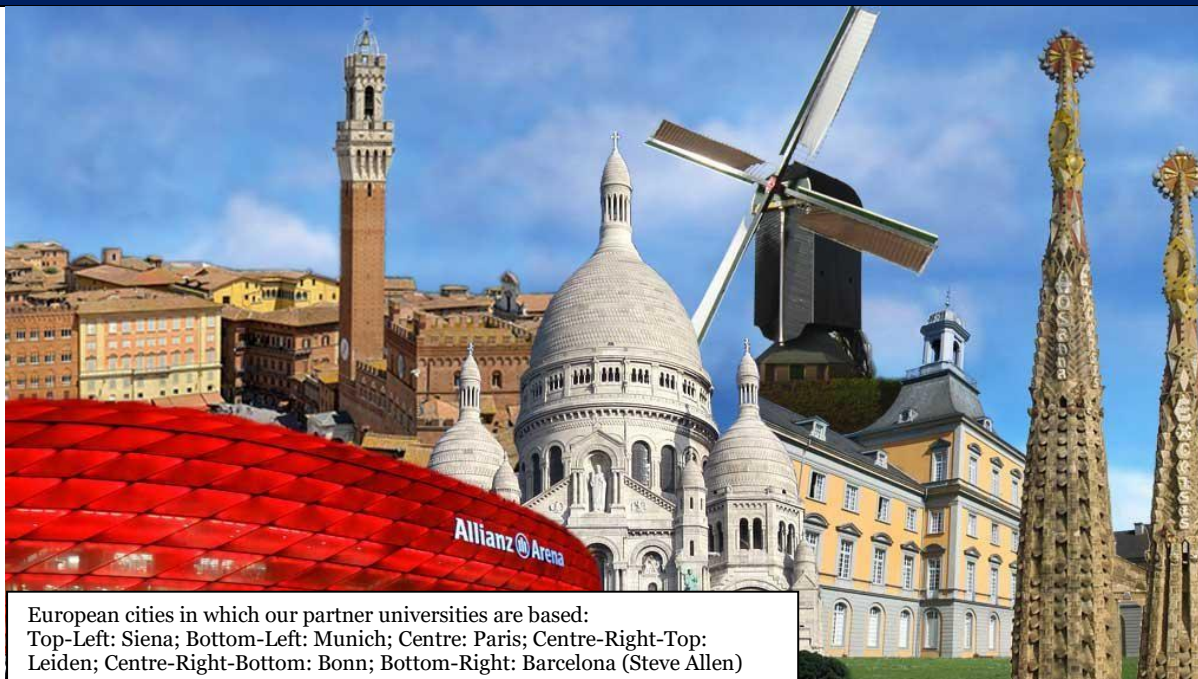
The CCLP hosts a yearly Guest Lecture Programme in which practitioners and scholars discuss recent enforcement trends. The CCLP also supports the Competition Law Discussion Group which provides a forum for research students to present and discuss their work. Another stand out event organised by the centre is the Antitrust Enforcement symposium, which brings together leading academics and professionals for in-depth discussions to explore the scope and limit of national enforcement, international cooperation, and to define current and anticipate future issues.

In March 2024, a conference held in collaboration with The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies, Loyola University Chicago and the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement allowed leaders in this field to present their papers, all of which are to be published in the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement. The event also served as an opportunity for the centre to launch the Competition Law and Democracy Network, which will strive to deepen discussion between competition law enforcement, competitive markets and democracy.

The Centre is home to the research project on the 'Effect of Competition Policy on Economic Equality'. Funded by the Leverhulme Trust, the study looks at the relationship between competition policy and wealth distribution. The project's overarching aim is to develop a better and empirically grounded understanding of the ways in which competition law legislation, and its enforcement, could materially affect the distribution of wealth and economic inequality. Papers published by the research team include ['The Effects of Competition Law on Inequality - Incidental By-product or a Path for Societal Change?'](#), ['Competition Law Enforcement and Household Inequality in the United Kingdom'](#), and ['Competition Policy and the Decline of the Labour Share'](#). Current empirical research focuses on the use of dark patterns online, and their effects on consumer autonomy and welfare.

The Centre also operates a pro-bono programme – 'The Value of Competition' – dedicated to educating secondary school students about the benefits of competition and the role of competition enforcement. The programme aims to support the creation of a 'competition culture' around the world.

Law with Law Studies in Europe and the European Student Exchange Programme



European cities in which our partner universities are based:
Top-Left: Siena; Bottom-Left: Munich; Centre: Paris; Centre-Right-Top:
Leiden; Centre-Right-Bottom: Bonn; Bottom-Right: Barcelona (Steve Allen)

The Institute is responsible for the Faculty's four-year BA in Law with Law Studies in Europe, together with the associated exchanges with Law Faculties in our partner European universities. The four-year BA course is a variant on the regular Oxford law degree that includes an extra year spent at one of Oxford's partner universities abroad. It is thus also frequently called 'Law Course 2'. As an exchange programme, it was originally established and until 2020-2021 run under the EU's Erasmus+ scheme. Starting with the academic year 2021-2022, it now comes under the remit of the UK government's Turing programme. The exchange arrangements remain the same, however, so we continue to welcome to Oxford students from our partner universities – one for each of our own students we send abroad.

The following options continued to be on offer this year:

- Law with French Law, with 15 students going each year to the University of Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas;
- Law with German Law, with 7 students going to the Universities of Bonn or Munich;
- Law with Italian Law, although no students went to the University of Siena this year;
- Law with Spanish Law, with 6 students going to the Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona;
- Law with European Law, with 4 students going to the University of Leiden.

The Institute administers the Course 2 programme, including the provision of preparatory teaching in foreign law and languages and keeping in contact with the academic directors and the administrators of the exchange programmes in our partner universities. The Law Faculty's Academic Director of Undergraduate Exchange Programmes is a Deputy Director of the

Institute, and the day-to-day administration of the exchange programmes is undertaken by the Administrator of the Institute.

Within this framework, the Institute also provides a focus and support network for the students coming to Oxford from our partner universities under the exchange agreements. These students are registered for the one-year Diploma in Legal Studies programme.

With up to 35 incoming and 35 outgoing students each year, Course 2 is one of the largest undergraduate exchange programmes in the University and it remains one of the success stories of the Law Faculty. Its graduates are highly sought after by law firms and other employers who appreciate their linguistic skills, their experience abroad and the teaching they receive in Oxford. There are and remain, of course, still some uncertainties about the future of student exchange programmes given the UK's withdrawal from the EU in 2020 and the coming into existence of the Turing scheme, which is currently going into its third year. However, none of the exchange agreements with our European partners formally depended on Erasmus+ membership, and we are and remain committed to keeping Course 2 on foot as best we can under whatever conditions may prevail in future. This is underscored by the fact that the University of Oxford has recently agreed to underwrite the exchanges for all students already on course as well as those accepted onto the relevant programmes.

Student Reports

Below are reports from students about their experience in Oxford and Paris during their exchange year in 2023-2024.

A Year in Paris



Our batch of Law with French Law students moved to Paris in sunny September 2023, ready for 'la vie en rose'. It was definitely daunting learning how to adjust to our new CROUS accommodation tucked away in the 15th arrondissement. Oxford's French classes had prepared us to talk about contract law reform in the Code Civil - not so much how to order a Navigo travel pass, or get a Parisian waiter to bring you the bill (answer: it's whenever they want to). Luckily, being part of such a big cohort in the same student residence was a blessing - we figured out our problems together, and soon enough, CROUS began to feel more like home.

Classes at Université Paris Panthéon-Assas - affectionately, 'Assas' - started about a month after we arrived. Assas has a decent number of international students each year, and it was great meeting Erasmus students from across the world. Initially, it was tough getting used to both the French lecture-based style of learning and the sacred Assas méthodologie for essay writing.

Luckily, Assas arranged for some extra support sessions for its UK Erasmus students on the Law course. These were really helpful, and a good way to get to know the students from other UK universities. It was also nice being able to study a broad range of short-option subjects, including Contemporary Economic Problems and Fundamental Liberties. Additionally, Assas had a huge range of societies on offer - a really lovely way to meet and get to know the French students and get a local insight. As part of the Assas Debating Society team, it was great to attend a debate tournament on a residential trip to Utrecht, in the Netherlands. Assas' team also debated at the UNESCO for World Press Freedom Day: an incredibly special experience.

Spending spring and summer in Paris, once we'd well and truly found our bearings, was an unforgettable experience. I remember thrift shopping in the streets of the Marais, taking day trips to Giverny and Chantilly, playing cards by the Seine, attending jazz evenings at La Gare le Gore and taking the above-ground line 6 at night to see the Eiffel Tower sparkle. Cheering on the Oxford students that competed in the famous Paris marathon also deserves a mention, and a huge well done to them! Even when exam time hit us in May (note: don't choose Assas if you're looking for an easy year abroad course), the romance of Paris still seeped in - I remember studying outside the Panthéon or in the Jardin de Luxembourg very fondly. There aren't many things comparable to the beauty of Paris' Latin Quarter, whether by day or by night. The year gave us some really beautiful, lifelong memories that have completely transformed my Oxford experience.

Many thanks to the Law Faculty and Exchange teams in Oxford and Assas for supporting our cohort and facilitating this exchange. It was such a fantastic year, and I wish all the best to anyone with the privilege of participating in it any time soon

Shivani Arun

A Year in Oxford (from Barcelona)



Reflecting on my time in Oxford, I am grateful for a year that exceeded my highest expectations both academically and personally.

Although settling into a new university had its hurdles, I believe the commitment I made was ultimately fulfilling. Throughout the first few weeks, I encountered various challenges while acclimating to my new surroundings. Settling into my accommodation on Norham Gardens, which was still being renovated, and obtaining a bicycle for getting around all required considerable adjustment. The Fresher's Fair and MCR events were especially helpful, allowing me to promptly connect with people from a wide range of academic disciplines and different international backgrounds.

The academic environment was intense and gratifying. Immersing myself in English Common Law for the first time was both a challenge and an occasion for intellectual growth. During the program, I opted to take courses in Contract Law, Tort Law, and Medical Law and Ethics. The high academic standards pushed me to improve constantly, and all the effort was rewarded when I was awarded the DLS Overall Best Performance Prize.

I would emphasize that the tutorial system at Oxford provided a valuable approach that complemented traditional learning through lectures and seminars, fostering deeper engagement with the material and offering personalized feedback from tutors. I also had the chance to take part in IECL lectures, including a session on Constitutional Law where I had the privilege of meeting Catalan lawyer Miquel Roca, a drafter of the 1978 Spanish Constitution.

Beyond academic activities, I soon came to appreciate the vibrant array of University Societies at Oxford. Joining the Oxford Union was a significant highlight of my experience. I attended weekly debates and speaker events on current and thought-provoking topics, often featuring well-known politicians, authors, and academics. Furthermore, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the various colleges and libraries, captivated by the city's inspiring history and architecture. Alongside this, I delved into Oxford's rich cultural offerings, which included attending concerts at the Sheldonian Theatre, touring the Ashmolean Museum, celebrating May Day, and watching performances of Shakespeare's works, among many others.

My experience at Oxford has profoundly influenced my perspective, and I am enthusiastic about the possibility of returning in the future. This opportunity not only enhanced my legal understanding but also introduced me to various career paths I had not previously contemplated. Ultimately, I strongly advocate that undergraduate students at UPF consider enrolling in the Diploma in Legal Studies exchange program, as it provides an exceptional prospect for a transformative academic journey.

Pol Colomé Cuenca, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Diploma in Legal Studies)

Conferences and Seminars

Special Lecture: Miquel Roca on “La Constitución de los 45 años”



On Thursday 29 February, at 5pm, in the Lecture Theatre of the Bonavero Institute for Human Rights (Mansfield College), the Institute for European and Comparative Law hosted one of the "Fathers of the Constitution", the drafters of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, the lawyer and Catalan politician, Miquel Roca, who spoke on “La Constitución de los 45 años”. The IECL was delighted to host Mr Roca, and members of his family, including his wife. Mr Roca is a distinguished politician and lawyer who has contributed to Spanish democracy and civil society. His lecture addressed the nature and role of a constitution in society, and in particular on what the Spanish Constitution of 1978 did and continues to do. The event was one of the first times Miquel Roca has spoken outside of Spain on the topic, and his first time in the UK to speak about it.

The event was kindly supported by the Spanish Embassy in London, and we were honoured to have in attendance the Ambassador of Spain to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, Mr José Pascual Marco, the Cultural attaché to the Embassy, Mr José María Robles and the Consul General of Spain in Manchester, Mrs Laura Garcia Alfaya. The lecture was followed by a drinks reception, and dinner at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, presided over by the President of the College, Professor Helen Moore who welcomed the attendees, and there was a brief address by the Ambassador, and by Mr Roca.

The lecture was in Spanish, with translation provided. The packed lecture theatre featured distinguished academics from around the UK, colleagues from a number of Spanish Universities, and students from both the Course II cohort in Oxford, and their peers at UCL. The students enjoyed a dinner together after the event, supported by the IECL.

A particular thanks to Professor Javier Garcia Oliva for his work in bringing the event about.

IECL Annual Lecture: 23 May 2024



On the 23rd of May at 5 p.m., the IECL hosted its third Annual Lecture, welcoming a diverse and enthusiastic audience to the splendid setting of Corpus Christi College's Auditorium. This year's distinguished speaker, Justice Jorge Mario Pardo Rebolledo, (Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, Mexico) took center stage to deliver a thought-provoking lecture titled "**Principles, rights, and procedures: a comparative introduction to the Mexican Criminal Justice System**".

Jorge Mario Pardo Rebolledo masterfully contextualized and presented the evolution of Mexico's legal framework, in light of the transformative changes introduced by the 2008 reform. Under that reform, the legal system transitioned from a mixed-inquisitorial to an adversarial and accusatorial system, as per the Decree reforming and adding various provisions of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States, (DOF, 18 June 2008). This legal landmark not only reshaped the law, but it also demanded a fundamental shift in mindset, actions and even physical spaces from those entrusted with the administration of justice.

Central to the reforms some pivotal changes were underscored by Jorge Mario Pardo Rebolledo, namely, the adoption of oral proceedings, ensuring transparency and accessibility to all interested parties, and the introduction of alternative justice mechanisms, emphasizing restorative remedies where possible. Furthermore, the lecture highlighted the greater role and rights of victims within the Mexican justice system. Victims now have the right to information possessed by the prosecuting authorities, the right to support, and even the right to appeal acquittals.

The Lecture was presented as a comparison between Mexican law and other legal systems, particularly the system in England and Wales. It concluded with further comparative elements drawn out from the questions from the audience and answers from Justice Pardo. Following the session, the participants were invited to a buffet dinner in the gardens of Corpus Christi College, where they enjoyed refreshments and as well as the roof-top terrace with its spectacular view of Oxford. Academics, PhD students and undergraduates from various legal disciplines had the opportunity to meet each other and exchange ideas in this stunning setting.

The event was another example of what being in the IECL is like, an environment that fosters collaboration and intellectual exchange among academics from all over the world. We are delighted to be part of that team during our time researching here.

Dr. Sevgican Aydin and Dr. Lorena María Arismendy Mengual
Academic Visitors to the IECL, 2024

The Lever Lecture



The Sir Jeremy Lever Lecture is a series created to mark the contribution of Sir Jeremy Lever to EU and competition law, both at Oxford University and in legal practice. The Lecture series is arranged by Professor Iyiola Solanke on behalf of the IECL/ Law Faculty together with All Souls College, and has every year been generously supported by Monckton Chambers.

The Lever Lecture was delivered in April 2024 by Rt Hon Lady Vivian Rose (Lady Rose of Colmworth DBE PC), currently serving as a Justice of the UK Supreme Court. Lady Rose spoke on *Competition Law in the Supreme Court: The First 15 Years*. The Lecture can be viewed here:

<https://ox.cloud.panopto.eu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=d451fa5e-d59d-4e14-bd8a-b14f00e7d98c>

The Mini-Symposium in EU Law (February 2024)

The Mini-Symposium in EU Law is a multi-session format consisting of at least three talks by a guests to the Institute of European and Comparative Law in the Law Faculty at Oxford University. It offers an opportunity to reflect upon and develop understanding on a range of current issues in EU Law with experts from across the field. This initiative aims to create and build upon links with researchers and teachers across the UK and the EU to promote dialogue, exchange, collaboration and networking between scholars of all academic ages.

The Institute of European and Comparative Law (IECL) in the Faculty of Law was delighted to welcome Professor Sacha Garben from the College of Europe back to Oxford for the first Mini-Symposium in EU Law.



Professor Sacha Garben is a Permanent Professor of EU law at the Legal Studies Department of the College of Europe, seconded from her role as an official in the European Commission (legal officer, DG EMPL), where she teaches on [The Constitution\(alisation\) of EU Law](#), as well as the [Legal Methodology Course](#). In 2020, Professor Garben was also appointed as replacement Judge at the Amsterdam Court of Appeal.

Professor Garben visited Oxford from Monday 19th February to Wednesday 21st February, as a Visitor at the IECL. During her stay, Professor Garben delivered a talk to members of the EU Law Discussion Group on Conferral in EU Law, participated in a Panel Discussion on the impact of war in the Ukraine on the European Union and delivered a BCL seminar on solidarity in the EU for Constitutional Principles in EU Law. She met with students across the University.

Her visit was organised by the EU Law Discussion Group, with the support of Professor Iyiola Solanke and the Institute of European and Comparative Law (IECL).

IECL and SCCL Stockholm Conference: Global Trends in Arbitration

This year's Stockholm conference was chaired by the IECL's Dr Geneviève Helleringer, together with André Andersson and James Hope from the SCCL.

The conference covered a wide range of interesting topics. The first session dealt with the novel legal issues arising out of the development of Artificial Intelligence, and was introduced by Professor Felix Steffek. He was joined by Sophie Nappert, an independent arbitrator practising in both Canada and London, and Kristian Storgaard, a partner in the Danish firm, Kromann Reumert.

The afternoon session dealt with Inflation, Electricity Price Rises and Supply Issues, chaired by Dr Helleringer who introduced Professor Ewan KcKendrick, and Professor Christina Ramberg.

The dinner cruise in the Stockholm Archipelago was enlivened by an amusing and erudite after-dinner talk by Professor Sir Roy Goode CBE KC.

Day Two provided a discussion of Climate Change Litigation, led by Professor Jonas Ebbesson and Anja Ipp, both from Stockholm, and Rekha Rogers, who had been lead lawyer for the claimant in *ClientEarth v Shell Plc* [2023] EWHC 2182(Ch).

The delegates were also given a guided tour of the Stockholm Museum of Modern Art.

Trends in Retail Competition: Inflation, Private Labels, Brands and Competition Policy



St Catherine's College (image provided by the College ©John Cairns)

This year's Oxford conference on Trends in Retail Competition was the nineteenth in the series. The event was dedicated to exploring the interface between competition policy, branded and private label products and retailers.

The first panel discussion focused on cost and price inflation and the passing of inflationary pressures through the supply chain. Speakers included: Michael Grenfell (Former Executive Director of Enforcement, CMA), Meltem Bağış Akkaya (Turkish Competition Authority), Reto Batzel (MARCK), Carole Dembour (Fevia), and Matthew Johnson (Oxera)

Following the panel discussion, Lucy Eyre (Competition and Markets Authority) shared insights following the CMA review of competition in the UK grocery market.

The second panel discussion explored parallelism and differentiation in pan-country trade. Speakers included: Moderator: Rona Bar-Isaac (Addleshaw Goddard), Felix Engelsing (Bundeskartellamt), David Foster (Frontier Economics), Sue Hinchliffe (Clifford Chance), and Christoph Leibenath (AIM)

George Tucker (RBB Economics) opened the afternoon programme with a presentation comparing the business models of branded and private label products and the implications for competition law.

The subsequent panel discussion considered the intersection of online ecosystems and traditional High Street retail, examining the optimal balance for customers and competition. Speakers included: Ariel Ezrachi (Oxford University), Nitika Bagaria (Keystone), Tim Cowen (Preiskel & Co), Oles Andriyчук (Newcastle University), and Max von Thun (Open Markets Institute)

The final session delved into the potential for competition law and policy to address sustainability and wider societal concerns. Speakers included: Ian Wright (Food and Drink Export Council), Alec Burnside (Dechert), Phil Evans (Competition Law Forum), Isabelle Le Personnic (JDE Peet's), and Julian Nowag (Lund University).

Ariel Ezrachi

The Antitrust Enforcement Symposium: June 2024

The Antitrust Enforcement Symposium, held over two days, gathers leading experts from competition regulatory agencies, legal and economic sectors, and academia to discuss the most pressing issues in antitrust enforcement. This year's symposium focused on the increasingly critical challenge of regulating the power of digital platforms, an issue that continues to dominate the global antitrust agenda.

The event began with a keynote from Andreas Mundt, President of the Bundeskartellamt, who provided insights into the current initiatives of the German Competition Agency. Following this, a number of presentations focused on market power in the digital economy. Alexandre de Stree from the University of Namur addressed the complexities of defining Gatekeeper Power, a pressing issue following the European Digital Markets Act and the recent designation of digital gatekeepers. Cristina Caffara, UCL and CEPR, pointed out the shortcomings in antitrust enforcement related to Big Tech's power. Erika Douglas from Temple University offered a fresh perspective on reviving statutory hope in US antitrust law, while Elettra Bietti from Northeastern University discussed technological capture, including distinguishing between the structural and situational power of companies. Comments and reflections on power and distortions were provided by John Davies, Michal Gal, Hee-Eun Kim, Hans Friederiszick, Michelle Meagher, Oke Odudu, and Pinar Akman.

The second keynote of the day was delivered by Ana Sofia Rodrigues, Executive Board Member of the Autoridade da Concorrência, who reviewed developments and cases from the Portuguese competition authority. The day concluded with a dinner speech by Mike Walker, Chief Economic Adviser at the UK Competition and Markets Authority.

The second day began with a fire side chat with Jonathan Kanter, Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice, who provided a US perspective on power, distortions, and enforcement. Following this, a number of presentations focused on the scope and limits of competition law. Luke Herrine from the University of Alabama explored anticompetition and uncertainty in market governance. Hiba Haffiz from Boston College, focused on labour market dynamics and competition enforcement. Helena Malikova from the EU Commission highlighted the significant increase in consultancies per merger and the resulting inundation of written submissions to the European regulator. Commentators included Rachel Brandenburger, Simon Holmes, Alison Jones, Barak Orbach, Rachel Grinberg, Maarten Pieter Schinkel, and Adi Ayal.

The 2024 Antitrust Enforcement Symposium was organized by the Centre for Competition Law and Policy in collaboration with the Journal of Antitrust Enforcement with support from Bates White and E.C.A Economics.

Ariel Ezrachi

First Anglo-Korean Comparative Criminal Law Symposium



On 23 September 2024, the Director hosted the first Anglo-Korean Comparative Criminal Law symposium, supported by the Small Research Grant Fund at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. The event was the first time the Criminal Law Association of South Korea had engaged with English law experts, and is planned to be the first of future engagements on criminal law and criminal legal theory. It builds on links established when Professor Seongjo Ahn was a visitor to IECL earlier in the year. The event featured six papers from UK scholars and South Korean scholars, on topics ranging from criminal code reform in India and Korea, to questions of fault concepts, jurisdiction, criminal attempts and hearsay.

The work on criminal law was further developed by hosting in September a meeting of the Anglo-German Core Concepts group, supported by the Faculty's Research Support Fund. The two day event was attended by 25 of the leading criminal lawyers and theorists from around the Anglo-American, German and wider civilian legal world.

Report on the IECL Research Masterclass: September 2024

The Oxford Research Masterclass 2024, held from 2 September to 27 September 2024, brought together 13 high-caliber PhD candidates from around the world, including Australia, Germany, Belgium, Georgia, Japan, Spain, Sweden, and Scotland. This unique and talented cohort engaged in a comprehensive programme designed to enhance research skills and foster collaboration across legal disciplines.



Throughout the course, several sessions and speakers stood out, offering valuable insights that enriched the participants' understanding of law from various perspectives. One of the first highlights came from Matthew Dyson, who welcomed everyone to the Institute of European and Comparative Law (IECL), setting a strong foundation for the entire program. Soon after, Martina Conticelli delivered a compelling lecture on the limitations of property rights from a comparative administrative law viewpoint, sparking thoughtful discussions among the participants. The evening events, like the opening night drinks and formal dinner, provided a relaxed atmosphere for networking and building connections.

As the sessions continued, Laura Carlson emphasized how Comparative Law can greatly enhance research efforts, challenging attendees to think more broadly about their methodologies. Another memorable presentation came from Francesco Bilancia, who tackled the complex topic of transparency and political advertising in the digital age. His insights into the political advertising market within digital communication systems were particularly relevant, given today's political climate, and added a timely dimension to the discussions.

Later, Son Bui offered a thought-provoking session on "Law and Development," delving into how legal frameworks can impact societal progress. This was followed by Ariel Ezrachi, whose expertise on competition law and policy provided a detailed look at market regulation and the complexities of competition law across different jurisdictions, a subject many found highly relevant for their own research.

The academic journey continued with Sanja Bogojevic, who gave a deep dive into the processes behind EU law scholarship, followed by Johannes Ungerer, who brought in behavioral insights to explore the unification of private law on an international scale. These sessions helped broaden perspectives on both public and private legal challenges within Europe and beyond, demonstrating the diverse approaches needed for comparative legal research.

Towards the end of the program, Birke Häcker captivated the group with a discussion on the challenges of researching legal history from a comparative perspective, encouraging everyone to think critically about how historical context shapes modern legal frameworks. Freya Baetens also provided a significant contribution, focusing on EU external relations and the protection of foreign investments, a crucial topic in today's globalized legal landscape.

Closing out the series of impactful sessions, Seong Jo Ahn brought an interesting historical angle by connecting ancient Eastern legal concepts with modern jurisprudence, while Jan Exner

addressed the Europeanisation of clean sport, a niche yet highly significant topic, particularly in the realm of sports law and anti-doping regulations. Together, these sessions created a rich tapestry of legal knowledge, providing attendees with a wealth of perspectives to apply in their ongoing research and professional development.

One of the standout features of the Masterclass was the incredible range of classes we received. We had two classes, two days a week, covering topics from Public International Law to Sports Law. Each professor brought their professional experience into the classroom, offering us not only academic advice but also practical guidance on how to succeed in academia, including tips on publication tools and strategies for building a successful academic career. Before each class, the professors would send us an article to read, ensuring we were well-prepared and allowing us to engage in in-depth discussions and ask many questions.



Most of the professors were from Oxford, but we were also fortunate to have professors from other countries, such as Professor Birke Häcker from Germany and Professor Seong Jo Ahn from South Korea. These classes provided invaluable insights and practical tools that have already had a significant impact on my research and career planning.

The opportunity to present our own research—spanning topics such as international law, AI, European Union law, and environmental law—was equally valuable. The feedback we received from both peers and Prof Dyson was constructive and enriching. These interactions have led to collaborative opportunities.

A major highlight of the Masterclass was our participation in both the Doctoral Programme and the 7th Biennial Stockholm Oxford Law Symposium, held on 18-20 September 2024 at Christ Church, Oxford. The Symposium, organized by the Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL) and IECL, focused on the theme "Abuse of Rights and the Duty of Loyalty." This year's Symposium gathered academics and practitioners to discuss these key legal concepts within private law, company law, and procedural law, creating an excellent platform for academic exchange.



The Symposium featured high-profile speakers, including Professor Joshua Getzler and Justice Svante O. Johansson, and provided a great opportunity to engage with leading experts in the field. The formal dinner, food at Christ Church, and the tours around Oxford and Christ Church College enriched the experience further, offering a perfect blend of academic and cultural immersion.

The Oxford Research Masterclass also offered invaluable informal networking opportunities. Engaging in coffee chats with Oxford professors and fellow peers deepened our connections, sparking meaningful discussions. One particularly encounter was when Emeritus Professor Sir Roy Goode invited our colleague, Inma Conde, to his home,

where they shared insights into their respective research and professional experiences. These personal interactions added a rich, unique dimension to the academic exchanges.

In addition to these informal moments, the Masterclass actively promoted inter-institutional collaborations. For example, PhD candidate Inma Conde introduced several colleagues to University of Sydney professors and staff, strengthening academic ties between institutions. Similarly, Ayako Hatano provided us with an insider's perspective on student life at Oxford, introducing us to her colleagues, workspace, and college, including Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Lady Margaret Hall and Jesus College. Meanwhile, Armando Santana offered an exciting opportunity for collaboration on a book project, demonstrating the lasting impact of the connections made during the program. This combination of formal academic exchange and personal relationships greatly enhanced the Masterclass experience, creating lasting professional bonds and opening doors to new collaborative opportunities.



One particularly memorable moment was the surprise drum activity organized by Prof Dyson, where each of us was given a different drum, and we played together as a group. It was a fun and unique bonding experience that added a playful yet collaborative spirit to the programme.

The accommodation at Corpus Christi College was exceptional, allowing the entire group to stay together, which fostered a strong sense of community and provided many networking opportunities. Thanks to the efforts of the IECL Administrator, the entire programme was impeccably organized, ensuring a seamless and enriching experience.



In conclusion, the Oxford Research Masterclass 2024 was an extraordinary experience, combining academic rigor with invaluable professional guidance. This programme is essential for nurturing the next generation of legal scholars, and its continuation will undoubtedly benefit future participants.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Professor Matthew Dyson, the IECL and the University of Oxford for offering this once-in-a-lifetime experience, which has opened doors for long-term collaboration and professional growth.

Inma Conde (University of Sydney)
Ayako Hatano (University of Oxford)
Armando José Santana Bugés (University of Jaén)

In September 2024 I participated in the IECL Research Masterclass for Graduate Students. It was a wonderful experience to be a visiting student at the University of Oxford. During the Research Masterclass a group of fifteen doctoral candidates from different parts of the world had the opportunity to discuss several topics related to methodology in small group seminars. In addition to that, we had the opportunity to present our own research projects and receive feedback from leading academics from the fields of Comparative Law, European Law and Competition Law. One of the greatest aspects of the Research Masterclass was how it was planned. We had four seminars per week which allowed us to work on our own projects the rest of the time.

To me, the highlight of the IECL Research Masterclass was getting meaningful feedback on my research project. Professor Matthew Dyson and Professor Laura Carlsson gave me useful suggestions on how to deal with issues related to the comparison of the legal systems analyzed in my dissertation. Professor Ariel Ezrachi was very kind to give me input on the structure of my dissertation. Their feedback has given me the confidence to continue pursuing my doctoral degree. I am very grateful for all their suggestions and friendly support.

Furthermore, I have to mention the fact that as departmental visiting students of the IECL we received student ID cards which enabled us to get into the Bodleian libraries and use all their online resources. Furthermore, we had the chance to attend two formal dinners at Corpus Christi College which only made our Oxford experience even more special. I definitely recommend doctoral candidates to attend the IECL Research Masterclass if they have the opportunity to do it.

*Germaine Hillerström
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2024 Oxford Comparative Moot in German Law

After the successful debut last year, the Oxford Comparative Moot in German Law returned to the Law Faculty on 22 February 2024. The event was made possible by the ongoing and generous support of Dr Martin Mekat and his team from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater PartG mbB. It was hosted by the Institute for European and Comparative Law and organised by Dr Johannes Ungerer, Erich Brost Lecturer in German Law and EU Law, with help from Rebekka Geremew.

The Moot brought together Oxford undergraduate students reading for Law with German Law and German exchange students from Munich and Bonn as well as academics and practitioners interested in comparing English and German law. This year's case study required the participants to respond to a fictitious consultation by the Law Commission on alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Representing consumer and business interests respectively, the two competing teams considered the strengths and weaknesses of the German and English legal frameworks and submitted their comparative observations as to potential law reform.



The panel was chaired by Professor Iyiola Solanke, Jacques Delors Professor of EU Law at the University of Oxford and Fellow of Somerville College. She was joined by Dr Julia Lotze from Freshfields and by Dr Ungerer. The panel was impressed by the students' engagement with the topic, their well-researched responses, and how they handled follow-up questions. The highly constructive and engaging debate revealed the importance of understanding different stakeholders' perspectives and finding common ground between consumer and business interests across jurisdictions.



The participants received feedback on their performance from the panel as well as certificates and prizes. Following the moot, the participants and all attendees enjoyed the celebratory dinner in the beautiful Pavilion of St Hilda's College, which provided an opportunity for networking and further conversation.

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Oxford French Moot: 22 May 2024

Two of our students who attended the French Moot have the written the following reports on their experience at the Moot as well as this year's Moot topic/problem.



In May, the annual French competition was held at the Faculty of Law. Two simultaneous pleadings took place, and I attended a pleading dealing with a case in contract law, mainly dealing with the theory of unforeseeability and its applicability in French law throughout history. The students had prepared well for the moot, both in terms of legal research and learning the necessary technical terms in French, and it was very interesting to learn how such a doctrine applied to a real case. It was also fascinating to draw parallels between French and English law. Afterwards, the judges gave a speech during which the award ceremony also took place. Overall, it was an incredibly valuable and fun experience.

Jinwoo Park

The lawsuit between the heating operations company (SEC) and Soffimat involved a maintenance contract signed on December 24, 1998. The SEC claimed that Soffimat had not carried out essential maintenance on two engines of a cogeneration plant since October 2, 2008, and requested the court's intervention to compel Soffimat to comply with the contract, imposing penalties for delays.

Soffimat's lawyers argued that significant economic changes since 2006, particularly the rise in raw material and spare part costs, had fundamentally altered the contract's balance. They claimed that these changes made the original terms unsustainable and that, according to the principle of good faith, the SEC was obliged to renegotiate the contract terms to reflect the new economic reality. They emphasized that the refusal to renegotiate created an undue burden on Soffimat, making their obligations excessively onerous.



In contrast, the SEC's lawyers argued that forcing them to renegotiate would be excessively detrimental. They claimed that such a requirement would compromise their market position and infringe on their contractual freedom. The SEC insisted that the contract was valid and enforceable as originally concluded, emphasizing that fluctuations in economic conditions were foreseeable risks inherent in long-term contracts. They warned that forcing a renegotiation due to economic changes would set a dangerous precedent, likely to destabilize contractual agreements across various sectors.

Luke Gillespie

In addition to the events above, members and associates of the Institute convene and administer the meetings of the Comparative Law Discussion Group, the EU Law Discussion Group, the IECL Lunchtime Seminar Series, and the Competition Law Discussion Group and Guest Lectures. The following meetings were held in 2023-24:

IECL Seminar Series	
<i>Regularisation of Contracts: A Comparative Study between French and English Law</i>	Celia Saidi (University of Paris 1 Pathéon-Sorbonne)
<i>Norm overlaps and norm conflicts in EU Private Law</i>	Dr Christian Ruesing (University of Muenster)
<i>Free Commercial Speech and Advertising</i>	Professor Caroline Heide-Jørgensen
<i>Control of Trustee Discretion – Historical and Comparative Considerations</i>	Professor Matthew Conaglen (University of Sydney)
<i>Comparative Catalyst Seminar: Do Objects of Powers Under Trusts have (Property) Rights?</i>	Professor Aruna Nair (University of Oxford)
<i>Putative Defence: A Comparative Study</i>	Professor Seong Jo An (Jeju National University)
<i>Network privatisation trends and access to energy in Europe: A comparative geo-legal perspective</i>	Dr Emmanuelle Santoire (University of Pau and the Adour Region)
<i>Is data a thing or not? A comparison of international legal discussions in international trade law and international humanitarian law</i>	Professor Pål Wrange (Stockholm University)
<i>Comparative Catalyst Seminar: Equity and Interpretation</i>	Professor Timothy Endicott (University of Oxford)
<i>El Dano Moral</i>	Professor Carmen Dominguez (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)
<i>Sharenting: How to Balance Children's Online Privacy and the Parents' Freedom of Expression</i>	Asst. Professor Dr Günhan Gönül Koşar (Hacettepe University)
<i>Data-driven antitrust Enforcement: A proof-of-concept study on retail price maintenance</i>	Dr Viktoria Robertson (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
<i>The Charter, the Pillar and the Legislation: Fundamental Social Rights in the EU Law-making Process</i>	Dr Lorenzo Cecchetti (LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome)
<i>The Precedent System and Judicial Reform in Vietnam – in comparison with Chinese Guiding Cases System</i>	Nguyen Thi Phuong (City University of Hong Kong)
<i>Access to justice and costs of arbitration</i>	Dr Crina Baltag (Stockholm University)
<i>Harmonisation of Copyright through Court of Justice of the European Union's Common Denominators Rules</i>	Branka Marusic (Stockholm Centre/Oxford Fellow)
<i>Administrative prevention: A novel approach in administrative law</i>	Dr Pablo Gutiérrez Colantuono (Universidad Nacional del Comahue)

<i>Fundamental rights versus contractual freedom</i>	Dr Matteo Turci (Università degli Studi di Genova)
<i>Property Law for Various Intangible Assets in Swedish Law</i>	Assoc. Professor Emil Elgebrant (Stockholm University)
<i>Understanding Civil Liability in Immersive Digital Worlds</i>	Dr Lorena Arismendy Mengual (CUNEF University)
<i>Criteria for Determining Corporate Opportunity</i>	Dr Sevgican Aydin (University of Cologne) and Maxime de la Bruyère (Aix Marseille Université)
<i>Consequentialism in judicial reasoning in French and British public law</i>	Maxime de la Bruyère (Aix Marseille Université)

EU Law Discussion Group

<i>Binding Precedent and the Overruling of Judgments at the Court of Justice of the EU</i>	Daniel Sarmiento (Complutense University of Madrid)
<i>Does the Court of Justice ever change its mind?</i>	Gareth Davies (VU University Amsterdam)
<i>Constitutional Heresies – The common Foreign and Security Policy and Judicial Protection</i>	Eleanor Spaventa (Bocconi University, Milan)
<i>Autonomy, Sovereignty and Constitutionalism and the EU's Obligation to Observe and Develop International Law</i>	Katja Ziegler (University of Leicester)
<i>Taking the Fundamental Rights Implications of EU Legislation more seriously</i>	Professor Elise Muir (KU Leuven)
<i>The Principle of Conferral Revisited</i>	Professor Sacha Garben (College of Europe)
<i>The Abandonment of the Spitzenkandidaten System: (Un)sustainable Democracy in the EU</i>	Professor Carlos Espaliú Berdud (Nebrija University, Madrid)
<i>Mutual Trust as a Foundation of the EU Legal System</i>	AG Nicholas Emiliou (CJEU)
<i>Of Grief and Grievance: Towards a Framework of Rights and Accountability for the Deaths of People on the Move</i>	Catriona Jarvis (The Last Rights Project)

Competition Law Discussion Group and Guest Lectures

<i>Trends in Retail Competition Symposium</i>	<i>Keynote Speakers:</i> Professor Maurice Stucke; Lucy Eyre; George Tucker
<i>The Antitrust Enforcement Symposium</i>	<i>Keynote Speakers:</i> Andres Mundt; Ana Sofia Rodrigues; Mike Walker; Jonathan Kanter
<i>Exploring Competition Rules and Policies in Regional Partnership Agreements</i>	Rojae Brown (University of Oxford)
<i>Judicial Protection in EU Competition Law with a Focus on Digital Markets</i>	Thoma Reyntjens (DPhil Law Student, University of Oxford)
<i>Competition Policy and the Consumer Welfare Standard</i>	Sir John Vickers (University of Oxford, Warden of All Souls College)

<i>Sustainability and Competition Law: Friends or Foe</i>	Centre for Competition Law and Policy with the American Bar Association
<i>Trade, Competition, and Domestic Regulatory Policy</i>	Shanker A. Singham (Institute for Economic Affairs and Competre) and Alden F. Abbott (Mercatus Centre)

Chinese Law Discussion Group	
<i>Procuracy-Led Public Interest Litigation and its impacts on Environmental Protection in China</i>	Dr Chen Tianhao (Tsinghua University) and Professor Denise van de Kamp (Oxford)
<i>The Disputes and Amendment Approaches on Judicial Review of China regarding the Parties' Mutual consent for Arbitration</i>	Dr Yiran Wang (Shanghai University of Political Science and Law)
<i>Oxford Chinese Law Discussion Group Conference for Junior Researchers</i>	Multiple speakers

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The IECL Seminar Room

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