



Université de Lille



13th Annual Legal Research Network Conference

Europe in 2021

22 - 24 September 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

Invitation

The Faculties of Law of the Universities of Bristol, Budapest (ELTE), Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen, Lille, Turku and Uppsala cordially invite PhD students and Academics to participate in the 13th annual Legal Research Network Conference from 22 to 24 September 2021. The conference will be hosted by the doctoral school of the University Lille.

Aim of the Legal Research Network Conference

The LRN conference aims at creating a stimulating research environment and a common space for senior and junior scholars to present and discuss international oriented legal research. The conference provides for the opportunity for PhD students to present their research and discuss their ideas with Academics from the different Universities, members of the Legal Research Network, in a number of panels. The conference language is English.

2021 Conference Theme

Europe in 2021: what sense of belonging, what kind of vulnerabilities, what roles for new economic collaborations in the digital age?

- *What sense of belonging?*

The rights linked to the status of citizen of the European Union, which is intended to be the fundamental status of nationals of the Member States, have been widely extended by the Court of Justice of the EU. In particular, they contribute to the establishment of a European family law, despite the different conceptions of the Member States in this area. In addition to freedom of movement and residence for European citizens and their family members, European citizenship confers other types of rights, particularly political rights.

This call for papers has for first aim to encourage a discussion on the significance and implications of European citizenship, on the evolution of the rights linked to the status of citizen and the multiple consequences of the loss of European citizenship, not only in general but also in the specific case of the withdrawal of a Member State from the EU.

- *What kind of vulnerabilities?*

The Covid-19 crisis shows the importance of questioning/challenging all kinds of vulnerabilities in Europe (disability, old age, work, environment, childhood). The health vision of vulnerabilities can certainly no longer abandon a larger vision that fully integrates medico-social and environmental issues.

This call for papers has for second aim to encourage a discussion on a renewed consideration of vulnerabilities in a globalized society.

- *What roles for new economic collaborations in the digital age?*

This question is related to the digitalisation of the world and the resulting tremendous creativity that has led to the emergence of new collaborative spaces (online platforms, blockchains, etc.). The number of people, individuals or professionals, likely to come into contact has thus grown at a sizable rate. In addition, the use of digital technology has led to innovative and economically promising relational practices. These "New economic collaborations" challenge the established legal orders and therefore question not only lawyers but also specialists from other scientific disciplines (economists, managers, sociologists, psychologists, etc.).

This call for papers has for third aim to encourage a discussion on the fundamental and operational consequences of this evolution.

Student sessions

During the student sessions of the conference, each PhD student will have time to present and discuss his or her paper. We will probably have parallel sessions. For each presentation during a student session, there should also be a discussant and a chairman (**Academics from the Universities, members of the LRN**).

The plan is to have four presentations in each session. Each paper will be presented and discussed during 30 minutes: 10 minutes for the author to present his paper, 10 minutes for the discussant to raise some key issues and 10 minutes for general discussion.

Submission and deadlines

We invite PhD students wishing to participate to submit an abstract which length should be no more than 500 words indicating the title of the paper, name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) to **Juliette Sénéchal** (juliette.senechal@univ-lille.fr) and **Sophie Ranchy** (sophie.ranchy@univ-lille.fr).

We kindly ask you to attach a brief description of yourself (up to 200 words), which will be included in the conference materials. **The deadline for abstracts is 30 June 2021.**

Confirmation of acceptance of the abstract and participation in the conference will be sent out on 15 July 2021.

The deadline for the working paper itself is the 1st September 2021. No limit on length or subject are imposed upon papers. Working papers are not yet definitive articles, but have an academic line of reasoning that is already structured and developed in such a way that the author feels comfortable defending it for a small audience of interested peers. Authors presenting working papers should actively seek to acquire general and specific comments in order to improve their work.

Venue

Due to the COVID-19 circumstances the conference will be organized remotely.

Conference Committee

- Pr. Johanne SAISON, Director of the doctoral school
- Pr. Juliette SENECHAL, Assistant director of the doctoral school
- Dr. Sophie RANCHY, Coordinator of the doctoral school
- Dr. Agnès KWIATKOWSKI
- Mr. Quentin LOÏEZ, Phd Student

For questions and queries, either contact your local faculty representative in the organizing committee or contact Juliette Sénéchal (juliette.senechal@univ-lille.fr) or Sophie Ranchy (sophie.ranchy@univ-lille.fr).