

6TH YOUNG LEGAL RESEARCHERS CONFERENCE 2025

Quarter-Century Milestones: the Next Generation's Reflections on Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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1. Conference theme

Hasselt University's Faculty of Law is pleased to announce the sixth edition of the Young Legal Researchers Conference, scheduled for Friday, 5 December 2025. The conference will be held in person at Hasselt University's city campus. As always, the aim of the conference is to bring together young researchers (primarily PhD and postdoctoral researchers) to share, discuss, and exchange ideas on their research with one another.

This sixth edition marks a symbolic moment: **25 years into the new millennium**. Over this period, the legal landscape has been continuously reshaped by globalisation, rapid technological developments, evolving political dynamics, and shifting societal expectations. Legal systems have undergone significant reforms, confronted new forms of complexity, and achieved key breakthroughs—while also facing notable shortcomings and persistent challenges. The 2025 conference, therefore, invites participants to critically reflect on these milestones, exploring how past developments have shaped contemporary legal thought and what they mean for the future.

Accordingly, the 6th Young Legal Researchers Conference welcomes presentations from all areas of law, including interdisciplinary legal research, that engage with this year's theme: **“Quarter-Century Milestones: The Next Generation's Reflections on Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks.”**

2. Conference Schedule

Time	Event	Location
09:30 - 10:00	Registration	Café Cour Campus Oude Gevangenis - Hasselt University
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome speech <i>Prof. dr. Petra Foubert, Dean of the Law Faculty and Professor at Hasselt University</i>	Aula Louis Roppe (OG-Aud2)
10:15 - 10:45	Keynote speech: <i>The Power of Alternative Methods: Feminist and Queer Approaches for Young Legal Researchers</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Pieter Cannoot, Assistant Professor of Law and Diversity at Ghent University</i>	Aula Louis Roppe (OG-Aud2)
10:50 - 12:20	Parallel Sessions (I)	See table below
12:20 - 13:30	Group photo and lunch	Cafe Cour /Panopticon
13:30 - 15:00	Parallel Sessions (II)	See table below
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break	Cafe Cour
15:30 - 16:45	Parallel Sessions (III)	See table below
16:50 - 17:20	Keynote speech: <i>A (right to) a perfect PhD Journey?</i> <i>Dr. Aurelie Cassiers, Guest Lector at University of Namur</i>	Aula Louis Roppe (OG-Aud2)
17:20 - 17:30	Closing remarks and announcement winner poster competition <i>Dr. Loth Van Der Auwermeulen, Postdoctoral researcher and research manager at Hasselt University</i>	Aula Louis Roppe (OG-Aud2)
17:30	Reception	Cafe Cour

Panellists will have 15 minutes to present their research, followed by 5 minutes of discussion time, during which they will answer questions from the audience.

3. Session details

Parallel Sessions I

10:50 - 12:20

Room	Session	Moderator	Presentations
FR 0.01	AI as a Legal Breakthrough and its Drawbacks	PhD Candidate Isabelle Vanwalleghem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Katarzyna Clapinska - AI regulation vs practice. Who is going to protect us against AI? Ravan Mansurov - The Deepfake Threat to Electoral Integrity: EU Legal Milestones, Structural Gaps, and Toward Resilient Electoral Governance (2018–2026) Pratiksha Ashok - The junk food of the internet, AI Slop Tomasz Kosicki - Composite Proceedings as a Challenge to Effective Judicial Protection in the AI Regulatory Ecosystem, Structural Analysis and Reform Proposals
FR 0.02	Evolving Constitutionalism, Ethical Challenges and Human Rights Breakthroughs	Prof. dr. Jo Badisco	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lizeth Guadalupe Moreno Marquez - Between Ethics and Obligation: Institutional Conscientious Objection in Medicine in Legal Perspective Emanuela Costanzo - The Transformation of Citizenship in the Context of the European Integration Process Stephanie Regalia - The nature of corporate human rights due diligences obligations: to what extent can we draw from international human rights law to interpret corporate obligations? Oskar Kosenda - Safety Valve or Trojan Horse? Constitutional Pluralism in Times of Populist Backlash
FR 0.03	The Green Paradox: Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in Environmental Protection	Prof. dr. Jonas Voorster	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Obbie Afri - Smarter Than What? The Stupidly Expensive Environmental Cost of Artificial Intelligence Ifigeneia Tsakalogianni - Sustainable-by-Design for a PFAS-Free Future: Integrating Eco-Design, ESG, and Circularity in EU Law Anna Maria Totokotsi - From Misleading Ads to Green Claims: The Evolution of EU Consumer Law in Protecting Consumers from Greenwashing Ni Putu Widhia Setiani Asak - The Differential Treatment in Climate Change-Based Trade Measures Xiaoxu Wang - Sustainable AI in Europe: Legal Regulation of High-Energy Consumption Models

Parallel Sessions II

13:30 - 15:00

Room	Session	Moderator	Presentations
FR 0.01	Evolving Justice: Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in Law, Criminology, and Litigation	PhD Candidate Sharleen Quarem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shubhendu Shekhar - Bail A Neutral Administrative Process or Punitive Penal Policy in The Criminal Justice System of India 2. Akram Alasgarov - Digitalisation of open justice: audiovisual broadcasting of Crown Court trials on social media and post-conviction privacy of criminal offenders 3. Anastasia Kalantzi - Social Media Evidence in Civil Trials: Comparative Reflections from Greek, European, and American Law 4. Sabina-Andreea Grigore - Fragmented Justice? Cooperation in the Domestic Prosecution of Extraterritorial Atrocity Crimes 5. Karen De Vos - Who Gets to Strike Back in Cyberspace? Collective Countermeasures and International Law
FR 0.02	Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in the Digital Age and Digital Markets	PhD Candidate Ifigeneia Tsakalogianni	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chengjia Zhou - Exploring the Epistemic Consumer Welfare: Digital Market Manipulation as a New Form of Abuse 2. Isabela Maria Rosal - Can Accuracy Survive after Death? 3. Šimon Svoboda - Obstacles To Effective Algorithmic Discrimination Litigation From The Vulnerability Perspective: The Laundry List
FR 0.03	Next-Generation Perspectives on Corporate and Financial Law	PhD Candidate Olivia Loyens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noémi Suri - European Insolvency Law at the Service of Sustainability 2. Carolina Serafna Errico - Governing the Unseen: Corporate Criminal Liability in the Era of Artificial Intelligence 3. Pawel Mazur - Equal Access to Corporate Information vs Engagement with Key Investors 4. József Zoltán Fazakas - Shareholders' Agreement in the Hungarian Company Law 5. Roel Sprengers - Between Fiscal Instrumentalism and the Instrumentality of Tax Law
FR 0.04	Evolving Work and Welfare: Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in Labor and Social Security Law	Prof. dr. Sara Vancleef	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vince Liégeois - A comparative law terminological database for Belgium and the Netherlands: A functional introduction based on employment contract law 2. Agathe Sussan - Prison Labor Law as a creator of legal and social Bonds: A Vector for Reintegration and Restorative Justice? 3. Ninon Ramlot - Recognising Unpaid Domestic Work: the Belgian Caregiver Status 4. Julien Mabille - A Missed Chance for Collective

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Parallel Sessions III

15:30 - 16:45

Room	Session	Moderator	Presentations
FR 0.01	EU Governance and Public Procurement in Transition	Prof. dr. Marie DeCock	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michelle Meyns - Public Procurement of Innovation in the EU: Balancing Openness and Protectionism 2. Mateusz Brzeziński - Public Procurement and the Access of Third-Country Economic Operators to the EU Internal Market 3. Marco Sciarra - The Future Enlargement as a Challenge to EU Democracy and Stability: the Need for a Cautious Transition 4. Brecht Plessers - The EU's Competence Creep, a Legal Perspective on Its Many Faces and Interpretations
FR 0.02	Vulnerability and Family Law in Transition	Guest Lector dr. Aurelie Cassiers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salvatore Davide - Unity or Fragmentation? The Conflict Between Unitary and Scissionist Approaches in EU Succession Law 2. Marie Vanloocke - Safeguarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and Reproductive Rights in an Illiberal Context 3. Veronica Greco - Artificial Intelligence in Family Law: Opportunities, Challenges, and Comparative Legal Perspectives 4. Lewhat Kifleyesus - The Hearing of the Member States Regarding the EU's Proposed Online Child Abuse Regulation Subtitle: Exploring the Tension between Democracy and Human Rights
FR 0.03	Negotiating Justice: (Alternative) Dispute Resolution in Transition	Prof. dr. Matthias Vanhullebusch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ata Türkfiliz - Expanding the Frontiers of Dispute Resolution Boards: From Construction Industry to Life Sciences, Esports, and Possibly Space? 2. Johan Pahlepi - The ASEAN Way of Peace-Making 3. Feline Geukens - EU Value-Based Peacemaking: Tensions between Normative Commitments and International Mediation Standards

4. Posters

Legal research can be captured in a graphically attractive way. However, the use of posters is not (yet) an established way of presenting and sharing research within legal studies. The YLRC team wants to change this, since the creative and simplified presentation of research holds great potential, and is a worthwhile skill to develop. Consequently, we provide those persons whose posters have been accepted the opportunity to present their posters during the Conference!

The posters will be presented during the lunch, which takes place from 12.20 until 13.30. During the lunch break, the poster presenter will have the opportunity to briefly explain their research topic with the help of their poster, while those attending the Conference have the opportunity to explore the posters. Of course, do not worry, those presenting their poster will have sufficient time to eat their lunch.

In order to make the posters even more exciting, there will be a poster competition in which the attendees of the Conference can vote for their favourite poster! Voting will take place via a QR code, which will be distributed on the day of the Conference itself. At the end of the day, the winner of the poster competition will be announced.

We are happy to announce the following posters:



THE GOLDILOCKS STANDARDS

MACHINE UNLEARNING UNDER EMERGING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS



MACHINE UNLEARNING



The process by which AI systems forget previously learned information upon request

	GDPR and the right to erasure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 17- the right to be forgotten • Focus on deletion from storage, not from AI/LLM models • Recital 66- Reasonable Steps- not perfection • GAP: unclear how erasure applies when data is absorbed into ML models
	Data Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends rules to industrial and IOT Data • Emphasis proportionality, cost, state of the art • GAP: No explicit mechanism for unlearning in shared/industrial AI contexts
	AI Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk-based approach for obligations • Focus on transparency, human oversight, and safety • Potential to embed unlearning as a safeguard • GAP: currently silent on model-level erasure

ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT LAWS

- GDPR, AI Act, and Data Act don't adequately address model-level erasure.
- Technical opacity in ML models makes enforcement of erasure unclear.
- Growing gap between legal rights and technical realities.

TOWARDS A "GOLDILOCKS STANDARD"



CO-ORDINATION NEEDED

- Current EU laws (GDPR, AI Act, Data Act) govern parts of AI/data but don't align on unlearning.
- GDPR grants the right to erasure but doesn't cover model-level deletion.
- Proposed reforms: explicitly integrate unlearning into GDPR/AI Act/Data Act, mandate transparency, and clarify feasibility obligations.



CALL FOR REFORM	
RECOGNIZE	Explicitly recognize unlearning obligations across EU laws.
DEVELOP	Develop technical standards (e.g., parameter pruning, reweighting, influence functions).
ENHANCE	Enhance transparency: disclose data influence, feasibility of unlearning, and data provenance tracking.
BUILD	Build fairness safeguards to avoid bias after unlearning.
PROMOTE	Promote international coordination (OECD, UNESCO, UN) for harmonized standards.
ENCOURAGE	Encourage adaptive, flexible regulation via sandboxes and dynamic governance tools.

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ORCHID

Researching the Impacts of EU Data Law on Children's Privacy and Data Protection

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A tech-laden routine: challenges and opportunities to children's rights



Children are surrounded by digital technologies, which provide them with access to vast information and educational resources, help them stay connected with friends and family, foster creativity and play, and even enable participation in civic life. At the same time, they pose significant risks to children's rights, which recent EU regulations have sought to address. These concerns are particularly acute when it comes to the collection and processing of children's personal data.



EU Digital Rulebook

Despite the existence of the GDPR, the EU has continued to regulate various aspects of the digital environment. Yet many of these initiatives (such as the DSA, DMA and AI Act), directly or indirectly, establish new rules for the governance of personal data. This inevitably creates overlaps between legal frameworks (both in terms of obligations and supervision), which may be either complementary or conflicting. In this context, adopting a holistic perspective is essential to ensure a **coherent interpretation of the legal framework**, so that any gaps are addressed in light of the **principle of the best interests of the child**.

Research Objectives

Considering the lack of robust scientific research on the matter, the ORCHID project investigates the **interplay between the GDPR and other frameworks within the EU Digital Rulebook (such as the DSA, DMA, AI Act, DGA and DA)**, through the lens of children's rights. We aim at advancing the state of the art by:

- (i) Ensuring legal certainty for the digital ecosystem
- (ii) Clarify the scope of data protection safeguards and data subjects rights across different regulations;
- (iii) Foster ethical innovation by providing guidelines and boundaries within which businesses can operate;
- (iv) Guarantee that children's rights are reinforced rather than diminished by interpreting the interplay through the principle of the best interest of the child.

Use Cases

- Age verification (GDPR, DSA, AVMSD, eIDAS)
- Children's profiling and commercial use of data (GDPR, DSA)
- AI literacy and EdTech (GDPR, DSA, AIA)
- IoT and connected toys (GDPR, DA, AIA)
- Age-appropriate design patterns (GDPR, DSA, DMA, AIA)

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Vivian Salles Vieira Pinto - Knowing your Parents - Should It Be a Matter of Consent?



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Knowing Your Parents – Should It Be a Matter of Consent?

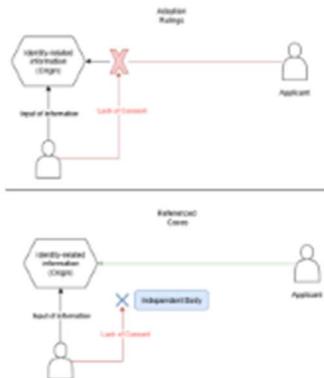
A Case Law Comparative Analysis In Human Rights Adjudication on Putative Fathers, Access to Records and Adoptees' Right To Know

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1 Introduction

Cases of putative parentage may seem somewhat different from access to origin information in adoption cases. However, at the heart of those two cases lies a similar main inquiry: 'Who are my biological parents?'. Despite this similarity, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) gives different legal contours to the consent of biological parents in disclosing identifying information in cases of putative parentage, access to origin information and adoption. According to ECtHR, in cases of putative parentage or access to childhood records, a lack of consent in disclosing information can be overridden by the existence of an independent body. This was not the case for adoption, where the lack of consent by the biological parents to disclose identifying information can never be overridden by an independent body.



2 Objectives and Research Question

Guiding research question: What were the legal and factual reasons for the ECtHR to differentiate referenced cases from the adoption rulings, and should those differences lead to a different legal role of consent in the disclosure of identifying information?

- ① To identify the legal criteria for distinction between Adoption Rulings (AR) and Reference Cases (RC)
- ② To analyse the application of this criteria in the context of the case law
- ③ To evaluate whether the different legal outcomes reflect coherent legal reasoning by the Court

3 Methods and Data Analysis

What was done? Analysis of the Court's reasoning and also of its Judges (Concurring and Dissenting voices) across multiple cases to identify patterns, divergences, and doctrinal development. The methodology combined doctrinal normative legal analysis and case law analysis applied within the ECtHR's jurisprudence.

Court Cases examined: 12 Referenced Cases + 3 Adoption Rulings
Court Cases Selected: 6

Selection Criteria: (1) Resistance to consent to the access of information; (2) information concerned the identity-related issues of the applicant; (3) Cases connected to the relevant legal question of lack of consent: could it be overridden?

Cases analysed:



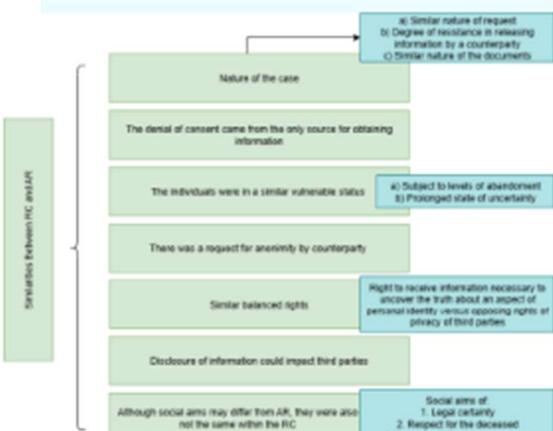
4 Results

Results

The differences between AR and RC were superficially indicated by the Court in adoption rulings, while major similarities between RC and AR were overlooked. If RC and AR are significantly similar, different legal outcomes do not reflect coherent legal reasoning.

However, if one considers that there should indeed be a distinction between AR and RC as rulings on AR are extremely context-sensitive, another issue arises. What if the 'social aim components' (case of abortion avoidance, lack of access to medical care, or endangerment of adoptees' lives) are absent in the balancing of principles?

This article proposes that, if the main reason why the legal outcome of AR and RC is different is the sensitive context scenario of anonymous birth, then this reasoning cannot be automatically and indiscriminately applied to all other cases of adoptees trying to access information. If what justifies the restriction to an adoptee's right to know under Article 8 of ECtHR is the greater social aims behind anonymity, then an arbitrary lack of consent from biological parents (denial based solely on personal preference, without any justification connected with the social aims) in disclosing information is not aligned with the principle of proportionality. In other words, knowing your parentage should not be generally a matter of consent in cases of adoption.



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5. List of presenters

AI as a Legal Breakthrough and its Drawbacks (Session 1, a)

Katarzyna Clapińska

Katarzyna Clapińska, LL.M. – graduate of the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw (2022), where she defended her master's thesis on the constitutional block of the French Fifth Republic. She completed the Master franco-polonais at the French Law Center (UW) and a year-long research stay at the University of Paris-Panthéon-Assas. Recipient of the Rector's Scholarship for academic excellence. Since 2023, she has been a PhD candidate at the Doctoral School of Social Sciences, working on a dissertation on the French Environmental Charter under the supervision of Professor Marek Zubik. She completed internships at the Court of Justice of the European Union (in the chambers of Professor Marek Safjan) and the General Court (with Professor Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk). She has cooperated with USAID and the European Commission as a legal consultant. A graduate of the prestigious summer school organized by Yale University and Paris-Panthéon-Assas. Former president of the Constitutional Law Student Society “Legislator.” Member of the Polish Association for European Law. Currently on a research grant at Paris-Panthéon-Assas.

Ravan Mansurov

Ravan Mansurov is a Master's student in the International Law and Human Rights track at Vilnius University, focusing on the intersection of human rights, digital governance, and political theory. His recent research examines tensions between regulatory evolution and normative constraints, including recent work on deepfake-fueled election interference in the EU and constitutional balancing of dynamic interpretation against rights proliferation risks. He prepares for doctoral studies, where he is particularly interested in how legal evolution interacts with institutional inertia and political contingency in the regulation of emerging technologies.

Pratiksha Ashok

Pratiksha is a Post Doctoral Researcher at Tilburg University for the EU Horizon 2020 project AI4POL and is affiliated with Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology, and Society (TILT) and Tilburg Law and Economics Center (TILEC). She holds a PhD in consumer protection and data rights on collaborative economy platforms from UC Louvain, Belgium. She was also the legal researcher for the PROSECO Project (Platform Regulations and Operations in the Sharing Economy). She has a double degree in Business Administration and Law and a Masters in Corporate and Commercial Law from India. Her second masters is a Master of Corporate Law, University of Cambridge, UK. She is a qualified lawyer in her home state of Karnataka and the Bar Council of India. Her research interests include digital regulation, data and consumer law, AI and regulation, comparative law, and global studies with perspectives from the Global South.

Tomasz Kosicki

Tomasz Kosicki is a research assistant and doctoral candidate at the Department of Administrative Law, Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences. He is a scholarship holder of the Minister of Science and Higher Education for outstanding achievements; manager of a grant from the National Science Centre concerning judicial review of composite proceedings. He has presented at dozens of national and international scientific conferences and lectured on administrative law at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), as part of the Erasmus+ programme. He is the author of nearly 50 scientific publications in the fields of administrative law and procedure, the europeanization of administrative law and local government law; author of a monograph on administrative law instruments for disciplining alimony debtors (Wolters Kluwer, Warsaw, pp. 503).

Evolving Constitutionalism, Ethical Challenges and Human Rights Breakthroughs (Session 1, b)

Lizeth Guadalupe Moreno Marquez

Lizeth Guadalupe Moreno Marquez joined the University of Aberdeen as PhD researcher in March 2023. Her research focuses on developing a viable regulatory framework for conscientious objection in medicine in Mexico. Lizeth's research interests include international human rights law, public international law, constitutional law, and medical ethics. She holds an LLM in Human Rights from the University of Aberdeen and an LLB from the Autonomous Metropolitan University, Mexico. Before coming to Aberdeen, Lizeth worked at the Mexican Ministry of Economy. She was involved in the negotiation of the Pacific Alliance-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and the defence of Mexico in Investor-State Dispute Settlement cases.

Emanuela Costanzo

Dr. Emanuela Costanzo is a legal scholar specializing in European constitutionalism and citizenship theory. She holds a PhD in Theory of Law and the European Political, Economic, and Social Order from the University Magna Graecia of Catanzaro, with visiting research at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and the University of Cambridge. Her research explores the transformation of national citizenship into European material citizenship. Dr. Costanzo has worked as a teaching assistant in comparative politics and has supported fieldwork projects on the political evolution of Southern Europe. She has presented her work at leading academic conferences, including ICON-S and the Max Planck Institute. Her publications appear in European Law Open and Ragion Pratica. Beyond academia, she has experience managing legal and financial matters as a court-appointed guardian in Italy. Fluent in Italian, English, French, and Spanish, Dr. Costanzo brings an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of European legal integration.

Stephanie Regalia

Stephanie Regalia is a doctoral researcher in the international doctorate programme on business and human rights at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU). She is also a doctoral candidate at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne under a cotutelle agreement. Prior to her doctoral studies, Stephanie studied English Law and French Law at King's College London and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. She holds a dual master's degree in international affairs from Sciences Po and Columbia University. Stephanie qualified as a lawyer in France and worked at the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre in the Just Transition and Natural Resources, and Corporate Legal Accountability teams prior to joining the doctorate programme at FAU. Her research interests include human rights due diligence laws, just transition, and developments in the negotiations of an international treaty on business and human rights.

Oskar Kosenda

Oskar Kosenda is a PhD candidate in law at the University of Łódź, specializing in political and legal doctrines, constitutional law, and the relationship between law, religion, and politics. He has served as Vice President of both the Joseph de Maistre Student Research Circle and the Scientific Circle of Constitutional Law. A recipient of multiple Rector's Scholarships for academic excellence, he has also participated in international programs such as the UNIC Summer School in Bilbao. His academic activity includes numerous conference presentations on constitutional theory, legal philosophy, and political theology, as well as a publication on Ernst-Wolfgang Böckenförde's thought. Beyond academia, he engages in civic education, leading workshops for schools on topics such as cyberbullying and criminal law. In 2025, he coordinated a research grant on Böckenförde's political philosophy and contributed to a major project on European integration of Ukraine.

The Green Paradox: Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in Environmental Protection (Session 1, c)

Obbie Afri

Obbie Afri is a PhD candidate in Law and Political Sciences at Károli Gáspár University, Hungary. He holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and a Master of Law (LLM) in Environmental Law from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. His research focuses on climate litigation, environmental governance, and corporate accountability in global supply chains. With a professional background in public sector auditing and ESG evaluation for state-owned enterprises in Indonesia, he brings an interdisciplinary perspective that combines legal, policy, and sustainability insights to his work.

Ifigeneia Tsakalogianni

Environmental Lawyer admitted to the Athens Bar Association (Greece) and PhD Researcher specialising in environmental law and sustainability governance. Currently undertaking doctoral research at Hasselt University, Belgium, on the legal regulation of PFAS and the integration of circular economy principles into environmental law. Teaching Assistant in EU Environmental Law and member of the legal team of the EU Horizon ENFORCE project on citizen participation in environmental compliance assurance. With prior experience at DG CLIMA (European Commission), as an Environmental Legal and Policy Assistant at the European Parliament, and a strong environmental litigation background in Greece, my work combines academic insight with practical expertise in EU and national environmental law.

Anna Maria Totokotsi

Anna Maria Totokotsi is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law and Criminology of Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Her research focuses on “The Role of Consumer Rights in Promoting Sustainable Consumption in the European Union”. She is a member of the Fundamental Rights Research Centre (FRC) and the Brussels Privacy Hub (BPH), working on research projects. She is also an EU qualified lawyer, admitted to the Thessaloniki Bar Association- Greece.

Ni Putu Widhia Setiani Asak

Ni Putu Widhia Setiani Asak, S.H., LL.M., is a second-year PhD student researching the role of differential treatment in trade measures contributing to international climate targets. Her research project examines the compatibility of emerging climate-related trade measures, such as the EU's CBAM and EUDR, with the Paris Agreement and the WTO law. She combines a doctrinal legal approach with the analysis of case law and state practice, focusing on how the principle of equity and differentiation can shape the interaction of climate and trade regimes. Her research is informed by over a decade of professional experience as a diplomat and legal negotiator for Indonesia, including involvement in climate change negotiations and the sustainability chapters in trade agreements.

Xiaoxu Wang

Xiaoxu Wang has been pursuing a PhD in Law at the University of Groningen since June 2023, focusing on the regulation of artificial intelligence within the European Union. I completed my undergraduate studies in Law in China, and then earned a Master's degree in International Business Law at the University of Leeds, UK. My research aims to explore how EU legal frameworks can address challenges posed by AI, combining insights from both domestic and international legal systems. I am particularly interested in understanding the regulatory implications of emerging technologies and their practical impact on society.

Evolving Justice: Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in Law, Criminology, and Litigation (Session 2, a)

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Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in the Digital Age and Digital Markets (Session 2, b)

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Next-Generation Perspectives on Corporate and Financial Law (Session 2, c)

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Evolving Work and Welfare: Legal Breakthroughs and Drawbacks in Labor and Social Security Law (Session 2, d)

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27-year-old PhD candidate in Law, under a CIFRE contract at IRJS Paris 1, affiliated with CASP. The research focuses on labour law in prisons, with a particular interest in issues of reintegration and ethics within social law. Educated at the Sorbonne, holding a Master's degree (M1) in General Private Law and a Master's degree (M2) in Law of Persons and Family. The research examines how labour law can create social bonds and promote the reintegration of incarcerated individuals. Social law, and particularly its ethical dimension, occupies a central place in this reflection.

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EU Governance and Public Procurement in Transition (Session 3, a)

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Vulnerability and Family Law in Transition (Session 3, b)

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Negotiating Justice: (Alternative) Dispute Resolution in Transition (Session 3, c)

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