

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
COMMON CORE OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE LAW**

*Sustainability and its Narratives*

GRONINGEN, 24-26 MAY 2023

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## WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023

17h00 – 19h00

### Small Working Groups

Venue: Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat 26

19h00

### CITY HIKE & DINNER (for own account)

Meeting point: Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat 26

*Join the group that follows the trail to your favourite flavour:*

- The Rijsttafel group
- The Pizzeria group
- The Stamppot group
- The Thai curry group

## THURSDAY 25 MAY 2023

09h00 – 09h30

### REGISTRATION AND TEA

Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1

### OPENING

### Welcome & Fundamentals

Chair: **Prof Ugo Mattei** (Hastings College of the Law, University of Turin)

09h30 – 10h00

Introductions & Housekeeping: **Prof Björn Hoops** (University of Turin, University of Groningen), **Dr Leonieke Tigelaar & Dr Katja Zimmermann** (University of Groningen)

Welcome: **Prof Wilbert Kolkman** (Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen)

Opening speech: **Prof Ugo Mattei** (Hastings College of the Law, University of Turin)

10h00 – 10h30

### FIRST KEYNOTE

**Prof Franz Werro** (University of Fribourg, Georgetown Law School)

10h30 – 10h45

### TEA

### Plenary Keynotes 1 Foundations of Law and Sustainability

Chair: **Prof Mauro Bussani** (University of Trieste)

10h45 – 12h30

Speaker: **Prof Felix Ekardt** (University of Rostock),  
Topic: **Sustainability and the Law**

Speaker: **Prof Marija Bartl** (University of Amsterdam)  
Topic: **Shared Prosperity: Towards a New Imaginary of Political Economy in the EU**

Speaker: **Prof Bram Akkermans** (Maastricht University)  
Topic: **Foundations for Sustainable Private Law**

#### **Discussion**

12h30 – 14h00

#### **LUNCH**

Venue: The Market Hotel, Grote Markt 31

#### **WORKING GROUPS**

14h00 – 15h45

**PROPERTY, led by Prof Filippo Valguarnera** (University of Stockholm)  
Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1

**CONTRACT, led by Prof Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi** (University of Groningen)  
**TORT, led by Prof Marta Infantino** (University of Trieste)  
Venue: The Market Hotel, Grote Markt 31

15h45 – 16h00

#### **TEA**

Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1

#### **Plenary Keynotes 2 Private Law and Sustainability**

Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1  
Chair: **Prof Charlotte Pavillon** (University of Groningen)

16h00 – 17h30

Speaker: **Prof Evelyne Terryn** (University of Leuven)  
Topic: **Can Consumer Law Become Sustainable?**

Speaker: **Dr Jill Robbie** (University of Glasgow)  
Topic: **The Politics of Propertisation**

Speaker: **Prof Elbert De Jong** (University of Utrecht)  
Topic: **Autonomous Tort Law and Corporate Climate Change Liability: Legality and Effectiveness Defences**

#### **Discussion**

**17h30 – 19h30**      **BORREL** (after-work drinks and snacks)  
*Follow one of Groningen's PhD researchers to the best pubs in town*

**19h30**                      **CONFERENCE DINNER**  
Venue: Martinikerk (Martin's Church), Martinikerkhof 3

**FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023**

08h00 – 10h30      **Small Working Groups**  
Venue: Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat 26

10h45 – 11h00      **TEA**  
Venue: DOT, Vrydemalaan 2

**Plenary Keynotes 3      Sustainable Forms of Collaboration**

Venue: DOT, Vrydemalaan 2  
Chair: **Prof Leon Verstappen** (University of Groningen)

11h00 – 12h30      Speaker: **Prof Alessandra Quarta** (University of Turin)  
Topic: **The Right to a City**

Speaker: **Prof Julien Bétaille** (University of Toulouse 1 Capitole)  
Topic: **Rights of Nature in the European Context: from Questionable Foundations to the Lack of Legal Justification**

Speaker: **Prof Lee Breckenridge** (Northeastern University)  
Topic: **Rights and Liabilities of Animals at the Urban-Wild Interface**

**Discussion**

**CLOSING SESSION**

12h30 – 13h00      **Reports by Chairs, Reflections and Closing Remarks:**  
Chair: **Prof Ugo Mattei** (Hastings College of the Law, University of Turin)

**Prof Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi** (University of Groningen)  
**Prof Marta Infantino** (University of Trieste)  
**Prof Filippo Valguarnera** (University of Stockholm)

**13h00**                      **FAREWELL LUNCH**  
Venue: DOT, Vrydemalaan 2