

NILG Conference 2023

***The Public, the Private, and the Hybrid:
Comparative Law in the Age of Governance***

15 September 2023 - [Norman Building](#)
Lutkenieuwstraat 5, 9712 AW Groningen (The Netherlands)

***Annual Conference of the Netherlands Institute for Law and
Governance (NILG) in occasion of the 10th anniversary of the European
Journal of Comparative Law and Governance (EJCL)***

The *European Journal of Comparative Law and Governance* (EJCL) was founded in 2013 as a journal published by Brill and run under the flag of the Netherlands Institute for Law and Governance (NILG). From the viewpoint of comparative law scholarship, the *European Journal of Comparative Law and Governance* was born as the successor of the *Electronic Journal of Comparative Law*, a journal of which Prof. Sjef van Erp was Editor-in-Chief from 1997 until 2013. He was also the first Editor-in-Chief of the *European Journal of Comparative Law and Governance* until 2014, when Prof. Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi succeeded him in this role. Since 2017, EJCL has three editors: Prof. Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi, Prof. Sjef van Erp, and Dr. Adam McCann.

Since its first volume (published in 2014), the *European Journal of Comparative Law and Governance* has acquired a very wide international readership. It has published contributions by scholars from all continents of the world. It is now included in the prestigious Web of Science, and it is ranked as an A-journal in several European countries.

The title of this conference mirrors the interaction between private, public, and hybrid forms of governance relevant for comparative law research. Invited speakers include the EJCL editors; Brill Publishing representatives; members of the EJCL Advisory Board; EJCL authors; guest editors of EJCL special issues; and authors of recent excellent comparative law (and governance) works.



PROGRAMME

9:00 – 9:10	<p>Welcome words and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi</i>, University of Groningen, EJCL Editor-in-Chief
9:10 – 9:20	<p>10 Years of the European Journal of Comparative Law and Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ingeborg van der Laan</i>, Brill Publishing
9:20 – 10:20	<p>The Public, the Private, and the Hybrid: Comparative Law in the Age of Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sjef van Erp</i>, University of Maastricht (em.) and University of Amsterdam; EJCL Advisory Editor • <i>Adam McCann</i>, University of Reading; EJCL Editor • Discussion
10:20 – 11:20	<p>Re-thinking Comparative Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alexandra Mercescu</i>, University of Timisoara – “Doing Business” as Usual in Comparative Law? • <i>Michel Vols</i>, University of Groningen – Theorising and Quantifying Comparative Law • Discussion
11:20 – 11:35	Coffee break
11:35 – 13:00	<p>Comparative Law and Planetary Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marija Bartl</i>, University of Amsterdam – Diverse Economies and Non-Extractive Law • <i>Christine Godt</i>, University of Oldenburg – A New Family Member on the Public-Private Divide: Environmental Burdens/Covenants/Obligations Réelles • <i>Sarah Fox</i>, University of Leicester – The Future (Challenges) of Transport in the EU • Discussion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch



14:00 – 15:20	<p>Public Interests and Private Obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Giorgio Resta</i>, University of Rome “Roma Tre” – Beyond Private and Public: The Collective Dimension of Data Governance • <i>Michel Cannarsa</i>, Lyon Catholic University – Techno-Regulation of Fundamental Rights and of Private Law in the Age of AI • <i>Irene Visser</i>, University of Groningen – Safeguarding the Public Interest in Mortgage Enforcement - Lessons from a Comparative Perspective • Discussion
15:20 – 15:35	Coffee break
15:35 – 16:55	<p>Comparative Constitutionalism and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maria Cahill</i>, University College Cork; University of Oxford - Articulating the Value of Freedom of Association at the Public-Private Border • <i>Patrick O’Callaghan</i>, University College Cork - The Right to Freedom of Thought: Global Comparative Perspectives • <i>Amedeo Arena</i>, University of Naples “Federico II” – From Paris to Plaumann: German and French Influences on the Judicial Protection of Individuals before the ECJ • Discussion
16:55 – 17:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi</i>
17:00	Drinks
19:00	Conference dinner (speakers)