Fifth Empirical Legal Studies Workshop at UvA
University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law
January 29th, 2018 (8:30-19:45)
IViR Documentation Room
Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam
Roeterslandcampus - building A, Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, Amsterdam

Keynote speaker: Yun-chien Chang (Academia Sinica)

Following the 2016 First Conference in Empirical Legal Studies in Europe (CELSe), the universities of Amsterdam (UvA), Rotterdam (EUR) and Leiden co-organize a series of Workshops on Empirical Legal Studies. This is the fifth meeting and will be held at the Institute for Information Law (IViR) of the University of Amsterdam. Previous meeting were hosted by UvA (October 2016), EUR (May 2017), UvA (May 2017), and Leiden (October 2017).

Program

8:30-9:00 BREAKFAST
9:00-11:15 session I (4 papers)
11:15-11:30 BREAK
11:30-12:15 keynote
12:15-13:15 LUNCH
13:15-15:30 session II (4 papers)
15:30-16:00 BREAK
16:00-18:15 session III (4 papers)
18:15-19:45 DINNER RECEPTION

Papers
Available here: https://surfdrive.surf.nl/files/index.php/s/anZrP95Sawzc8tt

Detailed program

Session I (9:00-11:15): Surveys and observational data
Chair: Ingo Venzke
Ad Blocking: Legal Analysis and Survey Results  Frederik Zuiderveen Borgesius (UvA), Sophie Boerman (UvA) and Sanne Kruikemeier (UvA)

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Goanta Catalina (Maastricht U) and Mathias Siems (Durham U)

Bargaining in the Shadow of the Judge  
Adi Leibovitch (Hebrew U)

With the Benefit and Bias of Hindsight: Looking Back at the Path of International Law  
Ingo Venzke (UvA)

Break

Keynote address (11:30-12:15)  
Yun-chien Chang (Academia Sinica)  
Redrawing the Legal Family Tree: Empirical Comparative Law Using Data on Property Doctrine (with Nuno Garoupa and Martin Wells)

Lunch

Session II (13:15-15:30) Machine Learning and observational data (cont’d)  
Chair: Jon Zytnick  
Judicial Agents and Procedural Dismissals in Heterarchical Court Systems: Chilling or Learning Effect  
Arthur Dyevre (KU Leuven), Monika Glavina (KU Leuven) and Nicolas Lampach (KU Leuven)

A Structural Topic Model of the Features and the Cultural Origins of Bacon’s Ideas  
Peter Grajzl (Wash and Lee U) and Peter Murrell (U Maryland)

The Global Language of Human Rights: A Computational Linguistic Analysis  
David Law (Wash U St. Louis)

The Effect of a Tax Notch on CEO Golden Parachute Contracts and Option Exercises  
Robert Jackson (NYU) and Jon Zytnick (Columbia U)

Break

Session III (16:00-18:15) Field experiments and observational data (cont’d)  
Chair: Roberto Ippoliti  
How Institutions Shape Preferences: Experimental Evidence from a Large-Scale Property Rights Reform Implemented as Randomized Control-Trial  
Marco Fabbri (EUR)
The Effect of Legal Prostitution on Real Estate Prices: Evidence from Switzerland

Federica De Rossa (U Svizzera Italiana), Giovanni Immordino (U Federico II), Rafaël Parchet (U Svizzera Italiana), and Marcello Puca (U Bergamo)

Say on Pay: Do Shareholders Care?

Carsten Gerner-Beuerle (LSE) and Tom Kirchmaier (LSE)

Judicial efficiency and output estimation: the Italian case study.

Roberto Ippoliti (U Turin) and Giovanni Tria (U Tor Vergata)

Dinner reception

Practical information

Registration

Participation is free but a sit will be guaranteed only to those who register by January 10th at gdarimat@uva.nl. We can host only about 30 people, we will give priority to early registrations. Please indicate any dietary restriction.

Presentations

Each paper is allocated 35 minutes. Please aim at a 20-minute presentation (at most!) to allow enough time for questions and discussion. The usual audiovisual will be available: bring with you your own laptop or a USB stick. The chair has the incentive-compatible task of keeping the session strictly on time.

Travel and accommodation

Food and refreshments will be provided. We are unable to refund travel, accommodation or other costs. Authors and participants are expected to arrange their own travel and accommodation. There are a number of hotels and a large supply of B&Bs at a short walking distance (it is very nice to walk from the city center to the law school along the river Amstel) and we do not have any special rate. Please book as soon as possible. Amsterdam is very busy at any time of the year.

Organizers

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This workshop is part of a series of regular meetings on Empirical Legal Studies organized by

- Rotterdam Institute of Law and Economics (RILE), Behavioural Approaches to Contracts and Torts Research Programme (BACT), Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam.
- Research Group on Diplomacy and Global Affairs (DGA), Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA), Leiden University.