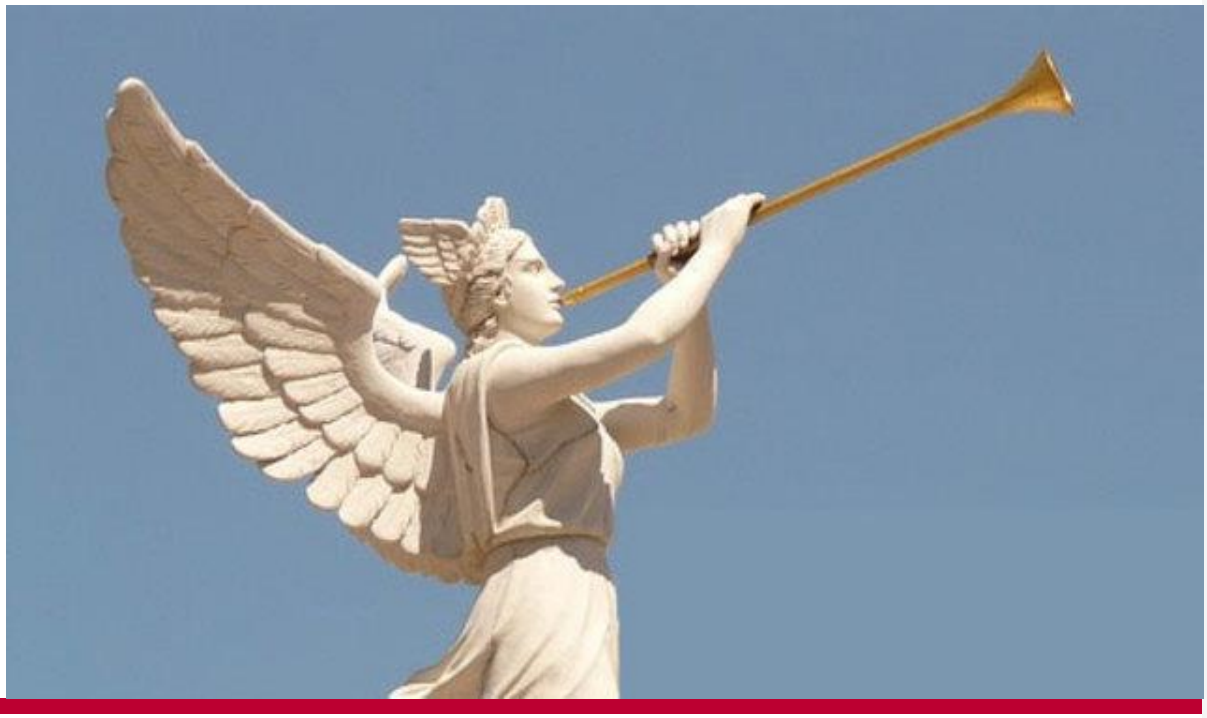
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Dear reader,

I hope you will enjoy the latest edition of our newsletter!

At ACT, we've had another eventful semester, marked by two major highlights: the excellent PhD defense of Irene Groenland, which addressed the risk of tunneling in transactions among related parties, and the upcoming PhD defense of Yannick van den Berg. The latter is introduced below through an 29 already impactful interview on how to reduce the environmental costs of holiday flying by reshaping demand.

Equally, don't forget to register and join us, either in person or online, for the exciting upcoming lectures with Brenna Bandahar (23 June 2025), Katharina Pistor (Sept 2025) or Ernest Lim (24 Nov 2025).

Please free feel to get in touch with us by email (act-fdr@uva.nl) or through LinkedIn, @Amsterdam Centre for Transformative Private Law (ACT).

We look forward to staying connected!

Marija Bartl

Highlights

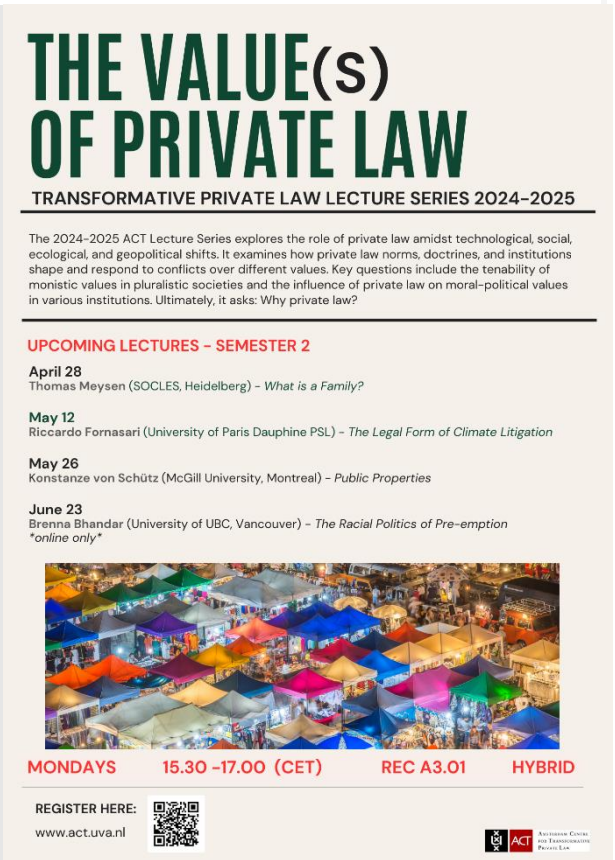
Congratulations Dr. Irene Groenland!

On April 23rd, Irene Groenland defended her doctoral thesis titled, Regulering van transacties met verbonden partijen - Beperking van het risico van tunneling in rechtsvergelijkend perspectief. Find out more here.



Semester 2: The Values of Privat Law Lecture Series

Since January, the ACT has had the pleasure of welcoming a remarkable lineup of scholars—Sophie Cools, Roy Kreitner, Thomas Meysen, Riccardo Fornasari, and Konstanze van Schütz—as part of our lecture series. As we approach the final talk of the season, don't miss Brenna Bhandar's lecture on June 23rd on the racial politics of pre-emption. Visit our events page to learn more!



2025 Spring Meeting NL Association for Civil Law

At the spring meeting on April 11, hosted by the ACT, participants explored the evolving world of collective actions and public interest litigation in civil law. Jan Wassink (UvA) opened the program with a compelling presentation advocating a norm-centric approach to non-material damage under the GDPR.



News

The Book Tour Continues



Following its publication in late 2024, Marija Bartl's book, "Reimagining prosperity" (CUP) sparked vibrant discussions at events in Utrecht, EUI, Rijeka, Zagreb, LSE, and City University, culminating in keynote lectures at the 'Public-Private Challenge' conference in Groningen, EUI Alumni Association Conference in Florence and NOMOS conference in Brno. The book is available open access—explore it here.

Spring Academy Zooms in on Digital Underpinnings of Sustainability Regulation



In April, Klaas Eller co-organized a four-day professional training at the Asser Institute with Asser researcher Antoine Duval, featuring speakers from digital tool providers, the public sector and international organizations (Dutch SER, UN OHCHR, German Ministry of Economic Affairs), civil society, and

academia, supported by the DigiChain research project.

Featured Researcher

Yannick van den Berg

On June 26th, Yannick van den Berg will defend his dissertation ‘Indulging in Paradise? EU law and policy of holiday air travel through the lens of practice theory’. Read Yannick's interview on how we can get people to fly less.

Read the full interview →



Visting Researchers Winter/Spring 2025



Giacomo Bruno

Giacomo is a PhD researcher in international law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. At the ACT, Giacomo will work on sociological theories of the enterprise and ‘enterprise democracy’.

Mattia Elia



Mattia is a PhD researcher in European Union Law at the University of Bologna, Italy. Mattia's research interests include European fundamental rights, legislation on air ambient quality and the regulation of business secrets.

Media, Talks & Web

Opinion: Is Flying Necessary? Only for the Elite

ACT researcher Yannick van den Berg and Kai Röth wrote an opinion article in the Trouw titled, Opinie: Vliegen noodzakelijk? Alleen voor de elite, published on December 29th, 2024.

Laura Burgers Analyzes U.S. Climate Policy Shift in RPL Article

Laura Burgers was quoted in a RPL article published on January 20th titled, 'US withdraws from Climate Agreement again under Trump: 'Very worrisome", explaining that a U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement would be quicker this time around. '*The withdrawal will then take effect a year later*,' she noted, highlighting the legal mechanism built into the agreement.

The Common Core of European Private Law Conference - 30th General Meeting

On May 16th, Chantal Mak gave a talk at the annual conference of the research project on 'The Common Core of European Private Law' in Stockholm.

The International Seminar on Abusive Clauses in Digital Service Contracts

On May 23 & 24, Marco Loos provided the opening speech and presented his paper, 'Updating the legal framework on unfair contract terms for digital services' at the International Seminar on 'Abusive Clauses in Digital Service Contracts' at the University of Rioja, Spain.

Bregje Dijksterhuis Featured in NPO Documentary on Adoption and Identity

On May 29th, Bregje Dijksterhuis was interviewed by NPO for the documentary, *The Afhaalchinees* (Omroep Zwart, NPO) by Kelly-Qian van Binsbergen, which explores her personal experience as a Chinese adoptee raised in the Netherlands and the broader issues surrounding international adoption. Listen to the interview starting from 11.10 minutes onwards.

Upcoming Events

jun 23

The Value(s) of Private Law with Brenna Bhandar
A3.01 / online, 15.30-17.00

Pre-emptive Violence: Property, Possession and Colonial Violence

sep 29

The Value(s) of Private Law with Katharina Pistor (Columbia Law School)
A3.01 / online, 15.30-17.00

nov 24

The Value(s) of Private Law with Ernest Lim (NUS Law)
A3.01 / online, 15.30-17.00

Fiduciary Duties, Climate Change, and the External Dimension: Lessons from State-Owned Enterprises.

dec 10

Collective Redress and Digital Fairness Conference

Conference

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