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Dear reader,

At ACT, the academic year has started with immense enthusiasm and plenty of activity. Projects such as “Rent and the city”, “Scholars for sustainable Amsterdam” or “Meat the Law” have enlarged ACT’s audiences toward both different academic disciplines and societal actors. Our team has been also strengthened by three new colleagues: Lindsay, who will be in charge of ACT’s communication and management, and Arwin and Michael, who are starting exciting projects in the field of commercial law.

For 2022, I wish our readers – alongside health and happiness - many more face-to-face academic exchanges!

I hope you will enjoy this ACT newsletter.

Kind regards,

Marija Bartl

News



Marija Bartl now Managing Editor for European Law Open

Welcome to European Law Open! Marija Bartl is one of the managing editors of the new, fully open access journal with Cambridge University Press, the EUROPEAN LAW OPEN (ELO). After the editorial and advisory boards of the (old) European Law Journal left...

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‘European Private Law’: Our LLM in new guise

European Private Law is a highly dynamic legal domain and flourishing field of practice. It only seemed fitting that our LLM in European Private Law that many ACT researchers are involved in as teachers and supervisors...

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Highlights



Martijn Hesselink Book Symposium

On 30 September, ACT hosted the first book symposium dedicated to Professor Martijn Hesselink's book *Justifying contract in Europe: political philosophies in European contract law* (Oxford University Press: 2021)...

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Meat the Law IV

On Monday 20 September, ACT held the fourth edition of the "Meat the Law" series. Meat the Law is a series of events focused around sustainability in the meat industry...



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Rent and the City

In a mini-series titled 'Rent and the City', ACT provides a forum to conversations on the role of law in fostering (or precluding) access to housing in global cities, at the boundaries of law, political economy, finance, and activism...

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Conversations around Law and Political Economy (LPE)

On December 3-4, ACT co-hosted an online workshop on ‘#Efficiency, #Distribution, #Inequality: Economic Analysis of Law and Law & Political Economy in Europe’. The event was organized jointly by the MetaLawEcon network and the Law and Political Economy (LPE) Europe research community that several ACT members are invested in. ACT researcher Klaas Eller was part of the international organizing committee.



SUSA Conference

During 2021, Scholars United for a Sustainable Amsterdam (SUSA) brought together Amsterdam’s academics to help Amsterdam realise its ambition to align with the model of donut economics. Amsterdam’s citizens shared stories about obstacles standing in the way of more sustainable ways of living or doing business...

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New ACT Members

Arwin Tavakolnia

Arwin will join ACT as a researcher in January 2022! Arwin Tavakolnia (1999) will join the University of Amsterdam in January 2022 as a PhD candidate at the Amsterdam Centre for Transformative Private Law (ACT). He started as a junior-lecturer shortly after obtaining his master's degree in commercial private law (cum laude) and honours...



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Lindsay Morehouse

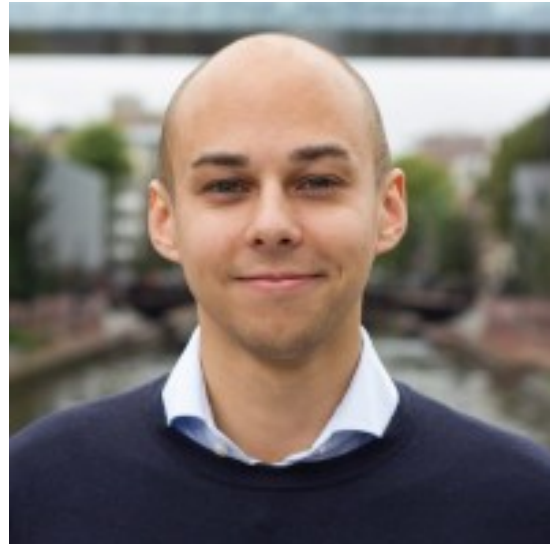
Lindsay joined ACT in June 2021 as the new Management and Communications Assistant. Lindsay is originally from the U.S. (Minnesota) and came to the UvA in 2015 for a PhD in Archaeology. In 2021, she began working with the Amsterdam Law School with the Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics (ACLE) and the Master of Law and Finance (MLF) before joining ACT.

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Michael Bakker

Michael Bakker joined ACT as a PhD researcher in September. Previously, Michael was a lecturer with the department of Private Law...

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On-line

Anna van Duin on the ACES podcast

Anna van Duin features on an episode of the ACES cast, where she discusses how practicing as an attorney relates to her academic career, what the EU fundamental right to access to court means, and why harmful online content is so hard to remove.

[Listen to the podcast →](#)

Vladimir Bogoeski on 'Harvesting Injustice'

How the legacy of neoliberal labour market regulation helps exclude seasonal migrant workers from social security in Germany.

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Vladimir Bogoeski on Democratizing Work in the Meat Industry

All energy has been by now rightly focused on passing the recent law reform that aims to end the business model, which has for decades sustained exploitative working conditions and uprooted structures of collective representation in the German meat industry. While the reform remains crucial, further steps should focus on revitalising the role of trade unions and other collective bodies of workers' representation and participation. This article elaborates why this is indispensable for a true reform of the German meat industry.

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Featured Researcher

Dr. Anna van Duin

Anna van Duin is an Assistant Professor of Private Law with ACT. Recently, she received an ACES UvA Research Priority Grant for her work as part of the project: *Injured on the Internet: Europe's role in the removal and regulation of harmful content.*



[Read the interview →](#)

Upcoming Events

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[Meat the Law V](#)

Online via Zoom, 15.30-17.00

On **10 January**, join us for the 5th edition of the "Meat the Law" seminar series: "Racialized labour, organising and resistance in the meat industry: experiences from Italy and Spain."

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[Rent and the City III](#)

Online via zoom , 15.30-17.00

The "Rent and the City" seminar series will be continued on **31 January** with a keynote by Leilani Farha, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing. Her talk will be titled 'The human right to housing – Local and global struggles'.

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ACT Seminar with Jeremy Kingsley

13.00-14.30

On **14 February**, Dr Jeremy J. Kingsley (Swinburne Law School) will join ACT's seminar series.

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ACT & N-EXTLAW Seminar

15.30-17.00

On **17 February**, Prof. Beate Sjøfjell (University of Oslo) will join the ACT seminar series. Prof. Sjøfjell's talk is entitled: "Through COVID-19 towards sustainability: the role of business and law."

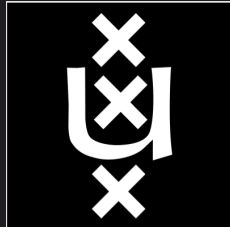
Stay up-to-date!

For more exciting events and details on how to register, keep an eye on our [events](#) page! You can also find updates on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

Recent Research Output

- > **K. Pijl** / De rol van banken in de transitie naar een duurzame economie / Ars Aequi, September 2021.
- > **L. Burgers**/ Roundtable: Should harm to the environment be criminalized? organizer/ SGEL, ACT and the Amsterdam Centre for Criminal Justice/ 22 October 2021.
- > **L. Burgers**/ **J. den Outer** Compendium Rights of Nature. Case-studies from six continents/ The Embassy of the North Sea, 2021.
- > **L. Burgers**/ **M. Grooten**/ **D. Sanchez**/ Rights of Nature Report/ WWF International/ Forthcoming.
- > **M. Bartl**/ **K. Pijl**/ From an Extractive to a Non-Extractive Economy: Disentangling the Building Blocks of Non-Extractive Economic Practices/ International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal (ICCLJ), November 2021.
- > **R. Vallejo** / The Private Administrative Law of Technical Standardization/ Yearbook of European Law, 2021.

- > **V. Bogoeski/** Book Review: Posted Work in the European Union: The Political Economy of Free Movement, Edited By Jens Arnholtz, Nathan Lillie (Routledge 2019, 226 pp)/Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal, 42(1), 2021.
- > **V. Bogoeski/** The Revision of the Posted Workers Directive as a Polanyian Response to Commodification of Labor in Europe/ Global Perspectives, 2(1), 2021.



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