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Dear readers,

I hope we reach you in good health and improving mood! At ACT, we have had many joyous moments over the past couple of months. To start, we welcomed three new members of our group, Vladimir, Antonio and Nena. Our group has also won a couple of new Doctors in the past months: warmest congratulations to Sacha, Kinanya and Rodrigo to their wonderful books and successful defenses.

Through the semester, we have also enjoyed many wonderful events and exchanges, with colleagues from across the world - for instance, within the framework of "Meet the Law" lecture series. Last, but certainly not least, current and previous members of ACT/CSECL are coming together in a joint project to create a free online available textbook 'Uncovering European Private Law'. Stay tuned for more ACT news, and hopefully more human contact, next semester!

Kind regards,
Marija Bartl

Milestone Achievements

Dr. Kinanya Pijl

On Wednesday the 26th of May 2021, [Kinanya Pijl](#) defended her thesis entitled, '***Sustainable banking in Europe: A counter-narrative***'.

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Dr. Sacha Tamboer

On Friday the 23rd of April 2021, [Sacha Tamboer](#) defended her thesis entitled, '***The notification duty in sales law; A plea to reduce the scope of application in light of the pacta sunt servanda principle***'.

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Dr. Rodrigo Vallejo

On Thursday the 27th of May 2021, [Rodrigo Vallejo](#) defended his thesis entitled, '***The Idea of a Private Administrative Law***'.

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News



Meat the Law Lecture Series 2021-2022

The Meat the Law lectures were a series of events focused around sustainability in the meat industry. The series was intended to enable engagement with diverse viewpoints from within and outside the domain of private law as a holistic approach to understanding the solutions and problems of the 21st century challenges: befitting for the overarching goal of ACT. This year we examined '*Confronting Common Enemies to Promote Just Transition*', '*Finance and the Meat Industry*' and '*Plant-based*' *Acurate Information and Sustainable Lifestyles*'.



ACES UvA Research Priority Area Grants for Research Support

The ACES UvA Research Priority Area has selected affiliates for a grant for Research Support in 2021. ACES affiliates could either apply for a Seed Grant to prepare an application for a research grant (NWO or ERC), or for a Thematic Research Grant. A Thematic Research Grant was awarded to [Dr. Anna van Duin](#)

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Welcome New ACT Colleagues

Dr. Vladimir Bogoeski joined ACT on 1 January 2021

Vladimir Bogoeski is a postdoctoral researcher at the Amsterdam Centre for Transformative Private Law. He is part of the N-EXTLAW Project (Law as a vehicle for social change: Mainstreaming non-extractive economic practices) and his current work is suited in the intersection of private law, labour law and political economy of labour.



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Dr. Antonio Davola joined ACT on 1 February 2021

Dr. Antonio Davola, LLB with honors (University of Pisa, 2015), LLM (Yale Law School, 2018) PhD with honors in “Law and Technology” (Sant’ Anna School of Advanced studies, Pisa, 2019) is Adjunct Professor and Post-Doc Research Fellow at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome, and Marie

Sklodowska Curie Individual Fellow at the University of Amsterdam.

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PhD candidate Nena van der Horst joined ACT on 1 January 2021

Nena van der Horst is a Dutch scholar with a background in law and economics. She obtained both her master's degree in law (cum laude) and her master's degree in economics at the Radboud University in Nijmegen. She is interested in sustainable private law and behavioral economics and especially the combination of the two.



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On-line



'Friends of the Earth Netherlands versus Royal Dutch Shell: All companies must act against climate change' by Laura E. Burgers

The 26th of May 2021, the Court of First Instance of The Hague rendered a ground-breaking judgment in a

climate case against the oil
giant Royal Dutch Shell (RDS).

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Conference Report: The Netherlands: a forum conveniens for collective redress?

On the 5th of February 2021, the seminar ‘[The Netherlands: a Forum Conveniens for Collective Redress?](#)’ took place. The starting point of the seminar is a trend in which mass claims are finding their way into the Dutch judicial system. To what extent is the (changing) Dutch legal framework, i.e. the applicable European instruments on private international law and the adoption of the new Dutch law on collective redress, sufficiently equipped to handle these cases? And also, to what extent will the Dutch position change in light of international and European developments, i.e. the adoption of the European directive on collective redress for consumer matters, and Brexit? In the discussions that took place during the seminar, a consensus became apparent that the Netherlands will most likely remain a ‘soft power’ in collective redress, but that the developments do raise some thorny issues. Conclusive answers as to how the current situation will evolve are hard to provide, but a common ground to which the discussions seemed to return does shed light on the relevant considerations. When legal and policy decisions need to be made, only in the case of a fair balance, and a structural assessment thereof, between the prevention of abuse and sufficient access to justice, can the Netherlands indeed be a forum conveniens for collective redress.

Questions? [UvA prof. dr. Aukje van Hoek](#)

All the Latest Articles on the Transformative Private Law Blog

The idea of the Transformative Private Law Blog arose in the wake of launching the Amsterdam Centre for Transformative Private Law.



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ACT Member Internal Conference: European Private Law Textbook

On the 24th and the 25th of June, an internal conference take place digitally of in hybrid online/onsite form, with the aim to give shape to a European private law Textbook to be written by ACT Members. This textbook, intended for master students, provides an introduction into various fields of European private law and does not only cover positive law but also societal and academic debates around it.

Featured Researcher

Dr Vladimir Bogoeski

[Dr. Vladimir Bogoeski](#) (see photo above) is a postdoctoral researcher with ACT and is part of the [N-EXTLAW Project](#). He examines how private law currently structures work relations, focusing on worker cooperatives as an alternative model of organising economic activity and work.



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[New! go to the N-EXTLAW website →](#)

Events

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[AQT Lecture Series: Dr. Michael Wilkinson, Associate Professor of Law, LSE](#)

A Digital Event, 15:30 - 17:00

'Authoritarian Liberalism and the Transformation of Modern Europe'

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[Public defense PhD thesis Karoline Rakneberg Haug](#)

A Digital Event, 10:00-12:00

Transfer of Movables: A Comparison of the Unitary Approach and the Scandinavian Functional Approach

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[ACT Book Symposium: 'Justifying contract in Europe: political philosophies of European contract law' \(CUP 2021\), by Prof. Martijn Hesselink](#)

Amsterdam Law School, Amsterdam The Netherlands, 14:00 - 17:30

Recent Research Output

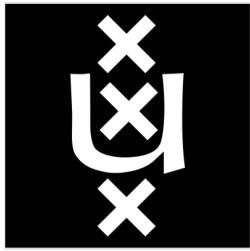
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