ECLAN PhD Seminar 2019
Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg
24-25 January 2019

25 Years after Maastricht: Achievements, Failures and Challenges
of the EU Criminal Justice Area

CALL FOR PAPERS

The European Criminal Law Academic Network is proud to announce the 8th ECLAN PhD Seminar on European Criminal Justice to be held in Luxembourg on 24-25 January 2019. The Seminar will be organised by the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF) of the University of Luxembourg.

The ECLAN PhD seminar will provide a friendly environment in which PhD candidates can gain experience in presenting their research, learn from each other’s research and develop contacts with other researchers in their field. This PhD seminar aims to gather together PhD candidates working in the field of EU criminal law and holding a degree in law, political science or international studies.

The 1st of November 2018 will mark the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Treaty of Maastricht, which conferred on the EU its first express, albeit limited, competences in the field of criminal justice. This year’s seminar will therefore represent an opportunity to reflect on the development of EU criminal law over the last quarter-century and to discuss the challenges ahead. The departure of the United Kingdom from the EU, the Commission’s proposals on e-evidence and interoperability of EU databases, and the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office are only a few examples of the several issues that are likely to reshape EU criminal law in the future. Special attention will also be paid to the external dimension of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice and its impact on criminal justice systems, as international cooperation with third countries and transatlantic relations are rapidly gaining in importance. Topics of relevance for this PhD Seminar include, inter alia, European or transnational judicial and police cooperation, PNR and data protection, access to electronic evidence, mutual recognition instruments, the impact of Brexit on EU criminal law and future cooperation with the UK, issues related to EU substantive criminal law, recent trends in the case law of the Court of Justice, and rights of defendants and victims in criminal proceedings.

The application should encompass:
- A CV with full contact details;
- An indication of the starting date and envisaged end date of the PhD thesis;
- And a description (maximum: 5 pages) of the research subject and methodology.
**Application deadline:** 15 November 2018.

Applications must be sent to the PhD Seminar Coordinators:
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The selected students will give a presentation of their work in front of their peers. Then, discussants will include the members of the ECLAN Management Committee: Prof. Anne Weyemhergh (ULB-IEE), Prof. Sabine Gless (University of Basel), Prof. Katalin Ligeti (University of Luxembourg), Prof. Valsamis Mitsilegias (Queen Mary University of London), Prof. Pedro Caeiro (University of Coimbra) and Prof. Robert Kert (Vienna University of Economics and Business).

Finally, the floor will be opened for debate.

Submitted papers will also be considered for publication in the New Journal of European Criminal Law (N.J.E.C.L.).

**Unfortunately, expenses linked to participation in the PhD seminar cannot be covered.**

However, the organisers will provide logistical support to PhD students in order to identify the best means to reach the venue as well as accommodation solutions.

We are looking forward to your papers and to welcoming you to Luxembourg!

Best regards,

*Katalin Ligeti*  
*Fabio Giuffrida*