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Leuven March 2023

Monday 6 March 2023 (Venue: Large Conference Room, Tiensestraat 41): “Sustainability and private law”

Theme

Sustainability is one of the main societal challenges for society in general, and for law and private law more in particular. Professors of our Faculty are highly involved in research on sustainability from a legal and interdisciplinary perspective.

10.00-10.15h: Welcome and presentation of the Faculty – **Dean prof. dr. Wouter Devroe** (Dean, KU Leuven)

10.15-12.00h: Circular Economy and Private Law – **Prof. Dr. Bert Keirsbilck** (KU Leuven) and **Prof. Dr. Evelyne Terryn** (KU Leuven)

12.00-13.45h: *Lunch Break*

13.45-15.15h: Sustainability as principle of general interest in private law – **Prof. Dr. Dorothy Gruyaert** (KU Leuven)

15.15-15.30h: *Coffee break*

15.30-17.00h: Sustainability in Financial Law – **Prof. Dr. Veerle Colaert** (KU Leuven)

Tuesday 7 March 2023 (Venue: Large Conference Room, Tiensestraat 41): “Reform of Private law”

Theme

Belgian private law is in a crucial stage of its development. Traditionally identical to French private law, the Belgian government launched in 2016 a huge project for the reform of private law, and the introduction of a new Civil Code. Some chapters have meanwhile been adopted and entered into force, other are still in preparation. Law Professors of our Faculty are heading the expert committees drafting the new Civil Code.

9.00h-10.30h: A historical perspective on recodification in private law – **Prof. em. Dr. Alain Wyffels** (KU Leuven)

10.30-12.00h: The reform of Belgian Contract law – **Prof. Dr. Bernard Tilleman** (KU Leuven)

12.00-13.30h: *Lunch break*

13.30h-15.30h: The Reform of Belgian Property law and the law of property security rights – **Prof. Dr. Vincent Sagaert** (KU Leuven)

15.30-17.00h: The Reform of Belgian Law of Obligations – **Prof. Dr. Ilse Samoy, dr. Christopher Borucki** and **Tom Hick** (KU Leuven)

19.00h: *Diner at Restaurant Domus offered by the Faculty*

Wednesday 8 March 2023 (Venue: Brussels)

Theme

The City of Leuven is located in the outer circle of the de facto capital of the EU, Brussels. Hence, it is not a coincidence that European law is one of the scientific research pillars of the KU Leuven Faculty of Law. During the Brussels’ day, the group will visit some of the main EU institutions.

8.15h: Departure at the hotel

9.45-11.00h: Visit to the European Economic and Social Committee

11.00-14.00h: *Walk & lunch in Brussels*

14.30-16.00h: Visit to the EU Parliament

16.00-19.00h: *Walk to the city center*

19.00h: *Drinks & diner in Brussels*

Thursday 9 March 2023 (Venue: Large Conference Room, Tiensestraat 41): “Family, art and private law”

Theme

Private law is extremely relevant to navigate the legal issues of society and culture. Today we will discuss the challenges within this regard.

9.00-10.30h: Parenthood, parentage and parental responsibilities in non-traditional families – **Prof. Dr. Ingrid Boone** (KU Leuven)

10.30-12.00h: Art and private law: a comparative perspective – **Prof. Dr. Bert Demarsin** (KU Leuven)

12.00-14.00h: *Lunch break + preparation time for doctoral presentations*

14.00-17h: Doctoral presentations

19h: *Visit to Stella Brewery*

Friday 10 March 2023 (Venue: Conference room (04.07), International House, Tiensestraat 41): “Soft Skills”

Theme

Soft skills can substantially affect the tone and outcome of legal procedures. This day focuses on negotiation and pleading as skills.

10.00-13.00h: Introduction to Negotiation: Can Lawyers Create Value? (including negotiation exercise) – **Prof. Dr. Alain-Laurent Verbeke** (KU Leuven & Harvard Law School)

13.00-14.00h: *Lunch break*

14.00-16.00h: Moot Court preparation

16.00h: *Farewell reception*