



INVITATION TO THE IUS COMMUNE MASTERCLASS – May 23-24, 2013, LEUVEN

Dear Ius Commune researchers,

Enclosed you will find information on the Leuven Masterclass, which this year will take place on **May 23-24, 2013**. You are kindly invited to attend this highly recommended part of the Ius Commune postgraduate training program.

Experience has shown that in order to maximize the benefits of the Leuven Masterclass, your research has to be beyond the preliminary stage. Preferably, you are in your second or third year. In case of doubt, do not hesitate to consult your supervisor or to contact the coordinator of the program, Dr. J.M. Milo (j.milo@law.uu.nl).

As usual, this meeting is free of charge for members of the participating faculties of the Ius Commune Research School (Leuven, Utrecht, Amsterdam (UvA), Maastricht). Due to the large number of PhD students of non-participating faculties, the board of directors of the Ius Commune Research School has decided that from now on these participants have to pay for the hotel accommodation themselves. The other costs involved in the participation will be paid by the organizing faculty.

Please read carefully the attached letter providing you with more detailed information on the goals and practical organization of the Leuven Masterclass. Also attached is the registration form, which is to be sent to Dorothy Gruyaert (dorothy.gruyaert@law.kuleuven.be), Sanne Jansen (sanne.jansen@law.kuleuven.be) and Koen Swinnen (koen.swinnen@law.kuleuven.be). **The deadline for registration is March 29, 2013.** Please note that you are expected to attend both days of the Masterclass.

We look forward to seeing you in Leuven,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. John Michael Milo

Dorothy Gruyaert
Sanne Jansen
Koen Swinnen

Goals and organisation of the Ius Commune Leuven Masterclass 2013

Dear Sir, Madam,

This year, the Leuven meeting of the Ius Commune postgraduate training course will take place on **May 23-24, 2013**. Traditionally, this meeting is conceived as a Masterclass, during which doctoral researchers present their research project and submit it to a panel of experts. The goal of the Leuven Masterclass is the further development of the following skills: writing a paper, presenting and discussing the paper and commenting on the papers of your peers.

Paper

The paper (5 to 10 pp.) should comprise the major issues and research questions of your project, its academic, social and practical relevance, the used methodology, the planning, the problems encountered until now, the primary results and preliminary outcomes of the analysis.

Presentation

All participants are to present their submitted paper orally. This oral presentation should not be a mere reading of the paper, but needs to focus on the major issues of your research and in particular on those issues you would like the panel to dilate upon.

'Peer review' and feedback

In addition, each participant is expected to comment on the paper of another participant. Therefore, each participant will be sent a colleague's paper prior to the Masterclass. After this comment, other participants are invited and stimulated to ask questions and provide further suggestions or comments. Finally a Belgian senior researcher with expertise in the field of the submitted and presented paper, will be invited to thoroughly discuss the subject, methodology, etc. of the research.

If you are interested in participating in the Leuven Masterclass, please confirm your participation (using the registration form – see other attachment) as soon as possible to Dorothy Gruyaert, Sanne Jansen and Koen Swinnen, representatives for Ius Commune in Leuven (dorothy.gruyaert@law.kuleuven.be, sanne.jansen@law.kuleuven.be, koen.swinnen@law.kuleuven.be).

The deadline for registration is March 29, 2013.

In order to enable us to invite the most suitable Belgian experts, we would like you to add some **additional information** to your **registration**. More specifically, you are asked to mention the title of your research, the name of your supervisor(s) and the starting date of your doctoral research. You should also give a brief description of your research project.

Your paper has to be submitted before May 10, 2013 in order for it to be distributed to the discussants. Participants will receive additional information on the location, hotel reservations etc. in separate correspondence.

As finding the most appropriate experts for your research is a complex and time-consuming task, we would like to urge participants to consider their registration carefully and to check whether, in the same period, they do not have other professional commitments that will force them right at the end to cancel their participation.

We look forward to seeing you in Leuven.

Yours sincerely,

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