



Goals and organisation of the Ius Commune Leuven Masterclass 2014

Dear Sir, Madam,

This year, the Leuven meeting of the Ius Commune postgraduate training course will take place on **June 5-6, 2014**. 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 and Sanne Jansen, representatives for Ius Commune in Leuven (dorothy.gruyaert@law.kuleuven.be, sanne.jansen@law.kuleuven.be).

The deadline for registration is March 24, 2014.

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, 2014 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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