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**Call for Papers**  
**Workshop Contract Law and Sustainability**  
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Following the 2016 Paris Agreement on climate change, sustainability will play an increasingly important role in our lives. Sustainability is a broad notion and its relationship with contract or contract law is manifold.

It concerns issues, such as non-conformity and remedies. Is a smartphone non-conform if it cannot be used because of technical limitations two years after it was acquired? Is a electrical toothbrush a non-conforming product if it cannot be repaired, but only be replaced? If not should the remedies be adopted in the light of sustainability? And is it acceptable to produce and sell textile products which can be washed and worn for a very limited number of times only, provided that the buyer is informed thereof before the contract is concluded, or are such contracts to be considered void for being socially irresponsible and therefore against 'good morals', public policy, or good faith?

These are to a certain extent classical contract law questions. However, the role of contract and contract law is not restricted thereto. Contract can also be a means to achieve a more sustainable economy or even society. Contract can be an instrument to establish a public private partnership which aims at a more sustainable economy or society, for instance in the area of infrastructure. Contract can be a means to achieve corporate social responsibility, a circular economy or innovation that aims at sustainability. These are mere examples of the relation between contract, contract law and sustainability.

PhD candidates and other researchers are invited to submit an abstract of a paper concerning contract, contract law and sustainability. Abstracts (approx. 350 words) should be sent to Jacobien Rutgers ([j.w.rutgers@vu.nl](mailto:j.w.rutgers@vu.nl)) 7 September 2017 at the latest.

Please note: different from earlier years, the papers of this workshop will not be published in the *Ius Commune Europaeum* series. However, provided there will be a sufficient amount of contributions that are of outstanding quality and sufficiently coherent, the idea is to publish these contributions in a journal's special issue or a book.

If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact Jacobien Rutgers ([j.w.rutgers@vu.nl](mailto:j.w.rutgers@vu.nl)).