

Ius Commune Conference 2018

Workshop: Property Law

Thursday, 29 November (14.00 – 18.00)

Building: Aristo Amsterdam

Room: 2.03

Participants

Theme: ProSus Workshop: Methods in Sustainable Property Research

In 2018, dr. Jill Robbie, dr. Elsabe van der Sijde and dr. Bram Akkermans are launching ProSus, a research network for sustainable property research. The network, with its focus on sustainable property, aims to become a global interdisciplinary research network. Through joint projects, publications and meetings, the network will work on the transformation of our property rules and policies to bring them into line with sustainability. Sustainability does not only refer to ecological sustainability, but to a system in which we can regenerate the things we use for our own needs, but also for the generations to come. This means, for example, questioning exclusivity and extractive powers that come with property rights, investigating ideas such as sharing and regenerative use of property rights as well as considering the positive obligations that may come with ownership.

Sustainable property law research requires us to take a different look at our property rules. Rather than the historical-comparative method that has been used in the past decades to find out more about property law systems, we need a more outward looking method to consider property law in the context in which it functions. Right-holders of property rights do not hold rights in isolation and insights from other disciplines, such as sociology, philosophy and anthropology, earth science or even religious studies, can help understand the way in which a sustainable property law should function.

This workshop is devoted to methods of sustainability research. It will comprise a multi-person panel (Jill Robbie (Glasgow), Elsabe van der Sijde (Stellenbosch), Bram Akkermans (Maastricht), Katja Zimmermann (Maastricht), Hendrik Ploeger (Amsterdam/Delft) and Benjamin Verheye (Leuven)), with other speakers possibly to be added, which will include short introductions. The aim of the workshop is to discuss with the participants *together* what directions these methods should go into.

The outcome of the workshop should therefore be a co-creation of a new research agenda on methods of sustainable property research.