



Goals and organisation of the Ius Commune Leuven Masterclass 2023

This year, the Leuven meeting of the Ius Commune postgraduate training course will take place on **25 and 26 May 2023**. Traditionally, this meeting is conceived as a Masterclass, during which doctoral researchers present their research project and preliminary findings, which will then be commented on by an expert in the field. The goal of the Leuven Masterclass is to further develop the following skills: writing a paper; presenting and discussing a paper; and commenting on the work of your peers.

Paper

The paper (5 to 10 pages) should comprise the major issues and findings of your PhD that you would like to receive feedback and advice on. This can include, but is not limited to, the methodology employed, the problems encountered until now, and your (preliminary) research findings.

Presentation

All participants are asked to present their submitted paper orally. This presentation should not be a mere reading of the paper, but should focus on the major issues of your research and in particular on those issues you would like the panel to elaborate upon. Your presentation should be no longer than 15 minutes.

'Peer review' and feedback

In addition, each participant is expected to comment on the paper of another participant during the Masterclass. Therefore, each participant will be sent a colleague's paper prior to the Masterclass. After this 'peer-review', other participants are invited and encouraged 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, issues, etc. of the research project. This phase will take approximately 30 minutes in total.

If you are interested in participating in the Leuven Masterclass, please confirm your participation (using the link to google forms) as soon as possible. The deadline for registration is 10 March 2023.

In order to allow 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), the starting date of your doctoral research and a list of three experts you suggest we contact. You should also give a brief description of your research project.

Your paper has to be submitted before 5 May 2023 in order for it to be distributed to the discussants. Participants will receive additional information regarding 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 are looking forward to seeing you in Leuven!