

DECEMBER 14, 11.00 – 17.00 CET
VENUE : [ADAM SMITH HALL](#) 017

MATCHING EVIDENCE AND CONSUMER LAW

RENFORCE BUILDING BLOCK: LEGISLATION IN AN EU CONTEXT

In its 2021 Communication on better regulation, the European Commission emphasizes that better regulation is a ‘joint effort.’ The EU Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Lawmaking more generally acknowledges the need for evidence-informed lawmaking throughout the EU legislative process.

The European Commission has acknowledged that with the digital transition come new challenges for consumer protection, such as dark patterns and personalized advertising. If the EU legislator is to address these challenges, evidence on for example the scope and persistence of these challenges is necessary. Yet the use of evidence in the European Parliament and the Council, following the adoption of a legislative proposal by the Commission, is not systematically monitored.

This symposium addresses questions on the joint character of better lawmaking: what happens with evidence collected by the Commission in the European Parliament and the Council? What evidence should be considered “good evidence”? Is such evidence also considered relevant and persuasive by EU institutions? What is the potential for policy learning from evidence within the EU legislative process?

This guest lecture brings together EU and national, as well as academic and practice-oriented perspectives. Speakers will include Prof. Ton van Brink (Utrecht University) and Dr. Isabelle Rueda (University of Exeter).



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PROGRAMME

11.00 WELCOME, COFFEE/TEA

11.15 INTRODUCTION

Dr. Esther van Schagen

11.15-12.30 SESSION I

Evidence within the EU legislative process

11.15-11.35

Ton van den Brink

11.35-11.55

Emma van Gelder (Utrecht University)

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11.55 -12.30 Discussion

12.30 -13.30 LUNCH

13.30-15.00 SESSION II

What is “ good evidence”?

13.30-13.50

Dr. Isabelle Rueda (University of Exeter)

13.50 -14.10

Dr. Leonieke Tigelaar (University of Groningen)

14.10-14.30

Dr. Esther van Schagen (Utrecht University)

14.30 - 15.00 Discussion

15.00- 15.30 Break

15.30-15. SESSION III:

Evidence to face the digital transition

15.30 - 15.50

Thijs Kelder LLM
(Utrecht University)



15.50 - 16.10

Dr. Tom Bouwman
(Leiden University)

16.10-16.40

Discussion

16.40 - 17.00 CLOSING REMARKS

17.00 - 30 DRINKS