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**Call for Papers Workshop on
Contract Law**

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IUS COMMUNE CONFERENCE 2024 - Contract Law Workshop

29 November 2024, 9:00-12:00u / Aristo, Brennerbaan 150, Utrecht

The title, 'Contract Law and Us,' emphasizes that contract law is an integral part of how we interact with each other, conduct business, and shape society. It signifies that contract law affects not only individuals but also communities, industries, and entire social systems. In this spirit, this contract law workshop will explore contracts not merely as facilitators of individual autonomy and economic exchange but as building blocks of broader social infrastructures. This perspective allows us to critically examine contract law's adverse societal effects as well as its potential to effect positive social change.

Invitations are extended for paper papers that explore the impact of contract law on any critical facet of society, including – but not limited to – environmental justice in international supply chains, equitable access to healthcare and other essential services, wealth inequality in lending and investments, discriminatory practices in housing, and power disparities between food producers and corporate buyers.

Contributions may seek to uncover contract law's role in perpetuating problematic societal practices or offer forward-thinking proposals for harnessing contract law to build a more equitable world. Submissions are welcomed that employ a broad spectrum of research approaches, from doctrinal analysis to philosophical exploration and empirical research, particularly papers that integrate an interdisciplinary viewpoint.

Submission Guidelines:

Researchers of all expertise levels affiliated with the Ius Commune Research School are invited to submit their paper proposals by **30 September 2024** to C.J.W. (Jaap) Baaij (c.j.w.baaij@uu.nl). The submission should include (i) the title of the proposed presentation, (ii) an abstract ranging from 300 to 500 words that delineates the subject matter and the research methodology, and (iii) a concise biographical note.

The deadline for full paper submissions is set for 1 February 2025. Selected papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of an academic journal, which will be named later.

Please send your proposal and any inquiries to Jaap Baaij (c.j.w.baaij@uu.nl).