



**Ius Commune Conference Utrecht,  
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**Call for Presentations  
Workshop on EU Law,  
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We are pleased to invite researchers to submit abstracts for presentations at the workshop titled ‘EU Law, Expertise, Democracy, and Accountability’, which will be held **on 29 November** (9.00-12.00) as part of the Ius Commune Conference 2024 (Utrecht, 28 and 29 November 2024).

**Topics of Interest**

The workshop seeks to explore the implications stemming from the incorporation, under EU law, of technical considerations within legislative, executive, and judicial decision-making. Therefore, we welcome presentations from researchers working on a wide array of topics related to EU law, provided that their work engages with the overarching theme of expertise, democracy, and accountability. By way of example, we are particularly interested in presentations that address the following themes:

- **Incorporation of Expertise in the EU Legislative Processes:** How is technical expertise integrated into EU legislation? What are the implications for democratic accountability and transparency in decision-making?
- **Judicial Decision-Making in the EU:** How do EU Courts incorporate expert evidence in their rulings? Does reliance on technical expertise affect the balance between the judiciary and the political branches of the EU? How do EU Courts address expertise in highly technical and complex matters?
- **Executive Authority and Expertise:** How do EU executive bodies, such as the European Commission, the European Central Bank and EU agencies, use expertise in their regulatory and executive activities, and how do these decisions impact democratic processes? How does increasing reliance on soft law and other forms of rulemaking, such as technical standards, affect the EU’s democratic credentials, and what role is there for accountability?

We encourage submissions that engage with these topics in light of contemporary developments and challenges in EU law. Researchers may wish to reflect on how these issues are relevant in the context of, for example, the European Union priorities 2024-2029 ([here](#)), the European Commission’s Political Guidelines 2024-2029 ([here](#)), the Report on the Future of European Competitiveness ([here](#)), and the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture ([here](#)).

**Submission Guidelines**

The workshop will serve as a platform for scholars to present their research outputs, ideas for future projects or ongoing work, including PhD projects, to foster a dynamic and interactive discussion where participants can present ideas, parts of ongoing projects, or preliminary research findings. This workshop therefore provides an opportunity for researchers to test their ideas with peers, receive feedback, and develop their work further.

We encourage researchers at all stages of their careers, including PhD candidates, to submit their work for presentation. Submissions should include an **abstract of no more than 300 words**, which clearly outlines the key themes and arguments of the proposed presentation. **No paper is required**. Please include a **short bio** (including your name, affiliation, and contact details) in the submission.

Submissions should be sent to [guido.bellenghi@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:guido.bellenghi@maastrichtuniversity.nl) by **15 October 2024**. Selected presenters will be notified by **25 October 2024**. The workshop is coordinated by Ellen Vos, Rita Aroso Duarte, Guido Bellenghi, Alessandro Cuomo, and Alexandru Soroiu.