



Ius Commune Prize 2017

Jury Report



The Ius Commune Prize 2017

The Ius Commune Prize 2017 as always will be awarded to an outstanding and original paper on the area of the Ius Commune research school. It needs as well to be seen as an encouragement to the author to engage in further research. Indeed, all papers submitted were of high quality.

More than 40 papers have been submitted to the jury, all of which shining with intellectual creativity. The topics were of imminent academical and thus: practical importance.

We have received – among many more – papers on methodology and theory underlying any Ius Commune, like functional approaches in property transferring, or on the division between the public and the private realm, on constitutional commons and room for minorities; substantive legal issues like apartment-ownership, tax benefit in the European Union; bail-in from an insolvency law perspective; minority shareholders protection; information technologies and consumers; `brexit' and conflict of laws; shale gas extraction; and many more. The jury had to decide.

Of all these papers three came out – of which two need to be honourably mentioned. These were the following.

The first one to be honourably mentioned is a wonderful article on the challenges of internet-communication – a beautiful and carefully analysed expose on

Internet cases in EU Private International Law – developing a coherent approach, by Tobias Lutzi from Oxford.

The other article to be honourably mentioned is

A Comparative and Economic Analysis of Freeze-Outs of Minority Shareholders – by KU Leuven's Tom Vos.

The winning paper of 2017 – the 16th year of the Ius Commune prize – is a paper by an author nearing the completion of his PhD. The paper contributes to an issue of fundamental importance in our society. It is a complicated and controversial topic, written in a mature style, knowledgeable, creating original lines of thought, and it is engaging the reader in the importance of its topic:

Industrial Policy in the Context of Merger and Foreign Investment Control

The author of this beautiful article, and the winner of the Ius Commune Prize 2017 is – from KU Leuven's University

Pim Jansen

Utrecht, 23 November 2017

The jury:

Hildegard Schneider (Maastricht)

Ilse Samoy (Leuven)

Sander Jansen (Maastricht)

Leonard Besselink (Amsterdam)

Michael Milo (Utrecht)