



**Ius Commune Prize 2022 - 2023**

**Jury Report**





On this beautiful day in May 2023, it is with great pleasure the jury of the ius commune prize may announce the fortunate winners of this year's prize. The road towards this moment has been longer than usual, but it has been a pleasant road. We have received so many submissions on a high variety of topics of interest and relevance. The academic quest for a Ius Commune as a common heritage of mankind will never end. The topics dealt with illustrate the universality of law likewise, as circular economy, transnational liability of corporations, the evergreen of prescription, acquisitive as well as limitation of actions, interests of children in procedures, pensions within a common market, black lives, but also black names matter, popular sovereignty, and many, many more.

We came to a shortlist, and finally to the winning ones as well as those to be honorably mentioned.

First those honorably mentioned: two contributions this year.

*The Franco-German Common Optional Matrimonial Property Regime: A Guide for Future European harmonization,*  
by Hannelore Thijs

and

*The Polysemy of Anti-Discrimination Law: the Interpretation Architecture of the Framework Employment Directive at the Court of Justice,*  
by Raphaela Xenidis.

Flowers will be yours – warm congratulations to both!

The Ius Commune Prize of 2022-2023 goes to three contributions this year, of an exemplary nature each covering an important part of our ius Commune – public, private, and the Ius Commune in early modern times. Young and talented researchers authored all three papers; topics well chosen, evergreens, questions asked spot on, sound analyses, and reasoning with academic distance, yet brave when needed, as it should be, since law needs to guide towards a beautiful world to come. Which papers won?

The future with its unforeseeable sudden appearing formants always has been putting pressure on the laws as they stand – in:

## **The coronacrisis and its impact on creditors: Frustration of purpose**

written by **Tom Hick**

a sound analysis is made between creditor- and debtor-centered jurisdictions.

Attribution of jurisdiction is a classic theme in law. A captive analysis looks into the genealogy of the concepts iurisdictio an imperium, the way these concepts and conditions are understood in the works of a 17th century Leuven law professor, all against a background of politics alive and kicking:

## **Jurisdiction and its attribution in the works of Diodorus Tuldenus (1594-1645)**

written by **Geert Sluijs**

Circular economy demands all hands on deck, cooperation bottom up, and top-down legislation to be 'fully coherent'. Whether this legislation is indeed achieving its goals towards a circular economy requires a critical analysis of coherence e.g. in legislation concerning products, chemicals and waste:

## **Coherence in law: A way to stimulate the transition towards a circular economy?**

written by **Ida Mae de Waal**

All three prizewinning authors are wholeheartedly congratulated!

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The jury:

Annette Schrauwen  
Hildegard Schneider  
Dorothy Gruyaert  
Sander Jansen  
Michael Milo (chair)