

2nd Neolaia Law Network (NLN) Conference Tours 28 - 29 May 2026

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THE INTERPRETATION OF LAW IN A CHANGING WORLD

28 May 2026 – LEGAL RESEARCH

8:30 – 8:45

Registration and coffee, Lobby Building B

8:45 – 9:00

Welcome Address

Stéphanie Germon, Vice Rector, International Affairs, University of Tours
Olivia Sabard, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences
Nicolas Cayrol, Director of the IRJI François-Rabelais [in French]
Colombine Madelaine, University of Tours

9:00 – 9:20

An Introduction to Day 1 and the Overall Theme: Interpretation of Law

Ann-Christine Petersson Hjelm, University of Örebro

9:20 – 12:00

SESSION 1 (PLENARY) – INTERPRETATION OF LAW

Chair: Pascuale Pistone, University of Salerno

9:20 – 9:40

Keynote Speech

Interpretation in Law, from the Perspective of a Legal Historian [in French]

Alexandre Mimouni, University of Tours

9:40 – 9:50

Q&A Session

09:50 – 10:20

Panel 1: Legal Interpretation in Legal Theory

(10 minutes per speaker)

*Equity in Public International Law: Interpretative Function, Normative Discipline
and Judicial Legitimacy*

Jonatan Cruz Angeles, University of Jaén

*Between Statutory Constraint and Justice: The Radbruch Formula and the Limits
of Judicial Interpretation*

Max Weber, University of Bielefeld

*Legal Hermeneutics and Musical Interpretation: Comparing Two Interpretative
Practices Between Norm and Score*

Vincenzo Portanova, University of Salerno

10:20 – 10:30

Q&A Session

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:40

Panel 2: Legal Interpretation in the Digital Age

(10 minutes per speaker)

Chair: Joakim Nergelius, University of Örebro

Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Justice: Limits of Application, Risks, and the Role of Humans

Nadiia Horobets, Sumy State University

The Black Box of Justice: Reconciling Algorithmic Certainty with the Fluidity of Legal Interpretation

Raluca Onufreiciuc, University of Suceava

Artificial Intelligence and the Transformation of Legal Reasoning: Opportunities, Risks and the Future of Law

Antonis St. Stylianou, University of Nicosia

The Influence of Technological Innovations on the Interpretation of the Law by French Administrative Judges [in French]

Fanny Cappelier, University of Tours

11:40 – 12:00

Q&A Session

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch – Salle de Lecture, Building A

13:30 – 15:45

SESSION 2 (PARALLEL WORKSHOPS) – THE SPECIFIC DIMENSIONS OF THE OVERALL THEME: INTERPRETATION OF LAW

(For each workshop, 15 minutes per speaker followed by 10 minutes of questions)

WORKSHOP 1 - EU LAW - BUILDING B, AMPHITHEATRE E

Chair: Liana Pascariu, University of Suceava

From Paris to People: Rights Based Interpretation in EU Climate Law and Climate Litigation

Odyseas Christou, University of Nicosia

Supremacy in Constitutional Pluralism a 'duel' between European Treaties, constitutions and their courts

Robin Meier, University of Bielefeld

Constitutional Identity and National Identity. The Dispute over Interpretation between the Court of Justice of the European Union and the courts of the Member States [in French]

Sébastien Roland, University of Tours

Autonomous concepts: a Tool for interpreting EU Law – a Driver of Integration

Axelle Veillot, University of Tours

Judicial Translation Before Accession: How Candidate Jurisdictions Internalize CJEU Reasoning Without Formal EU Judicial Channels

Orzikh Yuriy, University of Örebro

WORKSHOP 2 - INTERNATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW - BUILDING D, ROOM D11

Chair: Antonis St. Stylianou, University of Nicosia

Interpretation of Sporting Rules and their Position within the European Hierarchy of Sources: Does a 'Lex Sportiva' Truly Exist?

Emanuele Indraccolo, University of Salerno

Judicial Determination of Foreign Law under EU Private International Law:

Procedural Obligations, Evidentiary Limits, and Standards of Review

Nicolas Kyriakides and Nicoletta Zacharopoulos, University of Nicosia

Interpretative Declarations under Article 57 of Additional Protocol I:

Time to Revisit State Practice?

Rigmor Argren, University of Örebro

WORKSHOP 3: CRIMINAL LAW - BUILDING D, ROOM D12

Chair: Vagia Polyzoidou, University of Nicosia

Changing Interpretations of Rape of a Lesser Degree under a consent-Based Statute?

Erik Berglund, University of Örebro

Decoding Arson – an Exposé on the Predominant Interpretative Methodology of Swedish criminal Law

Lukas Kindberg, University of Örebro

The Normative Reconfiguration of Consent in Sexual Offences: Dogmatic and Conceptual Challenges

Cristina Callejón Hernández, University of Jaén

The Application of Enemy Criminal Law to Environmental Protest in the EU

Miguel Rincón Calahorra, University of Jaén

European and international Influences on the Interpretation of Domestic criminal Law

Mihai Ștefanoaia, University of Suceava

WORKSHOP 4: PRIVATE AND BUSINESS LAW - BUILDING D, ROOM D13

Chair: Karin Blad, University of Örebro

The Interpretation of the Concept of Family in European Legal Systems: Comparative Study of France and Italy

Bruno Concas, University of Salerno and Fabienne Labelle, University of Tours

The Transformation of the Managerial Right in the context of Algorithmic Management

Konstantinos Dimarellis, University of Nicosia

Law, Technology and Engagement: Gamification as an Interpretative Response to New Occupational Risks

Maria Martinez Jimenez, University of Jaén

The Company in Formation Confronted with Digitalisation: Interpretive Conflicts between Articles 1842 and 1843 of the French Civil Code and the Dematerialisation of the Company Registration Procedure

Noriane Outaami, University of Tours

WORKSHOP 5: THEORY / PHILOSOPHY OF LAW - BUILDING D, ROOM D14

Chair: Jonatan Cruz Angeles, University of Jaén

Judicial Law-Making through Analogy or through Good Faith – A German Problem from a French Perspective

Johannes Claudio Felsch, University of Bielefeld

Constitutional Interpretation as a Political Act? The Kelsen-Schmitt Debate and the German Model of Constitutional Justice

Matteo Gentile, University of Bielefeld

Civil Disobedience and the Role and Limits of Legal Philosophy and Political Theory in the Interpretation of Law

Jonas Koschmieder, University of Bielefeld

Neutrality of Law and Neoliberal Ideology

Selma Josso, University of Tours

WORKSHOP 6: TAX LAW - BUILDING D, ROOM D17

Chair: Pascuale Pistone, University of Salerno

The Conflicts of Interpretation, A comparative study of the Interpretation of Legal concepts in French and Belgian Tax Law

Anastasios Papagiannoulas, University of Tours

Reconciliatory Interpretation and the role of the Court of Justice:

Recent Trends in Tax Law

Alessia Tomo, University of Salerno

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30

SESSION 3 – PLENARY SESSION

16:00 – 16:45

Summary of the findings by the workshops chairs, including brief final comments

Chair: Ann-Christine Petersson Hjelm, University of Örebro

16:45 – 17:20

Presentation of NEOLaIA collaborations

Chair: Colombine Madelaine, University of Tours

Book Presentation, Blad, K. & Kristoffersson, M. (eds.), The Common Constitutional Traditions in the European Union: Their Content and Legal Value, Iustus Förlag, 2026

Karin Blad, Magnus Kristofferson

Book Presentation, Letter, Spirit and Law: International Findings and Perspectives

Bruno Concas, Maria Dolores Casas, Flavien Ferrand, Simon Hutin and Tommy Leroux

Project Presentation, Child Protect, JUST

Fabienne Labelle, Maria Dolores Casas and Liana Pascariu

17:20 – 17:30

Wrap-up and Closing Speech

Ann-Christine Petersson Hjelm and Colombine Madelaine

17:30 – 18:00

Steering Group Meeting

19:00

Cocktail Villa Rabelais, 116 Boulevard Béranger, 37000 Tours

29 may 2026 – LEGAL EDUCATION

9:00 – 9:10

Introduction of the day

Colombine Madelaine, University of Tours

9:10 – 12:00

HUMANISTIC LEGAL EDUCATION

9:10 – 09:55

Keynote Speech

Humanism and its Contribution to Legal Education [in French]

Baptiste Robaglia, University of Paris 2 Panthéon Assas

9:55 – 10:15

Q&A Session

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45

Panel

*Towards the more Human Side of Civil Law and some Teaching Experiences:
Beyond the Calculation*

Maria Dolores Casas, University of Jaén

The Place of Historical Courses in Legal Education

Olga Stogova, Sumy State University

*Is the Pursuit of Utility an Obstacle to Humanistic Culture in Contemporary
Legal Education?*

Fabienne Labelle, University of Tours

Other Panellists:

Odyseas Christou, University of Nicosia,
Johannes Claudio Felsch, University of Bielefeld,
Emanuele Indraccolo, University of Salerno,
Eleonor Kristofferson, University of Örebro
and Mihai Ștefanoaia, University of Suceava.

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13:30 – 16:30

SERIOUS GAMES IN LEGAL EDUCATION

13:30 – 14:00

Keynote Speech

Serious Games at University [in French]

Hovig Ter Minassian, University of Tours

14:00 – 14:10

***Presentation of the CAPE (Centre d'accompagnement à la pédagogie)
and serious Gaming Experiences at the University of Tours***

Benoit Rayneau [in French], University of Tours

14:10 – 14:30

Q&A Session

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 15:40

Panel

***The Law's Virtual Laboratory: Serious Game for active Training
in Occupational Risk Prevention***

Maria Marta Martinez Jimenez, University of Jaén

***Playing Seriously with Law: Human-Centered Legal Education in the field
of Criminal Law and Criminology***

Vagia Polyzoidou, University of Nicosia

***Serious Game on EU Legislative Process: Sharing Experiences from the Focus
Academy on European Citizenship Tours, March 2026***

Colombine Madelaine, Selma Josso and Axelle Veillot, University of Tours,
Liana Pascariu and Raluca Onufreiciuc, University of Suceava

Other Panellists:

Matteo Gentile, University of Bielefeld,

Alessia Tomo, University of Salerno,

Nadiia Horobets, Sumy State University,

and Orzikh Yurii, University of Örebro.

15:40 – 16:00

Q&A Session

16:00 – 16:10

Sharing an Innovative Educational Initiative

***Collaboration with the comic Book Artist PieR Gajewski, on the Research Project
"The Brown Network: Protecting the Ecological Function of soils" [in French]***

Camille Dreveau, University of Tours

16:10 – 16:20

Decision on NLN Conference 2027 and 2028

16:20 – 16:30

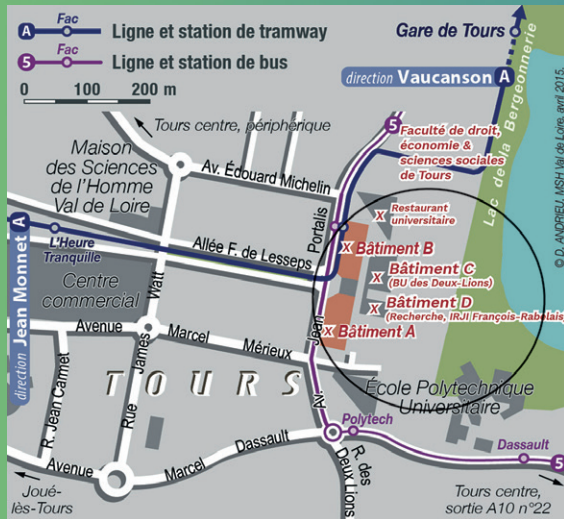
Closing Address

Colombine Madelaine and Ann-Christine Petersson Hjelm

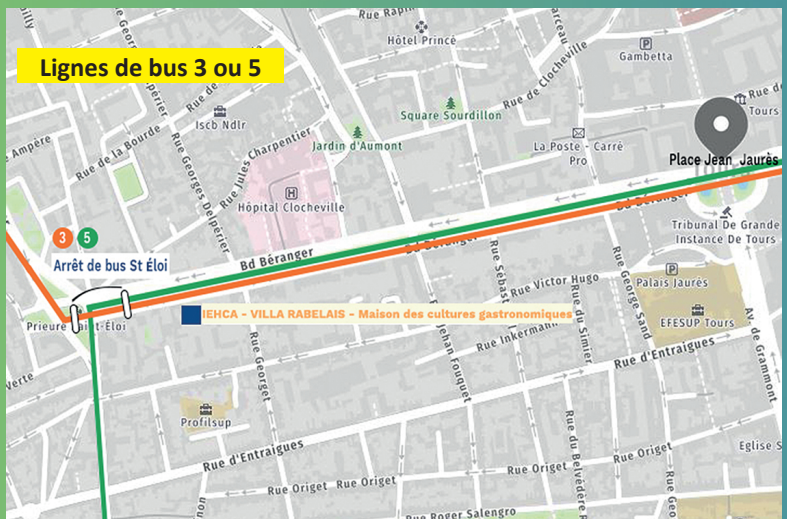
INFORMATION

Room B218 will be available all day on Thursday and on Friday morning for colleagues who need a quiet space to work. Rooms D19 and D20 will also be available on Thursday afternoon.

ACCESS TO THE SITES



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