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1. Research Projects with external funding

1.1. Capacity Building for Legal and Social Advancement in the Philippines (CALESA)

Summary and objectives: NOVA School of Law participates as a partner in the Erasmus+ KA2 CHBE Capacity Building for Legal and Social Advancement in the Philippines (CALESA) Project (6096668-EPP-1-2019-1-ES-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP), coordinated by University of Malaga (Spain) and with the participation of other European and Philippine universities. This is a capacity-building project which aims to help reform legal education in the Philippines by innovating the curriculum, encouraging research, translating legislation and legal works of reference, sharing knowledge and good practices, holding face-to-face and online seminars, among other activities.

Duration: 48 months (January 15, 2020 to January 14, 2024)

Institutions involved: Universidad de Málaga (coordinator) | Universidade NOVA de Lisboa – NOVA School of Law | Universidad de Deusto | University College of Dublin | University of the Philippines | Ateneo de Manila University | University of San Agustin | Philippine Judicial Association | Philja Ateneo de Zamboanga University AdZU

Coordination: Francisco Pereira Coutinho (executive coordination)

Research Team: Guilherme Berriel (Project Manager and Dissemination and Exploitation Committee) | Catarina Silva (Quality Committee) | Giulia Piora (Gender Equality Committee) | Carla Brás (Finance Manager)

Funding Entity: European Commission | Erasmus+ Program

Activities carried out under the project in 2023:

- Seminar on International Law and Counter-Terrorism, Piracy and maritime security threats at sea. UP, 6-10 February;
- Seminar on Regional Integration – ASEAN. Ateneo de Manila, January 30, February 3 2023;
- Steering Committee meeting at the University College Dublin, UCD, 3-5 July 2023;



- Seminar on “Common Law as a model for the Philippines” UCD July 2023;
- Gender equality committee meeting UCD, 3-5 July 2023;
- Seminar on Modernization of Private Law, UP and University of San Agustin, 17-21 July 2023;
- Seminar on Alternative dispute resolution measures and relational justice. Ateneo de Manila and University of San Agustin, 6-9 September.
- Seminar on Modernization of Private Law, Philippine Judicial Academy, Supreme Court, 27-30 November 2023;

Planned activities for 2024: Considering that the project ends on January 14, 2024, there is only one activity left to implement within its framework, which is the closing conference that will take place at the University of Malaga between January 8 and 10, 2024. The conference will be entitled “Final global course on Modernization of Law in the Philippines” and will include the presentation of various papers and meetings of the various project committees (steering, gender, quality and dissemination). Originally, NOVA’s budget provided for sending two representatives to that event. In this sense, bearing in mind that NOVA has only two of the 16 planned trips to the Philippines left and that there will be no more events in that country in 2024, we realized the need to send a greater number of representatives to the event in Malaga, in order to exhaust the topics planned for discussion. In addition, given that NOVA reached the objective for translations with 6500€, our intention is to transfer the remaining balance from the referred heading to support the travel costs to Malaga. We estimate that the remaining budget will be able to cover 11 additional mobilities to Málaga in 2024, allowing the implementation of nearly 100% of the funding. Therefore, the planned activities for 2024 in the scope of CALESA Project are the participation of NOVA’s staff in the closing conference at the University of Malaga from 8 to 10 January, 2024 and the drafting and submission of the project’s final report until 15 February 2024.

Website: <https://calesaproject-cbhe.eu/>

1.2. IN_SOLVENS: Insolvency Law in Portugal: A Multidisciplinary Analysis

Summary and objectives: "Insolvency Law in Portugal: A Multidisciplinary Analysis" (IN_SOLVENS) aims to analyse the insolvency proceedings and pre-insolvency mechanisms in Portugal. This project was approved for funding by the Foundation for Science and



Technology (reference PTDC/DIR-OUT/2939/2020) following an evaluation by a panel of international experts and is scheduled to last 38 months (until 31 July 2024).

IN_SOLVENS has two main objectives: on the one hand, to identify the causes and effects of the considerable duration of insolvency proceedings and the reduced use of pre-insolvency mechanisms (for example, for the justice system, for investment in the Portuguese economy or for the risk of insolvency of creditors); on the other hand, to present solutions aimed at mitigating or avoiding the negative effects identified.

The project is based on an interdisciplinary approach to insolvency law that combines legal, sociological and economic perspectives and methodologies. The research will be divided into the following lines, always in a logic of complementarity:

- Study of the legal regime of insolvency and pre-insolvency.
- Economic analysis of the legal context.
- Survey of businesses on insolvency and pre-insolvency.
- Analysis of closed court cases.
- Interviews with the key stakeholders.
- Qualitative analysis of court decisions, with a special focus on the content and arguments used therein.
- New procedural model.

Duration: 38 months (February 2021 to July 2024)

Institutions involved: NOVA School of Law/CEDIS (Proposing Institution) | ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa/Cies (Participant Institution)

Coordination: Mariana França Gouveia (Principal Investigator) | João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira (Co-Principal Investigator)

Research Team: Guilherme Brandão Gomes | Hígina Castelo | Patrícia André | Susana Santos | Teresa Violante | Andreia Lourenço | Mariana Luís

Funding Entity: Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia | Ref. PTDC/DIR- OUT/2939/2020



Activities carried out under the project in 2023:

a) Activities developed in each dimension of the project:

- Legal analysis: The work was focused on (i) the insolvency practitioner's legal regime (duties, appointment, remuneration, replacement and dismissal and liability), (ii) the discharge of debt and (iii) the special proceedings for a payment agreement;
- Survey on insolvency and pre-insolvency: The work was focused on (i) concluding a collaboration agreement with the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry to carry out the survey among the Chamber's members, (ii) constructing the survey and (iii) applying it both online and by telephone;
- Analysis of closed court cases: The work was focused on systematising the data collected in those insolvency proceedings that were analysed. This task has been completed;
- Qualitative analysis of court decisions: The work was focused on processing and treating the data collected from court decisions.

b) Published scientific papers:

- João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira, Mariana França Gouveia, Susana Santos, Mara Vicente e André Seromenho, "Processo Especial para Acordo de Pagamento: Uma análise empírica", in *Themis*, n.ºs 36-37, 2023, pp. 111-126;
- Reinhard Bork, "The European perspective on preventive restructuring", in *Themis*, n.os 36-37, 2023, pp. 97-110.

c) Participation in/organization of conferences, courses and workshops:

- III Curso de Insolvência e Instrumentos Legais Recuperação (Jurisnova), with a presentation on "Processo Especial para Acordo de Pagamento: Principais tendências na jurisprudência e na prática judiciária" (november 2023; André Seromenho);
- RCSL Conference 2023 on Law, Society and Digital Pasts, Presents and Futures (Research Committee on Sociology of the Law), with a presentation on "Portuguese case law in insolvency and pre-insolvency judicial proceedings: Argumentation, context, and procedure" (september 2023; Patrícia André);



- Congresso da Associação Portuguesa de Sociologia, with a presentation on “Insolvências e pré-insolvências: uma análise sociográfica dos devedores pessoas singulares” (april 2023; Susana Santos and Mara Vicente);
- Seminário de Insolvência (Centro de Estudos Judiciários), with a presentation on “Alterações ao Processo Especial para Acordo de Pagamento: a proteção da pessoa singular” (february 2023; João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira).

d) Other scientific dissemination activities:

- Interview to the Jornal de Negócios (published in january 25 2023) on the profile of insolvent and pre-insolvent debtors and the main causes of insolvency (João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira and Susana Santos).

Planned activities for 2024:

a) Activities in each dimension of the project

- Legal analysis: The work will focus on (i) studying the aspects of the insolvency proceedings that have proved to be most problematic according to the data collected during the project and (ii) studying legal solutions in other legal systems.
- Economic analysis of the legal context: The work will focus on (i) preparing the database for the application of econometric models, (ii) econometric analysis, (iii) building a macroeconomic database and (iv) analysing the impact of macroeconomic variables on the results.
- Survey on insolvency and pre-insolvency: The work will focus on (i) concluding the telephone surveys and (ii) analysing the survey results.
- Interviews to key stakeholders: The work will involve (i) conducting interviews whose main focus will be insolvency proceedings, (ii) transcribing the interviews and (iii) analysing those interviews in order to better understand the perspective of key stakeholders on the various issues.
- Qualitative analysis of court decisions: The work will focus on (i) finalising the processing and treatment of the data resulting from court decisions and (ii) a three-dimensional analysis of those decisions in order to understand whether (and how) the length of proceedings, other procedural obstacles and the effects of the economic and financial crisis are integrated into judicial reasoning;



- New procedural model: The work will focus on (i) identifying the causes and effects of the considerable duration of insolvency proceedings and the reduced use of pre-insolvency mechanisms, (ii) understanding the reasons behind each of these phenomena and (iii) presenting solutions to avoid or mitigate them. This will be the last task to be carried out, as it involves a global vision of the various dimensions of the project.

b) Books and scientific papers

- *A exoneração do passivo restante e a reabilitação das pessoas singulares* (book; André Seromenho);
- “Processo Especial para Acordo de Pagamento: Novas e velhas questões” (scientific paper; João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira and Fernando Taínhas);
- “Análise empírica dos processos de insolvência” (scientific paper; Mariana França Gouveia, João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira and Andreia Lourenço);
- “A figura do administrador judicial e o seu papel no Direito da Insolvência nacional” (scientific paper; Andreia Lourenço, Mariana França Gouveia and João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira);
- “Endividamento no feminino” (scientific paper; Susana Santos and Mara Vicente);
- “Perfil das pessoas singulares insolventes e pré-insolventes” (scientific paper; Susana Santos and Mara Vicente).

c) Participation in/organization of conferences, courses and workshops

- Organization of the II IN_SOLVENS Conference on “Processo de insolvência: passado, presente e futuro” (june/july 2024);
- Participation in an international conference with a presentation on the results of the legal and/or empirical analysis carried out during the project.

1.3. Multiversidade – White Paper on Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

Summary and objectives: The project "Multiversidade - White Paper on Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination" aims to build a scientifically grounded recommendation, based on multidisciplinary knowledge, to level and harmonize anti-discrimination



protections in Portugal, considering sequential, additive and intersectional multiple discrimination. The focus will be on discrimination based on sex, racial/ethnic origin, sexual identity and disability, also considering the specific socio-economic consequences of each type of discrimination. The project includes:

- An in-depth analysis of the existing anti-discrimination legal and institutional framework in Portugal (in relation to the various categories of discrimination), to identify possible gaps and inconsistencies; the legal analysis will be complemented by focus groups with Portuguese anti-discrimination NGOs, social partners and public institutions responsible for anti-discrimination policies;
- A comparative analysis of the legal and institutional anti-discrimination frameworks in different countries (Germany, Sweden, Greece and Norway), complemented by an in-depth analysis of the Norwegian experience, through the partnership with Egalia, and semi-structured interviews with European anti-discrimination NGOs;
- A public awareness and scientific dissemination campaign on the reality of multiple discrimination and the need for legal instruments to prevent and combat it. The campaign will be launched at the intermediate workshop which will also allow for the presentation of the results of the focus groups and create a space for further dialog between and with all stakeholders;
- The production and publication of the White Paper detailing the research carried out and including a proposal for a new conceptual anti-discrimination framework, covering new legislation and institutional reforms (and complemented by the suggestion of a basis for a legislative project); in addition to the White Paper, a scientific article will be prepared and submitted for publication. The White Paper will be presented at the project's final conference.

The aim is to produce an integrated and coherent system, which levels protections against discrimination on the basis of the different categories, and which also includes protections against multiple and intersectional discrimination.

Duration: 18 months (September 2022 to February 2024)

Coordination: Margarida Lima Rego | Paulo Côrte-Real



Research Team: Margarida Lima Rego | Paulo Côrte-Real | Veronica Corcodel | Miguel Vale de Almeida | Joana Brilhante | Maria João Resende.

Funding Entity: Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality | EEA Grants (<https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/pt/>), under the Conciliation and Gender Equality Program

Activities carried out under the project in 2023:

Collecting and analysing Portuguese legislation on discrimination based on sex, ethnic-racial origin, sexual orientation and gender identity and disability, as well as other factors that have since become relevant as an object of study (language, religion, age and nationality). Collection and analysis of anti-discrimination legislation in Norway, as well as other experiences in the European Economic Area.

a) Social analysis fieldwork:

- 10 Non-Governmental Organisations: AFID (Foundation for Difference); AMPLOS (Association of Mothers and Fathers for Freedom of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity); APAV (Portuguese Association for Victim Support); APMJ (Portuguese Association of Women Jurists); CNOD (National Confederation of Disability Organisations); DJASS (Association of People of African Descent); FEMAFRO (Association of Black, African and African Descent Women in Portugal); ILGA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Intervention); PpDM (Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights); UMAR (Union of Alternative and Response Women);
- 5 Public bodies: ACT (Authority for Labour Conditions); CICDR (Commission for Equality and Against Racial Discrimination); CIG (Commission for Gender Equality); CITE (Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment); INR (National Institute for Rehabilitation);
- 3 Trade union and employers' confederations: CIMH-CGTP-IN (CGTP-IN Commission for Equality between Women and Men); CM-UGT (UGT Women's Commission); CIP (Portuguese Business Confederation);
- 3 European organisations: ILGA-Europe; Equinet (European Network of Equality Bodies); EDF (European Disability Forum).

b) Meetings with key informants in the field of law:

- Ombudsman Maria Lúcia Amaral;
- Coordinator of the Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia, Teresa Pizarro Beleza;



- Counsellor Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, Clara Sottomayor;
 - President of the Bar Association's Human Rights Commission, Cristina Borges Pinho;
 - Professor Dulce Lopes (FDUC and European Equality Network);
 - Professor Patrícia Jerónimo (EDUM);
 - Professor Anabela Leão (FDUP);
 - Professor Margarida Silva Pereira (FDUL);
 - Professors Nausica Palazzo and Athina Sachoulidou (Comparative Analysis).
- c) Preparation and production of the White Paper.**
- d) Preparation of the scientific article.**
- e) Communication of results and presence on the project's social networks (Instagram and Facebook).**
- f) Organisation and holding of the project's Intermediate Workshop (23 June 2023).**
- g) Preparation and dissemination of the public awareness campaign on the reality of multiple and intersectional discrimination.**
- h) Audience with the Secretary of State for Inclusion, Ana Sofia Antunes.**
- i) Audience with the Secretary of State for Equality and Migration, Isabel Almeida Rodrigues.**
- j) Preparation, discussion and drafting of the new "preliminary draft" antidiscrimination law.**
- k) Participation in Conference: Gender, Ethnicity and Diversity talks (22 September 2022).**
- l) Organisation and preparation of the Final Conference (26 February 2024). RTP piece on the project as part of the "Terra Europa" programme.**

Planned activities for 2024:

1. Hearings with parliamentary groups.
2. Hearing with the Ombudsman.
3. Finalisation, production and presentation of the White Paper.
4. Finalisation and publication of a scientific article with the main results of the research in an international peer-reviewed journal indexed in the main international databases (Scopus, Web of Science).
5. Finalisation of the drafting and presentation of the new "preliminary draft" anti-discrimination law.
6. Preparation and organisation of the Final Conference (26 February 2024).
7. Preparation and multimedia dissemination of research results.



1.4. TRACE – Tracking illicit money flows

Summary and objectives: The TRACE project seeks to address the phenomenon of illicit money flows, associated with the commission of financial crime, by delivering an AI-empowered, modular, opensource framework for money-laundering investigations, tailored to meet the needs of law enforcement authorities. The TRACE tools will enable investigators to scrap data in any given language, analyse it and visualise the results, following a fundamental-rights-by-design approach.

Duration: 36 months (July 2021 to June 2024)

Institutions involved: Coventry University (UK) – Coordinator | TrilateralResearch (UK) | AIT Austrian Institute of Technology (Austria) | Ertzaintza Basque local police (Spain) | Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (Portugal) | Aston University (UK) | Tax Justice Network (UK) | CIN Consult (Austria) | Proflow (Austria) | PrivaNova (France) | Department of Policing at the University of Applied Sciences for Public Service in Bavaria (Germany) | Vicesse–Vienna Centre for Social Security (Austria) | National Organized Crime Agency (Czech Republic) | FINOPZ (UK) | Fiscal and Customs Board(Estonia) | SYSTRAN (France) | Expert System Iberia (Spain)

Coordination: Umut Turksen, Coventry University (UK) | Athina Sachoulidou, Principal Investigator from NOVA School of Law.

Research Team: Athina Sachoulidou, Julia Werberich and Cristina Rego de Oliveira

Funding Entity: European Union | Horizon 2020| RIA – Research and Innovationaction| Grant Agreement number 101022004_TRACE

Activities carried out under the project in 2023:

- The NSL team has: 1) attended the monthly telcos organised by the Coventry University (project coordinator) and one in-person meeting in Bristol, UK (June 2023), 2) drafted two six-month financial reports for the purposes of the project administration, and 3) contributed to the mid-term project review (drafting the respective report and attending the meeting with the Project Officer);
- The NSL team has reviewed eight deliverables drafted by technical partners with the purpose of assessing their findings from an ethical and legal point of view;

- The NSL was responsible for 1) gathering (and anonymising) suspicious transaction reports (STRs) by means of contacting national law enforcement and judicial authorities, 2) conducting research on the meaning and the use of electronic evidence in criminal matters in the following national jurisdictions: Portugal, Spain, Italy and Belgium (questionnaire-based analysis of the respective bibliography and jurisprudence), 3) gathering and analysing literature on cyber forensics, and 4) assisting the WP lead (Coventry University) in drafting and reviewing the respective project deliverables;
- The NSL team is leading Task 8.2 'Ethical, legal and social impact assessment' (the deliverable 8.2 is due in April 2024). As part of this task, we have 1) gathered and analysed literature on impact assessment methodologies, particularly the Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) methodology, 2) analysed the contents of the draft EU AI Act and monitored the trilogue negotiations at EU level, 3) designed and regularly revised a 'matching exercise' that seeks to ensure the compliance of the TRACE tools with the requirements set out in the draft EU AI Act and incorporates a privacy, transparency and false positive framework (in collaboration with TRILATERAL Research), and 4) prepared and attended meetings with the project's independent Ethics Advisory Board;
- The NSL team has 1) attended all bi-weekly meetings organised by the WP lead (Bavarian Police Academy), 2) prepared the training materials (in PPT format) corresponding to WP8 in collaboration TRILATERAL Research and 3) reached out to and met (both in person and online) with members of the Portuguese Public Prosecutor's office and Judicial Police in order to include them in the training activities scheduled to take place in 2024;
- The principal investigator has 1) co-authored a paper with other researchers from the Coventry University, already published at eucrim, 2) authored a blogpost, published at the project's website, 3) submitted for publication an article on the use of AI for crime analytics purposes, to be published at European Papers, 4) presented the TRACE findings in one international conference and one international summer school, and 5) attended the works of the High-level Expert Group 'Going in the Dark' (3rd Working Group) at Commission's level. The postdoctoral researcher has presented the TRACE findings in two international conferences and is currently drafting a paper with the aim to present the 'matching exercise' methodology.



Planned activities for 2024:

1. The NSL team will 1) attend the remaining monthly telcos for the purposes of project administration, and 2) contribute to the ad hoc project review, scheduled to take place in January 2024, as well as to the final project review, scheduled to take place at the end of project, by means of preparing the NSL activities reports and financial reports and attending the respective meetings;
2. The NSL team will review the remaining deliverables to be drafted by the project's technical partners;
3. The NSL team will assist the WP lead, namely the Coventry University, to draft recommendations for streamlining electronic evidence collection procedures for cross-border financial crimes and to conduct the respective comparative background research, including 14 European legal orders;
4. The NSL team will draft and submit the deliverable 8.2 (due in April 2024) based on the findings of the matching exercise. The latter will be sent out to the technical partners in early December 2023 (at the very latest) and we, together with the TRILATERAL Research, will analyse the respective data from an ethical and legal perspective. For this purpose, we will organise bilateral meetings with TRACE technical partners in January and February 2024;
5. The NSL team will finetune the training materials corresponding to WP8 and deliver the respective training to law enforcement agents, whether in person or online. Besides this, we will organise two TRACE demo events (one in Lisbon and one in Thessaloniki) in the first or second trimester of 2024;
6. The NSL team will submit a paper on the 'matching exercise' methodology for publication and draft one or two chapters to be included in the project's edited volume. The principal investigator will also act as associate editor of the latter as well as present TRACE legal findings in the final TRACE project conference to be held in Vienna in July 2024.



1.5. Blue Bioeconomy Pact

Summary and objectives: The Blue Bioeconomy Pact project is part of the Portuguese Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR), funded by the European Union's Recovery and Resilience 2 Facility. The Portuguese PRR aims to develop and implement a package of measures and investments to increase the competitiveness and resilience of the national economy ([link](#)). This project has a variety of branches that encompass the entire Portuguese economy. NOVA Ocean's work falls within the scope of business capitalisation and innovation - resilience, as part of the Blue Bioeconomy Pact Project. More specifically, NOVA Ocean is part of WP9 - Portuguese Blue Biobank, which aims to develop a national network of marine resource biobanks to facilitate sustainable and controlled access to national marine biodiversity, in order to promote the Blue Biotechnology sector in Portugal. NOVA Ocean's role is to prepare an innovative legal text that will boost the Blue Biotechnology sector in Portugal by regulating marine bioprospecting activity and the use of resources collected and developed from collections, as well as the use of samples already collected and stored and their development.

Duration: 9 months (October 2023 to June 2024)

Institutions Involved: INOVAMAR | Amorim Cork Composites | COFISA | NECTON | Oceano Fresco | SEBOL | Sonae | TMG – Tecidos para Vestuário e Decoração | B2E Associação para a Bioeconomia Azul – Laboratório Colaborativo | BBA – Associação Nacional para os Biorecursos Marinhos e Biotecnologia Azul | CIMAR | Algafuel | AlgaPlus | Aqualgae | Colab4food | Fibrenamics | GreenColab | IGNAE | BIOTREND | Blue Ocean | Campina | CCMAR | CeNTI | CITEVE | Ecoinside | FCIências.ID | Fertiprado | Fitexar | FMSI | FREITASMAR | Fundação Gulbenkian | GPSA | GRAB THE OCEAN | HAEDES | HATA | Hubel Verde | Hubel Engenharia | IBERAGAR | in2sea | INESC TEC | INIAV | INL | inPP | Instituto Galénico | ISA | ISEP | IST | IST-ID | IPMA | ISS | ITS | Logistema | LUSÁGUA | MGC | MODELO | Molecule Message | NEADVANCE | PIEP | PROALGA | Puro Mar | RDI | Rowmetric | S2AQUA | SAVINOR | SEA4US | Seaculture | SEAentia-food | Sense Test | Sirplaste | SORGAL | Sparos | Sumol+Compal | TINTEX | TMG – Tecidos Plastificados | Universidade dos Açores | Universidade do Algarve | Universidade de Aveiro | UCP | Universidade do Minho | UNL | Universidade do Porto | United Biopolymers | WEDOTECH |

Coordination: Assunção Cristas

Research Team: Manuela Bocayuva (project manager) | Aline Bratti and Vittoria Moccia (researchers)



Funding Entity: The Recovery Plan for Portugal from the European Commission

Past, current and future activities: For the development of this project, two research fellows were selected at the beginning of the second half of 2023. Once the fellows had been selected, the project began in October 2023. Currently, the project is halfway through the first objective, with the development of the analysis of the national legislation of the countries selected for the comparative study, namely Australia, South Korea, South Africa, Portugal, Spain, France, Norway, Brazil, Costa Rica and Colombia. Having completed this objective by the end of 2023, the second phase will begin, focusing on developing the proposed legislation, setting out the topics to be included in the proposal, drafting an outline, holding a workshop with players in the sector to discuss the outline (estimated to take place in the first week of April 2024) and drafting the final text until the end of June 2024.

1.6. **Women in the Blue Economy – roles and impacts: an empirical-based study**

Summary and objectives: The Leading Women for the Ocean (LWO) network together with NOVA School of Law (NSL) will cooperate to prepare a report which seeks to contribute to the analysis of the current situation of women in the blue economy and possible ways forward. The report shall be grounded on the empirical findings obtained to assess the main research question of the project: what is the current role and impact of women in ancestral and traditional sectors of the blue economy? This descriptive and comprehensive assessment will have a special focus on gender inclusion perspectives and its analysis will contribute to the proposals that will follow based on two main normative questions: a) what would gender inclusion in these sectors require to be successful? and b) what possible action plans at the ocean policy and governance level could be adopted to lead to relevant fruitful changes?

Duration: 13 months (August 2023 to August 2024)

Institutions Involved: Sasakawa Peace Foundation's Ocean Policy and Research Institute, OPRI | Universidade NOVA de Lisboa | CIGEF and CIDLOT / Uni-CV

Coordination:

- **General** - Professor Assunção Cristas and Professor Maria Damanaki



- **Gender issues** – Professor Margarida Lima Rego and Professor Nausica Palazzo

Research Team: Patrícia André (Researcher) | Sara Apresentação (Researcher) | Tatiana Morais (Researcher) | Manuela Bocayuva (Project manager)

Funding Entity: Oceans 5

Past, current and future activities: We have already finalized task 1 and we are currently in the middle of task 2, namely, in the process of finalizing the necessary documentation to submit the project to the ethics committee of the faculty (in the case of the NOVA School of Law, it is the ethics committee of the NOVA Medical School, since it does not have its own ethics committee). In the final months of 2023, we expect to have the project approved by the ethics committee so we can start the empirical part of the project. In 2024, we intend to finalize the empirical assessment and prepare the final report of the project (task 5). For that, a draft will be prepared (task 3) and a session will be held mid-April during the 9th edition of the “Our Ocean Conference” in Athens to discuss the results obtained thus-far (task 4). After completing the final report in August (task 5), a dissemination plan of the final report is set, with the assistance of communication company hired for that (task 6).

Forthcoming prospects: We hope we can follow up with Brazil and South Korea. The NOVA university Marine Program has a close connection with Brazil (a lot of Brazilian students too). South Korea is a very important country in Asia hospitalizing Our Ocean Conference after Athens, in 2025.

1.7. CEDIS Programmatic Project

Summary and objectives: This project is being carried out by Professor Laura Iñigo Álvarez to develop her post-doctoral project and the topic is related to business and human rights and the provision of remedies, in particular, looking at non-judicial remedies for business-related human rights abuses. The first part of this postdoctoral project has focused mainly on the work of the OECD National Contact Points on Responsible Business Conduct. In the second year this line of research remained a new one was added: the responsibility of business enterprises in conflict-affected areas. The current scenario of war in Ukraine and Israel has shifted the interest of scholars and practitioners on business and human rights to this particular area of research. Overall, this new line of research is also inserted in the



broader theme of business, human rights and the environment, which is the main subject matter of the postdoctoral project.

Coordination: Laura Iñigo Álvarez

Research activities carried out under the project in 2023

a) Publications:

- Laura Iñigo Álvarez and Daniel Iglesias Márquez, 'How to ensure the protection of human rights and environmental defenders through mandatory human rights due diligence legislation' in Felipe Gomez Isa (Coord.) Human Rights Defenders Under Seige. Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming 2024);
- Laura Iñigo Álvarez, 'Improving the Effectiveness of Non-Judicial Mechanisms under the OECD National Contact Points: Issues of Legitimacy and Accessibility' in Markus Krajewski and Otgontuya Davaanyam (Coord.) Corporate Human Rights Responsibility in the OECD NCP Case Law Analysis, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (forthcoming 2024);
- Laura Iñigo Álvarez, 'Former employees of Bralima vs. Bralima and Heineken N.V: hacia el uso efectivo de la mediación en disputas sobre empresas y derechos humanos' en Antoni Pigrau & Daniel Iglesias (coord.) Litigación en materia de empresas y derechos humanos: Estudios de casos, Tirant lo Blanch, 2023, pp. 187-202, ISBN 978-84-1169-449-0;
- Laura Iñigo Álvarez, 'Luces y sombras de la Propuesta de Directiva sobre diligencia debida de las empresas en materia de sostenibilidad y especial consideración de las personas defensoras', Working paper nº 3, Universitat Rovira i Virgili & ICIP, IC1019/22/000010, March 2023;
- Claire Bright & Laura Iñigo Álvarez (coord.) Report 'Recommendations for the upcoming Portuguese National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights', ELSA Portuguese Legal 3 Research Group on Business and Human Rights & NOVA BHRE (February 2023);
- Laura Iñigo Álvarez, 'Un paso adelante en la lucha contra la impunidad corporativa: desarrollos del caso Lafarge' Agenda Estado de Derecho 2023/02/01.



b) Participation in conferences and other scientific events:

- Speaker of the seminar entitled ‘Heightened Human Rights Due Diligence: Should Companies Operating in Russia Stay or Leave?’, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven, 7 February 2023
<https://ghum.kuleuven.be/ggs/events>
- Invited speaker at the virtual seminar “La defensa de los derechos humanos y el medio ambiente y el camino hacia la diligencia debida obligatoria de las empresas”, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona (Spain), 20-21 March 2023
http://www.cedat.cat/media/upload/pdf/seminariovirtual_20-21marzo23_urv_editora_30_1314_1.pdf
- Paper presentation “Corporate human rights due diligence in conflict and post-conflict situations: towards a responsible exit” at the Socio-legal Studies Association Annual conference 2023, Ulster University’s Magee campus, Derry-Londonderry (United Kingdom), on 4-6 April 2023. Information at:
<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/conference/slsa>
- Speaker at the research seminar “Non-judicial remedies for business-related human rights abuses”, Faculty of Law, University of Seville, 10-11 April 2023.
- Keynote speaker (virtual) at the workshop entitled “The Proposed EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive in the Broader Regulatory Context” organised by the Centre for Law, Sustainability & Justice Department of Law, University of Southern Denmark on 21-22 April 2023
- Paper presentation “Improving the effectiveness of remedies under the OECD National Contact Points: issues of legitimacy and accessibility”, at the Research workshop “Corporate Human Rights Responsibility in OECD Case Law: Actors, Issues, Responsibilities and Remedy” in 4 and 5 May 2023 organised by Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Nuremberg (Germany) More information at <https://www.rph1.rw.fau.de/workshop/>
- Speaker and main organiser of international seminar entitled “Business in conflict and postconflict situations: towards a responsible business conduct” on 30 May 2023 at NOVA School of Law. More information at <https://novalaw.unl.pt/business-in-conflict-and-post-conflict-situationstowards-a-responsible-business-conduct/>
- Invited speaker at the I Workshop Brasil-Portugal: Paz, Direitos humanos e Empresas on 14-15 June 2023 organised by Universidade Federal Fluminense in Rio



de Janeiro, Brazil.

- Commentator and moderator of the International Conference 'Hacia la diligencia debida obligatoria en derechos humanos: propuestas regulatorias y lecciones aprendidas' organised by the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona) on 13 and 14 July 2023.
- Paper presentation entitled 'How to ensure the protection of human rights and environmental defenders through mandatory human rights due diligence legislation' co-authored with Daniel Iglesias Márquez at the AHRI annual conference 2023 'Human Rights Defenders Under Siege' organized by the University of Deusto on 7-9 September 2023
- Moderator and organiser of the panel entitled 'Responsible Disengagement' at the Third Annual Conference of the NOVA BHRE Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: From Law to Practice on 23 September 2023 at the Foundation Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon.
- Speaker and main organiser of the conference 'War and Law. The Future of Conflict' on 12 October 2023 at the Centro Cultural de Belem, Lisbon.
- Guest lecture 'Non-judicial remedies on BHR: the case of the OECD National Contact Points' at the International Human Rights Course on 14 November 2023 at Stirling University, Scotland.
- Invited speaker of II Workshop Brasil-Portugal: Tecnologia, Segurança e Direitos Humanos organised by University Lusófona on 16 November 2023.
- Invited speaker at the XVI Encontro Professores de Direito Público with a presentation entitled 'O Direito da legitima defesa contra atores não estatais: cenários atuais' on 17 November 2023 at the Military Academy in Lisbon
- Commentator of the SPEED seminar entitled 'O mercado de alimentos sob a ótica dos direitos humanos. Impactos e desafios das biotecnologias agrícolas' delivered by Ana Luiza da Gama e Sousa on 29 November 2023 at NOVA School of Law.
- Paper presentation entitled 'Former employees of Bralima vs. Bralima and Heineken N.V: hacia el uso efectivo de la mediación en disputas sobre empresas y derechos humanos' at the panel on Strategic Litigation on Business and Human Rights of II Conference of ICON-S Spanish Branch entitled "Las Transiciones Pendientes" organised by the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid on 30th November and 1st December



c) Research stay at KU Leuven:

- From 2 January to 14 February 2023, I carried out a research stay at the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven, under the supervision of Prof. Jan Wouters and Dr. Axel Marx. During my research stay, I conducted research on business and human rights with a particular focus on human rights due diligence in conflict-affected areas. In the framework of this project, I presented my work in a research seminar entitled “Heightened human rights due diligence: should companies operating in Russia stay or leave?” on 7 February 2023. More information at <https://mailchi.mp/ggs/marchesi-doctoralseminar-417024>

d) Organisation of scientific events:

- Co-organiser of the virtual seminar “La defensa de los derechos humanos y el medio ambiente y el camino hacia la diligencia debida obligatoria de las empresas”, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona (Spain), 20-21 March 2023 http://www.cedat.cat/media/upload/pdf/seminariovirtual_20-21marzo23_urv_editora_30_1314_1.pdf
- Main organiser of international seminar entitled “Business in conflict and post-conflict situations: towards a responsible business conduct” on 30 May 2023 at NOVA School of Law.
- Co-organiser of the Third Annual Conference of the NOVA BHRE Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: From Law to Practice on 23 September 2023 at the Foundation Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon.
- Main organiser of the conference ‘War and Law. The Future of Conflict’ on 12 October 2023 at the Centro Cultural de Belem, Lisbon
- Co-organiser of the event in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will take place on 14 December at the Auditorium of the Rectory at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

e) Participation in research projects and networks:

- Research Project on Human Rights Defenders and Corporate Human Rights Due Diligence Since September 2022, I am contributing as a member of the working group of research the project “The potential of mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence laws to address violence against human rights and environmental defenders” coordinated by Universitat Rovira I Virgili (Tarragona) and funded by the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP). This project aims



to assess to what extent the work and the situation of violence against human rights defenders are taken into consideration in the 7 proposals for regulations that will impose mandatory due diligence requirements in Spain and EU countries and formulate legal and policy proposals to improve the prevention and redress of the violence suffered by human rights and environmental defenders through regulatory developments regarding mandatory due diligence. More information at <https://www.dret-public.urv.cat/es/grupos-investigacion/territorio-ciudadania-sostenibilidad/proyete-icip/>

- Research Project on Access to justice in the context of corporate abuses: Since September 2023 I am contributing as a member of the working group of Research Project on 'Access to justice in the context of corporate abuses: litigation as a strategy of resistance and empowerment for victims (ACCJUSTEDH)' coordinated by Universitat Rovira I Virgili (Tarragona) and funded by the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP). This project aims to formulate proposals to empower and guarantee access to justice for victims of corporate abuses within the framework of the implementation of policies and regulatory frameworks regarding mandatory human rights due diligence. More information at <https://www.dret-public.urv.cat/es/grupos-investigacion/territorio-ciudadania-sostenibilidad/proyecto-acceso-a-la-justicia-en-el-contexto-de-abusos-corporativos/>
- Decoding Sustainable Finance Project: Within the activities of the NOVA BHRE, I am coordinating the project "Decoding Sustainable Finance" which will include the development of a podcast series composed of seven episodes that approach sustainable finance from a multidisciplinary perspective, as well as the elaboration and publication of a legal brief on the same subject. More information will be posted at <https://novalaw.unl.pt/en/decoding-sustainable-finance/>
- Ibero-American Network on Human Rights Education: Since October 2021, I am the representative of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa in the Iberoamerican Network on Human Rights Education and Inclusive Citizenship, coordinated by the Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos (OEI) and the University Pablo de Olavide (Sevilla) which counts with 28 universities from Latin America, Spain and Portugal. I am also a member of the Committee on Human 8 Rights Education and Business and Human Rights on behalf of UNL. More information at <https://www.ciedh.org>



f) Participation in EU grant proposals:

- MSCA Doctoral Networks (HORIZON-MSCA-2023): I have contributed to the submission of a grant proposal entitled “Advancing corporate sustainability through human rights and environmental due DILIGENCE to prevent business-related societal harm” (DILIGENCE) for the MSCA Doctoral Networks from the European Commission which has the aim “to implement doctoral programmes by partnerships of organisations from different sectors across Europe and beyond to train highly skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate their creativity, enhance their innovation capacities and boost their employability in the long-term”. This project is coordinated by Prof. Karin Buhmann (Copenhagen Business School) and counts with 8 European universities and 16 non-academic institutions.
- Capacity building in the field of higher education (ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CBHE): I have contributed to the grant proposal “Universities for Fostering Sustainable Human Rights-Based Business Models in Unsustainable Environments” (Uni4BHR) coordinated by Wageningen University. The project aims to accelerate inclusive and sustainable economic development and contribute to the realisation of the SDGs through furthering responsible business conduct and the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine as the EU candidate countries. This grant proposal counts with the participation of European universities from the Netherlands, Portugal, Germany, Ukraine and Moldova.

Planned activities for 2024: Since the budget for the FCT project for 2024 has not been released yet by FCT (an extension and additional funding was requested in June 2023), this section will only highlight some of the proposed activities for 2024:

- **February 2024:** Webinar on the legal, environmental and social implications of sustainability processes throughout the global value chain in collaboration with Coimbra University;
- **May-June 2024:** International Conference on strategic litigation on business and human rights and human rights due diligence organised by Universitat Rovira I Virgili as part of the current research project;
- **October-November 2024:** Fourth Annual Conference of the NOVA BHRE at NOVA School of Law sponsored by PLMJ, the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry and FCT.



2. Jean Monnet Modules

2.1. European Union Data Protection Law (DataporEU)

- **Coordination:** Francisco Pereira Coutinho;
- **Duration:** 36 months (until september 2023).

2.2. EU Insurance Law: Challenges in the SDG Era (EUInsLSDG)

- **Coordination:** Margarida Lima Rego and Marival Bolivar Oñoro
- **Duration:** 36 months (until August 2025).
- **Activities carried out under the project in 2023:**
 - Regular meetings have been hosted among the members of the Scientific Committee as well as with collaborators (for instance ASF) and the reports required by the EU Commission for the module have been prepared, sent and approved;
 - In the academic year 2022/2023, the master module was taught in the first semester: September to December 2022 and was given the possibility to the students to interact with ASF and to present their papers at the annual conference of the module;
 - In the academic year 2022/2023 the e.course was launched at the end of March and it ran until the beginning of June on the topic SDGs and Insurance. Professors from all over the world taught different subjects in the e.course. The course was transformed into a MOOC during the second semester of the year 2023. It was launched in the NAU platform in November;
 - The call for papers was published at the beginning of January and the conference was hosted in July 2023. The topic was insurance and SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being. Various abstracts were presented. The conference in June was hosted in a bilingual format Portuguese-English and structured around the three big stakeholders on insurance: regulator, insurance companies and clients. The president of ASF delivered the opening speech and other renowned professionals on insurance were in charge of plenary sessions. The book with the conference proceedings will be made available to the public in December.



o **Planned activities for 2024:**

- Management will be optimized; meetings and seminars will be online and more frequently, reports will be produced, funds will be administered and more meetings will be hosted between different parties;
- In the academic year 2023/2024, the master module will be taught in the second semester: February to May 2024;
- For the upcoming year, we expect to focus the e.course on three plenary sessions devoted to the intersection of SDGs and Environment, Social and Governance issues. As in the previous course, students will be invited to participate in the annual conference;
- This year the call was already published in November 2023 and contributions on wider topics will be accepted so as to increase participation. The conference will be hosted in July 2024 at NSL. It will be on SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth. The overarching topic of this year's conference will be sustainable insurance. We also welcome interventions exploring links between this noble goal and other SDG, notably 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy, 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities, and 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production. The Jean Monnet Module “EU Insurance Law: Challenges in the SDG Era” (ref. no. 101085125) is funded by the European Union (Erasmus+ Programme).

2.3. EU Family Law (nEUfam)

- **Coordination:** Nausica Palazzo;
- **Duration:** 36 months (until September 2025).
- **Activities carried out under the project in 2023:**
 - o **Guest lectures:**
 - Alice Margaria (Assistant Professor, University of Zurich) delivered two guest lectures: Assisted Reproduction and Legal Parenthood in the ECtHR Case-Law & Transnational Surrogacy: Change and Continuity within the ECtHR Case-Law;
 - Pasquale Annicchino (Assistant Professor, University of Foggia) delivered two guest lectures: Culture Wars and Geopolitics & Polygamy in the EU.



- **Interdisciplinary lectures:**
 - Luis Duarte de Almeida (Associate Professor, NOVA School of Law) delivered a lecture on Conscientious objection v. LGBTIQ persons' access to services (Law and Philosophy);
 - Sónia Lopes (Associação Para o Planeamento da Família) delivered a lecture on Reproductive Rights from the ground up (Law and Social Movement Studies).
- **Webinars:**
 - Webinar 1: The role of the EU in promoting the rights of LGBTIQ families;
 - Webinar 2: The role of the EU in promoting the right to freedom of religion or belief of families;
 - Webinar 3: The EU and the culture wars around family law: Future trajectories;
 - Webinar 4: The Role of the EU in shaping family law.
- **Observatory on non-conjugality:**
 - The Observatory on non-conjugality is a research project developed by NOVA law students and coordinated by Prof. Nausica Palazzo under the scope of the Jean Monnet Module. It investigates states' recognition of non-conjugal unions.
- **Blogposts:**
 - Dissemination of blogposts written by students, published on the EU Family Law website: <https://eufamilylaw.novalaw.unl.pt/blogposts/>
- **Planned activities for 2024:**
 - **Guest lectures:**
 - March: Alice Margaria (Assistant Professor, University of Zurich) will deliver a lecture on Transnational Surrogacy: Change and Continuity within the ECtHR Case-Law;
 - April: Pasquale Annicchino (Assistant Professor, University of Foggia) will deliver two guest lectures: Culture Wars and Geopolitics & Polygamy in the EU.
 - **Interdisciplinary lectures:**

- March: Gauri Pillai (Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor (Law) at the National Law School of India University and Max Weber Fellow): lecture title TBC;
- May: Luis Duarte de Almeida (Associate Professor, NOVA School of Law) will deliver a lecture on Conscientious objection v. LGBTIQ persons' access to services (Law and Philosophy);
- May: Sónia Lopes (Associação Para o Planeamento da Família) will deliver a lecture on Reproductive Rights and Bottom-Up Activism (Law and Social Movement Studies).
- **Webinars:**
 - Webinar 1: The role of the EU in promoting the rights of LGBTIQ families;
 - Webinar 2: The role of the EU in promoting the right to freedom of religion or belief of families;
 - Webinar 3: The EU and the culture wars around family law: Future trajectories;
 - Webinar 4: The Role of the EU in shaping family law.
- **Observatory on non-conjugality:**
 - The research project will continue its activities building on the progress made so far.
- **Blogposts:**
 - Publication of relevant blogposts as well as research projects on the EU Family Law website.



3. Knowledge Centres integrated in CEDIS

3.1. NOVA Consumer Lab

Coordinator: Jorge Morais Carvalho (jorgemoraiscarvalho@novalaw.unl.pt)

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- a) NOVA Consumer Blog: The NOVA Consumer Blog has published 252 texts since its creation, 18 of which were published in 2023 (until the end of October). The following researchers wrote texts for the blog: Amanda Costa Novaes, Catarina Nicolau Campos, Francesco Montanari, Francisca Faria Lopes, Francisco Arga e Lima, Guilherme Mucelin, Jorge Morais Carvalho, José Antonio Castillo Parrilla, Leonor Gambôa Machado, Maria Miguel Oliveira da Silva, Martim Farinha and Paula Ribeiro Alves. A text by a guest author, Marcos Dessaune, was also published;
- b) NOVA Consumer Podcast (Season 5): The NOVA Consumer Podcast has a new episode every fortnight on Mondays. The team is currently made up of Amanda Novaes, Catarina Nicolau Campos, Guilherme Oliveira e Costa, Hatice Bilge Demir, Jorge Morais Carvalho, Leonor Gambôa Machado, Maria Miguel Oliveira da Silva, Natália Rebelo and Paula Ribeiro Alves. In 2023, the fourth season, dedicated to "resolving consumer disputes", was completed and the fifth season, dedicated to making themed episodes, began 2 aimed at consumers who are not necessarily lawyers.
- c) Newsletter: So far, 7 newsletters have been created and sent out throughout 2023 (January, February, March, April, May, June and October), publicising NOVA Consumer Lab's work to the community. The newsletter was and is being developed by researcher Hatice Bilge Demir.
- d) Books and articles: So far, 15 texts have been published in 2023 with an indication of affiliation to the centre:
 - Maria Miguel Oliveira da Silva, "Sustainability, Consumption and Business: Rivalry or Symbiosis?", in Newsletter of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, January 2023;

- Martim Farinha, "Virtual Goods - Consumer Protection in the Metaverse", in *Vida Judiciária*, January/February 2023;
- Jorge Carita Simão & Sofia Assunção Soares, "Unfair commercial practices in general and online: Directive (EU) 2019/2161, of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 November, its partial transposition into Decree-Law no. 109-G/2021, of 10 December, and the strengthening of consumer rights protection", in *Estudos de Direito do Consumo*, Vol. I, Almedina, 2023, pp. 649 ff;
- Martim Farinha & Jorge Morais Carvalho, "Consumer law and technology", in *Studies in Consumer Law*, Vol. I, Almedina, 2023, pp. 883 ff;
- Martim Farinha & Jorge Morais Carvalho, "Tecnología, Plataformas Digitales y Derecho del Consumo: Evolución Legislativa Reciente en la Unión Europea", in *Aportaciones Jurídicas a la Economía de Plataformas*, Aranzadi, 2023;
- Maria Miguel Oliveira da Silva & Jorge Morais Carvalho, "Greenwashing, Sustainability and Consumer Rights", in *Consultor Jurídico (Brazil)*, June 2023;
- Joana Campos Carvalho, *Contracts Made through Digital Platforms*, Coimbra, Almedina, 2023;
- Leonardo Roda & Jorge Morais Carvalho, "Dieselgate e responsabilidade do vendedor à luz da Diretiva 1999/44/CE - Comentário ao Acórdão Porsche Inter Auto e Volkswagen", in *Revista de Direito da Responsabilidade*, 5, 2023, pp. 870-881;
- Martim Farinha & Jorge Morais Carvalho, "Direito do Consumo e Tecnologia", in Rui Ataíde, Francisco Rodrigues Rocha e Vítor Palmela Fidalgo (ed.), *Estudos de Direito do Consumo*, I, Almedina, 2023, pp. 883-913;
- Jorge Morais Carvalho, "The Impact of EU Directives 2019/770 and 2019/771 - Portugal", in Alberto De Franceschi and Reiner Schulze (ed.), *Harmonising Digital Contract Law - The Impact of EU Directives 2019/770 and 2019/771 and the Regulation of Online Platforms*, Nomos, 2023, pp. 547-560;
- Jorge Morais Carvalho, "Recensão à Obra Arbitragem e Mediação Potestativa nos Conflitos de Consumo por Opção do Consumidor, de Tiago Soares da Fonseca", in *Revista Internacional de Arbitragem e Conciliação*, 19, 2023, pp. 351-356;
- Joana Campos Carvalho, "The contractual liability of digital platform operators", in *Observatório Almedina*, 9/10/2023;
- Sara Fernandes Garcia, "O conceito de consumidor médio no Direito Europeu do Consumidor", in *Estudos de Direito do Consumidor*, no. 18, 2022, pp. 593-626 (published in 2023);
- Jorge Morais Carvalho and Joana Campos Carvalho, "O(s) Contrato(s) de Fornecimento de Conteúdos ou Serviços Digitais", in *Studies in Honour of*



Professor Maria Helena Brito, Vol. II, Gestlegal, 2022, pp. 409-445 (published in 2023);

- Sara Fernandes Garcia, "As moratórias bancárias - Uma retrospectiva na ótica da tutela dos consumidores", in Revista Ex Libris, no. 2, AAFDL, 2023, pp. 73-84;
- In 2023, Vol. IV of the NOVA Consumer Lab Yearbook for 2022 was also published.

Ongoing events and activities:

- Research for the publication of scientific articles;
- NOVA Consumer Podcast (Season 5);
- NOVA Consumer Blog;
- Monthly newsletter.

Events, projects, partnerships and activities planned for 2024 (in addition to those currently underway, which will continue):

- Scientific discussion sessions ("Jam Sessions");
- Application for at least one national or international project;
- Advanced Training Courses (within Jurisnova);
- Collaboration in organising an international conference.

Indicators for 2024:

- Publication of at least 15 texts in the format of a book, book chapter, scientific article or article publicising the activity carried out;
- Publication of around 10 interviews as part of the NOVA Consumer Podcast;
- Publication of at least 30 texts on the NOVA Consumer Blog;
- Preparation of a monthly newsletter to publicise the Centre's activities;
- Apply for a national or international project;
- Open at least two advanced training courses.

Overview of the 2023/24 budget: No budget foreseen at the moment. We would like, if possible, to obtain funding corresponding to a grant for a master's student researcher, in order to fulfil (or exceed) the proposed objectives.



3.2. NOVA Green Lab

Coordination: Lucila de Almeida (Lucila.DeAlmeida@novalaw.unl.pt), Abreu Chair of ESG Impact

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Research Projects:

- **UsersTCP by International Energy Agency: Global Observatory on Peer-toPeer Community Self-Consumption and Transactive Energy Model:** Since February 2023, NOVA School of Law (via NOVA Green Lab) has been the work package leader of this project supported by the International Energy Agency. The Global Observatory (GO-P2P) is a forum for international collaboration to understand the political, regulatory, social, and technological conditions needed to support the wider deployment of peer-to-peer (P2P), community/collective self-consumption (CSC) and transactive energy (TE) models. GO-P2P takes a multidisciplinary approach to studying P2P/TE/CSC models and is structured into five sub-tasks, each led by leading institutions in this field.
 - Duration: 5 years (From September 2019 to February 2025)
Coordination: David Shipworth (University College London as project leader) | Lucila de Almeida (NOVA School Law as leader of subtask 5)
- **'THE E IN ESG':** With the aim of enabling the NOVA Green Lab to be a real tool for the academic community, companies and those interested in the topic of ESG, we are currently organising a long-term research project that will allow the topic to be demystified and simplified. The project, which will be a work in progress until the end of the academic year (summer 2024), aims to involve all interested members of the NOVA Green Lab. Likewise, aware of the demand for research and investigation surrounding the topic, the centre launched the 'Call For Members 2024.1' on 20 November in order to gather possible researchers to contribute to the project. In this way, a single project brings together, on the one hand, the exploration of sophisticated topics in environmental law and energy law and, on the other, the materialisation of the centre's research as a real tool within NOVA School of Law and its partners.



Dissemination Projects:

- Author: Lucila de Almeida, Joana Freitas, João Maria Botelho. "Live From Brussels" was a 3-episode project that aimed to analyse topics related to European regulation in the field of the environment and energy transition. Professionals and experts in the field were interviewed and their views were then publicised on NOVA Green Lab's YouTube channel. A written record of the project was also made, which can be consulted on the centre's website.

Publications:

a) ACADEMIC ARTICLES WITH PEER-REVIEW:

- October 2023 - [Energy policy ideas for the next European Commission: from targets to investments](#)
- December 2023 - Consumers and the Green Transition Between Saying and Doing: Promising Consumer Empowerment while Restricting Consumers' Choices Is Dangerous. Publisher - Yearbook of European Law (Oxford Journals)
- In press - Refining Reflexive Environmental Law by Nature and Nurture: Autonomy, Accountability, and Adjustability. Publisher - Transnational Environmental Law (Cambridge Journals)

b) CASE NOTES WITH PEER-REVIEW:

- Julho 2023 - Op-Ed EU Law Live: Selling price and returnable packaging: in between (un)solved conflicts and incoherencies (C-543/21 Verband Sozialer Wettbewerb). Publisher – EU law live
- April 2023 - EU Contract Case Law, July - December 2022. Publisher - European Review of Contract Law. 19, 1, p. 76-89 14 p.
- June 2023 - EU Contract Case Law, January - March 2022. Publisher - European Review of Contract Law. 19, 2, p. 156-175 20 p.
- October 2023 - EU Contract Case Law, April - June 2023. Publisher - European Review of Contract Law. 19, 3, p. 248-264 18 p.

c) Edited Book:

- December 2023 - [Law in the EU's Circular Energy System](#)

d) Essays:

- July 2023 - [Do the Portuguese Territorial Just Transition Plans comply with the Just Transition Regulation?](#)

- September 2023 - [Legal Analysis of the Revised Environmental Crime Directive: Strengthening Enforcement and Accountability in EU Environmental Law](#)
- November 2023 - [Voluntary Carbon Markets: Necessity of Regulation and Legislation Proposals](#)

e) Blogposts:

- January 2023 - [Is Climate Change a Major Question? The Supreme Court of the United States in Virginia V. EPA](#)
- January 2023 - [A Critical Review of the EU Court of Auditors' Special Report on Sustainable Financing: looking back to look forward](#)
- September 2023 - [AR6 Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#)

Events:

- May 2023 - [NEW PATTERNS OF THE ENERGY SUPPLY AT UNIVERSITÀ DI CATANIA: PEER-TO-PEER TRADING AND ENERGY COMMUNITIES;](#)
- May 2023 - AARHUS CONVENTION IN PRACTICE: ACCC PROCEEDING REGARDING MINES IN PORTUGAL;
- May 2023 – GUEST LECTURE BY PROFESSOR ARMANDO ROCHA: PLANNING FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT;
- May 2023 – WORKSHOP ON ENERGY, CLIMATE, AND JUST TRANSITION;
- May 2023 - GUEST LECTURE BY PROFESSOR JOÃO JOANAZ DE MELO: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT;
- February 2023 - INAUGURAL LECTURE OF THE ABREU CHAIR IN ESG IMPACT: ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMATIONS TO WEATHER THE ENERGY CRISIS
- February 2023 - [SPEED EN: CONCEPTUALIZING CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY WITH PROFESSOR NADIA BERNAZ;](#)
- First semester of the 2023/2024 academic year - NOVA GREEN LAB WELCOMES PROF. BURGE W. GRIGGS AS FULBRIGHT VISITING PROFESSOR;
- July 2023 - CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND TRANSITIONS: RETHINKING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW;
- November 2023 - IBERIAN CONFERENCE: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REFORM OF THE EUROPEAN ENERGY MARKET;
- November 2023 - GUEST LECTURE BY JOÃO LUPI: ENERGY LAW AND THE OCEAN.



General activities:

- April 2023 - LUCILA DE ALMEIDA AND LUÍS BARRETO XAVIER IN AN INTERVIEW WITH JORNAL ECONÓMICO ABOUT ESG CRITERIA;
- April 2023 - [NOVA GREEN LAB NO 'WOMEN IN ESG: TALKING ABOUT E OF ESG'](#)
- May 2023 - [NOVA GREEN LAB IN THE AICEP'S 'ESG TRAINING'](#)
- July 2023 - NOVA GREEN LAB AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: THE ELECTRICITY MARKET REFORM;
- September 2023 - [NOVA SCHOOL OF LAW'S STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE NEGOTIATION SIMULATION AT AIEN](#)
- October 2023 - ABREU CHAIR IN ESG IMPACT RECOGNIZED BY FINANCIAL TIMES INNOVATION LAWYERS AWARDS EUROPE 2023 IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PRIZE OF ABREU ADVOGADOS;
- September 2023 - NOVA GREEN LAB AT THE 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NOVA BHRE;
- October 2023 - NOVA GREEN LAB IN THE PARISH OF CHARNECA DE CAPARICA AND SOBREDA;
- October 2023 - NOVA GREEN LAB AT ELSA FDUL: ESG AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE;
- April 2023 - CEER TRAINING FOR REGULATORS: INTRODUCTION TO FUNDAMENTALS OF ENERGY REGULATION;
- May 2023 - NEW PATTERNS OF THE ENERGY SUPPLY AT UNIVERSITÀ DI CATANIA: PEER-TO-PEER TRADING AND ENERGY COMMUNITIES;
- September 2023 - INTEGRATION OF BEATRIZ GOMES AS A CEDIS / FCT SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER;
- November 2023 - [NOVA GREEN LAB AT THE ESG FÓRUM | FIBE](#)
- April 2023 - [ESG week](#)

Future Projects:

- January 2024 - ESG Course co-organized with Abreu Advogados: Promoting the dissemination and sharing of knowledge regarding ESG;
- May 2024 - NOVA Green Lab's Annual Conference: Event in which we will not only demonstrate the centre's activity within academia, but also discuss relevant topics within environmental and energy law with our partners and civil society;
- May – June 2024 - Jurisnova training course: organized in collaboration with NOVA BHR&E: We aim for collaboration between centres sponsored by CEDIS/FCT in the organization of events and courses that contribute to the discussion of relevant topics



in common. Through different outputs, we seek to promote research in a collaborative logic, in order to achieve the greatest possible rigor within our work;

- January 2024 - Reports - Iberian conference: Contributions to the Reform of the European Energy Market: A set of reports will be released covering the content of the discussions of each panel that attended APDEN's Iberian conference on November 9th. This coverage will take the form of a Report and will be available on the NOVA Green Lab website;
- Long-term 2023-2024 - The E in ESG: A series of editorial meetings will be held in order to align the objectives of the NOVA Green Lab members and integrate everyone's interests into a longterm project aimed at jointly publishing research work on a homogenized theme: "The E in ESG".

3.3. NOVA Compliance Lab (NCL)

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023

- **Publications:** The NCL maintains a blog on its website, which features regular publications by its members. Information at: https://novacompliancelab.cedis.fd.unl.pt/?page_id=1035.
- **Training:** Fifth edition of the Jurisnova E-Course "Compliance for the prevention of Corruption", lasting 30 hours. Each edition of the program is updated to reflect the latest trends on the subject.
- **Conferences:**
 - Conference "Publicity versus Privacy in Contemporary Procedural Law", jointly organized by NCL, Criminália and the Faculty of Law of the State University of Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro/Brazil), held at the Nova School of Law in person (September 2023).



- The NCL participated in the organization of the 8th edition of the Integra Congress - Compliance Across Americas, the largest compliance event in Latin America. <https://www.compliance.com.br/expocompliance/#caa2023>, in São Paulo/Brazil. Coordinator Francisco Pereira Coutinho also represented the NCL as a speaker on the topic of "Ethics, Artificial Intelligence and Regulatory Challenges" (August 2023).

- **Seminars, round tables and workshops:**

- 2nd edition of the Transparency and Corruption Prevention Week organized by Lisbon City Council, Transparency International and the National Anti-Corruption Mechanism. Participation in the organization of the workshop on "Ethics, Integrity and Corruption Prevention - the mechanisms" (December 2023, to be confirmed);
- Repsol Compliance Day, with the participation of Francisco Pereira Coutinho and Julia Gracia, with a speech on "Compliance in Portugal" (November 2023);
- Roundtable "White Collar Crime and Whistleblowing", ELSA Summer School Lisbon & Cascais – International Economic Criminal Law, with the participation of coordinator Julia Gracia and collaborator Luís Fonseca (July 2023).

Media: Revista Vida Judiciária, na edição sobre *Compliance*, with articles by Francisco Pereira Coutinho, Julia Gracia, Izabel Albuquerque e Luís Fonseca.

Social Networks:

- LinkedIn (more than 1.700 followers);
- Instagram (423 followers);
- Facebook (135 followers)

Indicators planned for 2024

- **Training:** The first postgraduate course on Compliance for the Prevention of Corruption is planned to start in the first half of 2024. In addition, the NCL intends to start offering in-company training in order to obtain funding that can be directed towards its research activities.
- **Compliance Congress:** The NCL intends to hold an international compliance congress at the NOVA School of Law in 2024 (depending on the investments and sponsorships it secures).



- **Publications:** Collective work - Collection of articles on the General Regime for the Prevention of Corruption and other topics related to Compliance (depending on the availability of NCL members to help with invitations, review of articles and other activities necessary for this purpose).
- **Blogposts:** Direct invitations to experts and academics to contribute blogposts on topics related to compliance.
- **Other activities for master's and doctoral students:** Supporting the research activities of 2nd and 3rd cycle students who are developing dissertations in Compliance.
- **Partnerships underway and planned for 2024**
 - **Maintaining Partnerships:** The NCL intends to maintain its partnership with Instituto Compliance Rio (ICRio), both in the promotion of courses and webinars for the general public.
 - **Developing new partnerships:** The NCL intends to expand its partnerships in order to increase the impact of its research activities, namely by financing an international congress and awarding research grants to students who intend to write master's dissertations on compliance-related subjects.

Overview of the budget (particularly with regard to external financing): The NCL will be financed by external partners through protocols.

3.4. NOVA Ocean Knowledge Centre

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

In 2023, NOVA Ocean was mainly engaged in the development of three research projects, one already finalised and two scheduled for completion in 2024:

- **Marine Bioprospecting Project:**



- **Objective:** To develop a comparative study of the national legislation of 9 pre-selected countries on access to and use of marine biological resources in national waters and to recommend the main points to be included in a future national legislative framework in Portugal.
- **Funding entity:** Francisco Manuel dos Santos Society
- **Team:** Professor Assunção Cristas (coordination) | Manuela Bocayuva (Management and Research) | Carolina Vaza; Liz Spinola; Beatriz Abrantes (Researchers)
- **Output:** Final report with recommendations about the topic in Portugal
- **Event:** Workshop held with stakeholders from the industry to discuss the topic on 20 July 2023.
- **Duration:** 01/04/2023 – 31/07/2023
- **Blue Bioeconomy Pact Project:**
 - **Objective:** To prepare an innovative legal text that will boost the Blue Biotechnology sector in Portugal by regulating marine bioprospecting activity and the use of resources collected and developed from collections, as well as the use of samples already collected and stored and their development.
 - **Funding entity:** The Recovery Plan for Portugal from the European Commission.
 - **Team:** Professor Assunção Cristas (coordination) | Manuela Bocayuva (Management) | Aline Bratti; Vittoria Moccia (Researchers)
 - **Output:** National legislation proposal about the topic in Portugal.
 - **Duration:** 01/10/2023 – 30/06/2024
- **Project Women in the Blue Economy – roles and impacts:**
 - **Objective:** By conducting an empirical study in three countries, it aims to analyse the role and impact of women in two traditional sectors of the blue economy: fishing and shipping;
 - **Funding entity:** Oceans 5
 - **Team:** Professor Assunção Cristas; Professor Maria Damanaki (coordination of oceans affairs) | Professor Margarida Lima Rego; Professor Nausica Palazzo (coordination of gender issues) | Manuela Bocayuva (Management) | Aline Bratti; Vittoria Moccia (Researchers)



- **Output:** Final report with the results of the empirical research
- **Duration:** 01/08/2023 – 31/08/2024

In 2023, a PhD student was also selected to carry out NOVA Ocean's activities. The activities developed by the research fellow include, in addition to research activities, maintaining and updating the centre's website, email and social networks (instagram and linkedIN), which are regularly updated with news about the centre's activities and topics related to ocean affairs in general.

Planned activities for 2024

- **Research Projects.** For 2024, NOVA Ocean intends to continue the two projects started in 2023:
 - **Blue Bioeconomy Pact** Project: the beginning of 2024 represents the start of the project's second phase focused on developing the proposed legislation, setting out the topics to be included in the proposal, drafting an outline, holding a workshop with players in the sector to discuss the outline (estimated to take place in the first week of April 2024) and drafting the final text until the end of June 2024.
 - Project **Women in the Blue Economy – roles and impacts:** the aim is to finalise the empirical assessment and prepare the project's final report in 2024. To this end, a preliminary report will be prepared, and a session will be held in mid-April during the 9th edition of the "Our Ocean Conference" in Athens to discuss the results obtained so far. Once the final report is finalised in August, a dissemination plan for the final report is planned, with the support of the communication company hired for this purpose.
- **Publications:** in 2024, the goal is to publish two papers related to the projects developed within NOVA Ocean in research journals.
- **Social media of NOVA Ocean:** Alongside these projects, the aim is to carry on managing NOVA Ocean's social networks, with updates on the centre's activities and publications on topics related to the sea.



3.5. SPARC – Space Law Research Centre

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Activities carried out in 2023

- **Publications**

- João Marques de Azevedo, “Space Resource Activities and the New Space Age: Current International Legal Framework and Preparing the Future”, in Balázs Bartóki-Gönczy, Gábor Sulyok and Borbála Huszár (eds.), *New Space – European Perspectives*, Ludovika University Press, 2024 (in press, some information may change);
- João Marques de Azevedo e João Nuno Frazão, “Portugal Above the Clouds: The Strategic, Political and Legal Evolution of Space Activities in Portugal”, *European Review of International Studies* (in press);
- João Marques de Azevedo, “Regulating Space Resource Activities in a Fair and Equitable Manner: Understanding the Principle of Common Heritage of Humankind in Space Law”, *European Review of International Studies* (in press);
- Francisco Pereira Coutinho e João Nuno Frazão “Espaço e Direito Internacional”, na obra sobre informação geoespacial, organizada e publicada pelo INA, I.P. (in press, scheduled for March 2024);
- Marie-Louise Hohenbühel, “The Future of the Metaverse in the Space Sector”, in PJ Blount et. al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the IISL Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space*, Eleven Publishing (in press);
- João Marques de Azevedo, "Revisiting the Artemis Accords and their approach to International Space Law", SPARC Blog, 14 de setembro 2023;
- Webert Barreto, “Uso militar do espaço: uma realidade internacional”, SPARC Blog, 29 de novembro de 2023.



- **Training and workshops**
 - Workshop on Licensing Space Activities, 23 March 2023, which was organised jointly with ANACOM. The workshop aimed to discuss regulatory issues in the field of space activities, international co-operation in the field of licensing; and best practices on the sustainability of space activities. The event was attended by members of the UK and Norwegian space authorities and by representatives of national organisations linked to the sector. However, SPARC, mainly through its coordinating members, has participated (and 2023 was no exception) in short courses and other events organised by other institutions as speakers, both in Portugal and abroad.
- **Participation in conferences, seminars and other events:** Over the last four years, SPARC members, individually or together (but always representing SPARC), have taken part in various event addressing many of the themes of space law and other related issues. The list, which is significant, can be consulted in detail on each SPARC member's page (see the "about us" > "members" tab on the website: <https://sparc.cedis.fd.unl.pt/sobre-nos/membros/>). In addition to the Space Law Course and the Workshop, SPARC members took part in the following events:
 - *International Astronautical Congress 2023*, Baku, Azerbaijão, 2 - 6 October;
 - *Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition 2023*, European Centre for Space Law & Universidade de Jaén (orgs.), Jaén, Espanha, 17 - 21 April;
 - *Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition 2023*, European Centre for Space Law & Universidade de Jaén (orgs.), Jaén, Espanha, 17 - 21 April.
 - *International Economic Law, Business & Policy Colloquium*, Stanford Law School e Stanford International Arbitration Association (orgs.), 19 April.
- **Monthly/Semi-annual activities:** SPARC members meet at the beginning of each academic year to establish the centre's activity plan. SPARC coordination members meet at least monthly to evaluate participation in events and the development of publications.
- **Partnerships:** SPARC (formally, through NOVA School of Law) has signed a protocol with ANACOM - Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações. Concluded and signed in September 2022, the understanding between SPARC and ANACOM was

to establish a partnership with a wide range of long-term options, namely: SPARC holding courses/trainings with ANACOM services; ANACOM sponsoring future courses/events held by SPARC; drafting legal opinions, at ANACOM's request, on space matters and other related issues (Administrative Law, European Union Law, Public International Law, etc.), among others.

Indicators for 2024

- **Training:** The 4th edition of the Space Law Course is scheduled for the second half of the year (April/May 2024). As in previous editions, the aim is for the new edition to: (i) include national and international guest speakers; and (ii) focus on the hot topics in the space sector from a global, regional and national perspective, in addition to the main topics in space law.
- **Publications:**
 - Blog: increase the number of posts;
 - As the International Astronautical Congress 2024 will take place in Milan, SPARC members will endeavour to take part in this event as speakers. In this regard, it is important to emphasise that any participation in this summit will entail the production of a scientific article for the IISL Proceedings;
- **Collective endeavour:** to establish a final structure by the end of 2024.
- **Other activities for master's and doctoral students:** Considering that, at the time of its creation, the founding members of SPARC, aware of the existence of master's dissertations in Space Law presented in previous academic years, decided to bring together doctoral and masters students who had presented or were preparing work in this area, making it possible, on the one hand, to develop Space Law in Portugal and, on the other, to assist in the development of this area. in Portugal and, on the other hand, helping 2nd and/or 3rd cycle students to pursue their studies in this area, SPARC also proposes to:
 - Support the research activities of 2nd and 3rd cycle students who are developing dissertations/theses and/or other articles related to Space Law (as has already happened);
 - Assess the possibility and interest of forming a team of students to take part in the European rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court



Competition in 2024.

- **Launch of a call for members:** SPARC has taken on 3 new members this academic year, and has publicised the vacancies among the students of the various Masters degrees at the faculty.
- **Partnerships underway and planned for 2024:** SPARC-ANACOM partnership: SPARC will continue its partnership with ANACOM, assessing the possibility of carrying out joint activities with the organisation.
- **Budget overview (particularly with regard to external funding):**
Depending on the outcome of the various contacts promoted by SPARC's coordination with third parties, including partners, external funding, if any, will be centred on the following for the time being:
 - ANACOM: support/sponsorship for the organisation of conferences and other events organised by SPARC;
 - PT Space – Portuguese Space Agency: possible award of a grant for the costs arising from the collective work (cf. point 3.2.), covering all or part of the costs associated with printing, distribution, etc.

3.6. NOVA Dispute Resolution Forum

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **Scientific publications:** The DRF has a blog, with posts written by its research assistants. During 2023, 17 posts were published. For more information: <https://drf.novalaw.unl.pt/blog/>. Additionally, the DRF's coordinators had several



publications during 2023:

- João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira, “Alterações ao Processo Especial para Acordo de Pagamento na Lei n.º 9/2022, de 11 de janeiro – A proteção da pessoa singular”, in Seminário sobre Insolvência – 2023, Centro de Estudos Judiciários, 2023, disponível em <https://cej.justica.gov.pt/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=VEfMoVZQdc%3d&portalid=30>;
- João Pedro Pinto-Ferreira, Mariana França Gouveia [et. al.], “Processo especial para acordo de pagamento: uma análise empírica”, in Themis, anos 21 e 22, 2023, n.os 36 e 37, pp. 111-126 (primeiro autor; com Mariana França Gouveia, Susana Santos, Mara Vicente e André Seromenho);
- Joana Campos Carvalho, “As normas processuais na lei da mediação”, in A Lei da Mediação de Conflitos – Estudos sobre a sua aplicação, Cátia Marques Cebola (coord.), Almedina, 2023, pp. 137-158.
- **Courses and workshops:**
 - Arbitration Talks (March 27, April 24 and May 15, 2023), organized and coordinated by Professor Luís Heleno Terrinha and Rita Correia de Carvalho: free admission, about 10 participants per session;
 - 3rd Advanced Course in Insolvency and Legal Recovery Instruments, organized in partnership with Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados (October 16 to November 29, 2023): 15 enrolled;
 - 2nd Edition of the NOVA Summer School on International Arbitration (July 10-14, 2023), in partnership with #CareersInArbitration, ICC (International Chamber of Commerce), Linklaters, Miranda & Associados, Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados, PLMJ, Portuguese Arbitration Moot Association and Vieira de Almeida (VDA): 18 enrolled.
- **Research Projects:** With regard to projects, the following project was carried out in 2023: "IN_SOLVENS: Insolvency law in Portugal: a multidisciplinary analysis", funded by FCT and which began in February 2021 (with an expected duration of 36 months).
- **Other initiatives:**
 - A series of four interviews entitled "Masters of Mediation", produced by the Mediation department and coordinated by Professor Joana Campos Carvalho. Its aim was to collect different experiences from internationally renowned

mediators. The episodes have been made available on Youtube and the main podcast platforms and have so far had 368 plays;

- The series of posts on the "Singapore Convention on Mediation" blog organized by the DRF's Mediation Department and coordinated by Professor Joana Campos Carvalho. This series of 13 posts aimed to disseminate an annotation to the Singapore Convention made by students of the Master's Degree in Forensic and Arbitration;
- The "Civil Procedure Explained" series, organized by the civil procedure and insolvency department and based on the publication on social media of a set of FAQs on civil procedure. Six posts were published (legal representation, legal aid, bad faith litigation, precautionary measures, witness evidence and injunction procedure).

Plan of activities for 2024

- **Courses, workshops and conferences:**

- 2ND Course on Evidence in Civil Procedure, scheduled for the first half of the year.
- 2nd Conference of the IN_SOLVENS project, scheduled for the 1st half of the year.
- 4TH Edition of the Course on Insolvency and Legal Instruments for Recovery, scheduled for the 2nd half of the year.
- 1ST Commercial Mediation Course - The Lawyer's Perspective, scheduled for the 1st half of the year.
- The 3rd Edition of the NOVA Summer School on International Arbitration is scheduled for July 8 to 12, 2023. As with the previous edition, it is intended that the new edition will: (1) include national and international guest speakers; (2) include participants of various nationalities; (3) focus, in addition to the main topics of the introduction to the study of Arbitration Law, on the hot topics of Arbitration Law; and (4) feature the mini-moot court so that participants can put into practice all the theoretical knowledge that the training has provided them with. This is a project shared by the entire DRF and coordinated by Professor Mariana França Gouveia and Rita de Carvalho. (Partners are yet to be determined but are expected to be the same as last year, given the success of the Summer School).



- **Scientific publications:** For the year 2024, it is estimated that the DRF will be able to produce the following publications:
 - **Blog:** recognizing the substantial improvements in 2023 (more posts and activity on the blog compared to 2022), the DRF hopes to maintain this trajectory for 2024 and, if possible, improve it;
 - **Scientific Articles:** a minimum of 5 scientific articles are expected to be published;
 - Publication of the **NOVA Dispute Resolution Forum Yearbook**.
- **Research Projects:** Throughout 2024, the DRF will launch/continue to invest in the following Projects: "IN_SOLVENS: Insolvency law in Portugal: a multidisciplinary analysis", funded by FCT and ending in July 2024.
- **Other initiatives:**
 - Series of posts on insolvency and civil procedure, based on short comments on case law on selected topics;
 - Series of blog posts on "Mediation techniques", based on work carried out in the Masters of Forensics and Arbitration;
 - New set of interviews as part of the Masters of Mediation project.

3.7. NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **Research Projects:** A Report for the Portuguese Government with Recommendations for the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, published in May 2023. The report was launched as part of the 'Policy Roundtable on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Draft Directive organised by the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights, the Environment, Instituto Marquês de Valle Flôr,



and Oxfam at the Centro Cultural de Belém. The Policy Roundtable featured interventions by Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary Secretary of State of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Maria Manuel Leitão Marques, Portuguese MEP from the S&D group, and Dominique Potier, Member of the French Parliament, as well as representatives from the private sector, civil society, academia and youth ambassadors.

- **Publications:**

- L. Íñigo Álvarez, "Former employees of Bralima vs. Bralima and Heineken N.V. hacia el uso efectivo de la mediación en disputas sobre empresas y derechos humanos" in Litigación en materia de empresas y derechos humanos: Estudio de casos. Tirant lo Blanch, p. 187-202, November 2023;
- C. Bright and N. Bueno, "Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence," em Anthony Ewing (ed), Teaching Business and Human Rights (Edward Elgar 2023), 144-159, May 2023;
- L. Íñigo Álvarez, "Luces y sombras de la Propuesta de Directiva sobre diligencia debida de las empresas en materia de sostenibilidad y especial consideración de las personas defensoras", Working paper no 5, Universitat Rovira i Virgili & ICIP, 1-13, March 2023;
- L. Smit, C. Bright and S. Neely, "Muddying the waters: The concept of a 'safe harbour' and corporate liability," in 8(1) Business and Human Rights Journal, 1-17, February 2023;
- C. Bright and C. da Graça Pires, "Guiding Principle 18: Human rights impact assessments", in B. Choundhury, The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: A Commentary, Elgar Commentaries Series (2023).

- **BlogPosts:** The NOVA BHRE centre has published a total of 191 posts on its blog, available online here, which fall into 15 thematic areas. In 2023, 40 blog posts were published.

- **Podcasts:** Currently, 19 episodes of the NOVA BHRE Podcast have been recorded, the last 4 during the past year, 5 of them in 2023. In addition to these episodes, another 6 episodes have been published which correspond to a category on Sustainable Finance and Responsible Business, available [here](#).

- **Conferences and Events:**

- The Conference of the ICON-S Spanish Branch entitled “Las Transiciones Pendientes” organised by the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid on 30th November and 1st December 2023;
- The Conference “Unpacking the Role of Law in Value Chain Resilience”, organised by the University of Helsinki, between the 24th and the 25th of October 2023;
- The Conference “War & Law. The Future of Conflict”, on the framework of the 50 years of the NOVA University of Lisbon, on the 12th of October 2023;
- The Conferência Internacional Estratégia ESG para PME Exportadoras, organised by the Portuguese Secretary of State for Internationalization in the framework, on the 25th of September 2023;
- The “Business and Human Rights Summer School”, in Mantua, between the 13th and the 17th of June 2023;
- The Research Workshop “Corporate human rights responsibility in OECD case law: actors, issues, responsibilities and remedies”, at Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen Nürnberg, between the 4th and the 5th of May 2023;
- The Conferência anual da Socio-Legal Studies Association, at Ulster University’s Magee campus in the city of Derry-Londonderry, between the 4th and the 6th of April 2023;
- The Session about Contracts and Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) no Garment Forum, organised by the OECD, on the 14th of February 2023;
- The lunch seminar on “Heightened human rights due diligence: should companies operating in Russia stay or leave?”, organised by the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, on the 7th of February 2023;
- Blogging on Business & Human Rights: Towards an EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, jointly organised by the NOVA BHRE and Leonard Feld (Centre for Law, Sustainability & Justice - University of Southern Denmark), between the 16th and the 31st of January 2023;
- The Conference “Business, Human Rights & Tech”, organised by Microsoft, on the 27th of January 2023.



- **Events organised by the NOVA BHRE:**
 - Virtual blog symposium: Exploring new frontiers in the updated OECD Guidelines: Global multi-stakeholder perspectives on progress, strengths and weaknesses, co-organised with OECD Watch, between October and November 2023;
 - Third Annual Conference of the NOVA BHRE – “Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: From Law to Practice”, organised in collaboration with NOVA SBE, NOVA Green Labe with the support of PLMJ, the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, CEDIS, FCT, the Canadian Embassy to Portugal, and the ERA Chair in Social Innovation, on the 26th of September 2023. In the Opening Session, the speakers were Margarida Lima Rego (Dean of NOVA School of Law), Pedro Oliveira (Dean of Nova SBE and Calouste Gulbenkian Chair Professor in Impact Economy), Bernardo Ivo Cruz (Portuguese Secretary of State for International Trade and Foreign Investment), Elise Racicot (Ambassador of Canada to Portugal), João Pedro Guimarães (Secretary-General of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Bruno Ferreira (Managing Partner at PLMJ) and Claire Bright (Associate Professor and Director of the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment).
 - “Business in conflict and post-conflict situations: towards a responsible business conduct” Seminar organised on the 30th of May 2023;
 - Blogging on Business & Human Rights: Towards an EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, in partnership with Leonard Feld (Centre for Law, Sustainability & Justice - University of Southern Denmark), between the 16th and the 31st of January 2023, which resulted in 11 articles, available [here](#).
- **Newsletters:** Since December 2020, the NOVA BHRE centre has been publishing newsletters that include the centre's main activities and events. The newsletter is published monthly and sent to all subscribers. Available on the website. In addition, the NOVA BHRE centre has developed a newsletter on Legal Developments in the area of Business and Human Rights, available in Portuguese and English, which can be consulted [here](#).

Plan of activities for 2024:

- **Research Projects:** The second edition of ELSA Portugal's Legal Research Group on Business and Human Rights in collaboration with the NOVA BHRE has just been



launched in November 2023 and will take place in 2024. This edition's topic will be the revised OCDE Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct with the aim to examine the significant changes that have been incorporated in relation to human and labour rights, bribery and corruption, the environment and climate change, and the work and procedures of the National Contact Points (NCPs) for Responsible Business Conduct, as well as the opportunities and challenges arising from these changes. The Academic Board is constituted by Laura Íñigo Álvarez and Sara Rentroia Pacheco.

- **Publications (6):** The members of the NOVA BHRE have many publications in the pipelines, some of them currently under review in internationally recognized journals for 2024 in the field of Business, Human Rights and the Environment. Claire Bright is also the co-editor of a Special Issue of the Business and Human Rights Journal on the Just Transition.
- **Blogs:** The NOVA BHRE intend to keep actively publishing blog posts on topics related to the field of Business, Human Rights and the Environment in 2024.
- **Podcasts:** The NOVA BHRE intend to keep actively recording podcasts on topics related to the field of Business, Human Rights and the Environment in 2024.
- **Training:** The NOVA BHRE will continue delivering trainings in the field of Business and Human Rights. Claire Bright will be back in Tunisia for the second part of the training sessions delivered on Business and Human Rights as part of a programme coordinated by the UN Development Programme. In addition, Claire Bright is currently working on a joint proposal with Professor Lucila de Almeida for a training on ESG for companies.
- **Conferences and Events:** The members of the NOVA BHRE will continue to actively participate in Conferences and Events in 2024. Claire Bright has already been scheduled to present at Bocconi University in March 2024 and in Lund University in April 2024 on topics related to Business, Human Rights and the Environment.
- **Organisation of Events:** The NOVA BHRE will be organising its 4th Annual Conference in 2024.



3.8. Observatory of the Portuguese Legislation

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023

- **Publications:**

- **Bulletin of the Observatory of Portuguese Legislation** regarding the years 2021 and 2022: The Bulletin of the Portuguese Legislation Observatory is an annual or biannual publication aimed at the quantitative analysis of various aspects of legislation, highlighting the most relevant aspects of each year. The next Bulletin will focus on the data from the years 2021 and 2022. Its publication is scheduled for the end of 2023.
- **Other:** It is anticipated that an issue of the e-Publica journal dedicated to the Multilevel Legislative Drafting and Legislative Impact Assessment Conference, organized in July 2022 as part of the LegImpact project, will be published by the end of 2023. The guest editors for this issue will be Manuel Cabugueira and Sónia Rodrigues.
- In 2023, Sónia Rodrigues also published the article "Inteligência Artificial e Atividade Legislativa", Ricardo Pedro, Paulo Caliendo (Coord.), *Inteligência Artificial no contexto do Direito Público: Portugal e Brasil*, Almedina, 2023.

- **Relational Database:** The construction of a relational database is currently underway, which will allow access to the "life" of a law - from its approval to its relationship with other laws and the end of its validity. The aim is to make it a publicly accessible database. During 2023 efforts were made to fill it in more automatically way.

- **Training:** Several training courses were given in Legistics in various editions of the "Legística: elaboração de regulamentos e atos legislativos" and «Legística Formal Aplicada" courses organised by INA throughout 2023.

- **Conferences and seminars:**

- Support for the organisation of the conference "20 anos do Manual de

Legística", which took place at INCM in May 2023;

- The OLP was present at the CALC European Region Conference, which took place in Cardiff, May 2023, taking part in the presentation «New Better Regulation Trends in Portugal: the Decree-Law 11/2023»;
- The abstract submitted to the International Conference on Public Participation in Legislative Law-making for a Stronger Democracy to be held in Jakarta on 7 and 8 December 2023 has been accepted.

Planned activities for 2024

- **Bulletin:** Bulletin 11, which will analyse the 2023 data, is expected to be published in mid-2024. Following this, we will organize a short colloquium on the theme “A look at the data from the PLO Bulletin (2023), with a presentation of the PLO Bulletin, possibly complemented by a session on a specific topic to be designated.
- **Training:** As has been the case in recent years, we intend to organise a short course in Legistics, slightly altering the programme of previous editions in order to meet the needs of those attending.
- **Conferences:** We plan to submit papers to some important conferences in the field, namely ICON's 2025, which will take place in July 2024 in Madrid.
- **Social Media:** We intend to set up accounts on the most widely used social networks today, namely LinkedIn and Instagram. This will allow us to reach a wider audience and spread the word about the project's activities.
- **Podcast:** We intend to develop a podcast project to disseminate the Observatory's work. We intend to build a project similar to the work already carried out by several knowledge centres at NOVA School of Law, with the possibility of broadcasting interviews with national and international experts. Initially, the episodes will be broadcast quarterly.
- **Journal:** With the demise of the journal *Legislação*, there has been a void in Portugal when it comes to publications specialising in the Science of Legislation. We therefore intend to revive *Legislação* or transform the Bulletin into a more robust publication that becomes a specialised journal, maintaining the quantitative analysis of legislation, but accepting article submissions.
- **New Projects:** Given the end of the LegImpact Project and the consequent decrease in the PLO's budget, we are currently in the process of investigating possible funding.



We will maintain the partnership established through the Protocol with (now) Lisbon Public Law, with which we collaborate on various projects in the area of the Legistics.

3.9. CRIMINALIA

Coordination

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **Colóquios (organisation): Publicidade versus Privacidade no Direito Processual Contemporâneo**, organização conjunta da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa (NOVA Compliance Lab e Criminalia - CEDIS) e da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, na Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 8 de setembro de 2023
- **Conferências (communications presented):**
 - BELEZA, Teresa Pizarro:
 - **Criminologia e Feminismo: Mulheres como vítimas e agentes de crimes**, FDUL, Lisboa, 9 Março 2023;
 - **A discriminação racial na lei penal portuguesa (sobre as normas jurídicas e em especial o âmbito do art. 240º do Código Penal)**, II Conferência sobre Discriminação Racial, organização do Núcleo Estudantes Africanos, FDUL, 17 de Abril 2023.
 - **Igualdade, Alteridades, Intersecções... E o Direito?**, Conferência de encerramento do Curso de PG sobre Direito da Igualdade, Julho de 2023, FDUL;
 - **Estudar o racismo e a xenofobia**, nas Conversas sobre Género(s), Etnia(cidade) e Diversidade, 22 setembro 2023, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa;
 - **Gender** - Coordenação e leccionação do módulo «Gender, Law and Democracy» no European Master in Human Rights and Democratization, com especial incidência na evolução legislativa do crime de violação, Global Campus of Human Rights, Lido de Veneza, Novembro 2023;
 - Três conferências previstas e agendadas para Dezembro de 2023, comemorando o 75 aniversário da Declaração Universal dos Direitos humanos (1948), em: Coimbra, Biblioteca Geral da Universidade, dia 6 Dez; Alenquer,

Congresso Dignipédia sobre Direitos Humanos, dia 7 Dez; Nova School of Law,
Celebração DUDH, dia 14 Dez;

BOLINA, Helena Magalhães:

- o **Discrecionabilidade e ação sancionatória**, no âmbito do V Curso de Pós-graduação sobre Law Enforcement, Compliance e responsabilidade empresarial, Centro de Investigação de Direito Privado, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, 9 de novembro de 2023;
- o **A criminalização das condutas e o objetivo da intervenção estatal**, workshop «Crimes em perspetiva», organizado pelo Nova Criminal Law Students Society, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 15 de setembro de 2023;
- o Coordenação científica (em conjunto com Francisco Pereira Coutinho e outros Colegas) e moderadora no primeiro painel do colóquio **Publicidade versus Privacidade no Direito Processual Contemporâneo**, organização conjunta da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa (NOVA Compliance Lab e Criminalia -CEDIS) e da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro – FDUNL/NSL, 8 de setembro de 2023;
- o **Constituição e Direito Penal**, no âmbito do curso **Constituição, Direito Penal e Medidas Administrativas de Restrição de Liberdade**, dirigido aos funcionários da Direção de Apoio Parlamentar da Assembleia da República. Sessões ministradas em 26 e 30 de junho e 3 de julho de 2023;
- o **Cumprimento normativo e seu impacto nos deveres de informação e colaboração**, no âmbito do IV Curso de Pós-graduação sobre Law enforcement, Compliance e responsabilidade empresarial, Centro de Investigação de Direito Privado, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, 16 de fevereiro de 2023;
- o **O Regime Geral de Prevenção da Corrupção e o Mecanismo Nacional Anticorrupção (MENAC)**, no âmbito do Curso Compliance para a Prevenção da Corrupção (5ª edição), Juris Nova e Nova Compliance Lab – FDUNL/NSL, 31 de janeiro de 2023

PINTO, Frederico de Lacerda da Costa:

- o **Pessoas colectivas, corrupção e compliance**, 5.ª edição do curso de Compliance para a Prevenção da Corrupção (5ª edição), organização JurisNova e Nova Compliance Lab, FDUNL/NSL, 31 de Janeiro de 2013
- o **Forensic orodology and criminal evidence**, comentário ao tema apresentado



pelos Prof. Manuel Monserrat no âmbito do SPEED, FDUNL/NSL, 22 de Março de 2023;

- o **Criminal compliance e crimes no sistema financeiro**, IV Curso de Law Enforcement, Compliance e responsabilidade empresarial, CIDP e FDUL, 27 de Abril de 2023
- **Colecção Criminalia: TABORDA, Raul – Transferência das Mensagens de Correio Electrónico para processos de contraordenação**, n.º 5 da Colecção Criminalia – Estudos de Ciências Criminais da Nova, Coordenação de Teresa Pizarro Beleza e Frederico de Lacerda da Costa Pinto, Coimbra: Almedina, 2023 (monografia de 140 páginas, com referência institucional à FCT e ao CEDIS)
- **Publications:**

BELEZA, Teresa Pizarro:

- o «Violação e morte a pedido: consentimento e liberdade», De Legibus, Revista da Universidade Lusófona, 2023
- o «Os culpados da prática de crimes graves não perdem a qualidade de seres humanos e como tal merecem protecção. O Caso Murray c. Países Baixos (TEDH, 2016)», com Helena Pereira de Melo, na obra editada por Soraya Nour Sckell e Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque: Cosmopolitanism without borders (em curso de publicação em 2023);
- o «Incriminando actos discriminatórios no Código Penal, quarenta anos depois: ausências injustificadas?» Boletim da Ordem dos Advogados, n.º 37 (2023), p. 64-67;
- o BELEZA, Teresa Pizarro / Pinto, Frederico de Lacerda da Costa – «A prescrição do procedimento criminal e as garantias constitucionais», entregue para publicação aos Estudos em Homenagem ao Prof. Doutor João Pedro Caupers, em Junho de 2023, em curso de publicação, Coimbra: GestLegal

BOLINA, Helena Magalhães:

- o Comentário do Código de Processo Penal à luz da Constituição da República e da Convenção Europeia dos Direitos do Homem, 5ª edição, anotação aos artigos 241.º a 261.º em coautoria com Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, Universidade Católica Editora, 2023
- o «Pirâmide regulatória de Ayres e Braithwaite e discricionariedade na intervenção sancionatória contraordenacional», in Paulo de Sousa Mendes e outros (coord.) Estudos sobre Law Enforcement, Compliance e Responsabilidade Empresarial, Coimbra: Almedina, 2023, pp. 53-78



- o DUARTE, João Ferreira – «A linguagem codificada nas escutas telefónicas», *Criminalia Working Paper 1/2023*, Themis 38-39 (2023), p. 149-165

PINTO, Frederico de Lacerda da Costa

- o «O regime do processo de contraordenação na forma sumaríssima prevista no Código dos Valores Mobiliários», *Cadernos do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários*, n.º 75 (2023)
- o «As “grandes contraordenações” e a organização do sistema sancionatório», Themis 38-39 (2023), p. 123-148
- o «Enriquecimento ilícito» nótula de Direito estrangeiro, in *Revista Penal (Huelva/Salamanca)* n.º 53 (2023);
- o «Tráfico de pessoas», nótula de Direito estrangeiro, in *Revista Penal (Huelva/Salamanca)* n.º 52 (2023);
- o «As alterações no sistema penal nos últimos 25 anos em dez pontos essenciais», *Revista Penal* 50 (2022), p. 299-304;
- o «Financiamento ilegal de partidos políticos», nótula de Direito estrangeiro, na *Revista Penal* 49 (2022), p. 261-264;
- o «Prisão preventiva», nótula de Direito estrangeiro, *Revista Penal (Huelva/Salamanca)*, n.º 43 (2020);
- o «La prueba ilícitamente obtenida (illegally obtained evidence)», nótula de direito estrangeiro sobre o regime nacional, *Revista Penal (Huelva/Salamanca)* 45 (2020), p. 255-259;
- o «Crimes contra a propriedade intelectual» nótula de Direito estrangeiro, *Revista Penal (Huelva/Salamanca)*, n.º 43 (2018), p. 272-275.

Criminalia Projects for 2024:

- **Criminalia collection:** publication of another monograph (no. 6 in the collection): VARELA, João – *Tráfico de Pessoas: a nova escravatura*, n.º 6 of *Criminalia collection*, currently being finalised, to be published in 2024
- **Colóquio – Tráfico de pessoas: realidade e desafios:** Organização de um colóquio sobre a prevenção e combate ao tráfico de pessoas, a propósito do lançamento do livro de João Varela sobre o tema.
- **Conferências:** apresentação de comunicações sobre vários temas.
- **Publications:** Continued publication on matters related to the *Criminalia* group's thematic areas. In particular, international collaboration with *Revista Penal*



(Huelva/Salamanca) on comparative criminal law issues is expected to continue.

- **Research Projects:** jurisprudence of TEDH and TJUE on the content of the right to a fair trial in the field of administrative offences (coordinated by Helena Magalhães Bolina). The project is divided in 3 steps:
 - Collection of case law and systematisation by topic (2024-2025);
 - Publicising the results: online publication and presentation at a conference (2025);
 - Organisation of a publication with studies on the various themes dealt with by the case law of the TEDH and TJUE (2025).

3.10. NOVA Refugee and Migration Clinic

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **16-days activism campaign (coordinated by Tatiana Morais):**
 - Survey conducted by Isabela Lage, supervised and coordinated by Tatiana Morais; layout and graphic design by Mariana Cabral Silva and Catarina Carvalho;
 - Street Interviews at Campolide campus and surroundings conducted by Isabela Lage, supervised and coordinated by Tatiana Morais; layout and graphic design by Mariana Cabral Silva and Catarina Carvalho, that can be consulted [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#);
 - Blogposts to mark the 16 days of campaign* and the International Migrants ** Day:
 - *Author: Inês Horta 'United against GBV during the 16 days of activism – Advocating for refugee women's rights', Dec 2023, available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=united-against-gbv-d;
 - **Authors: Tatiana Morais and Afsoon Hansia "Can't Afford to become IDP': Intersectional Impact of Tensions Affecting LGBTQIA+ persons' mobility in Uganda' Dec 2023.



- **Blogposts:**

- Corcodel, V. & Fragkou, D. (eds.), Leal, F. & Moniz Pinto, C., 'Vulnerability: An Emerging Norm in Migration and Asylum Law?' (2023), available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=vulnerability-an-emerging-norm-in-migration-and-asylum-law;
- Corcodel, V. (ed.) & Cavalheiro Galvão, M., 'Instrumentalisation of International Migration to the EU: A Critique of Securitised Approaches' (2023), available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=instrumentalisation-of-international-migration-to-the-eu-a-critique-of-securitised-approaches;
- Corcodel, V. (ed.), Cardoso, L. & Felgueiras, M., 'The Temporary Protection Directive in the Context of the 2015/2016 and the 2022/2023 'Crises': Geopolitics, Race or Both?' (2023), available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=the-temporary-protection-directive-i;
- Corcodel, V. (ed.), Marques, M., Brazão, S. & Moccia, V., 'Climate-Induced Displacement: Some Reflections on Contemporary Debates' Oct 2023, available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=climate-induced-displacement-som;
- Corcodel, V. (ed.) & Dimonte, C., 'Too Queer or Not Queer Enough? LGBTIQ+ Asylum Seekers in the European Context', Nov 2023, available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=too-queer-or-not-queer-enough-lgbtqi+asylum-seekers-in-the-european-context;
- Corcodel, V. (ed.) & Muñoz Cano, P., 'EU Migration and Asylum Law: Challenging or Reinforcing the Traditional Conception of Sovereignty?' Dec 2023, available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=eu-migration-and-asylum-law-challenging-or-reinforcing-the-traditional-conception-of-sovereignty;
- *Corcodel, V. and Morais, T. (eds.), Author: Inês Horta 'United against GBV during the 16 days of activism – Advocating for refugee women's rights', Dec 2023, available at: https://novarefugeelegalclinic.novalaw.unl.pt/?blog_post=united-against-gbv-during-the-16-days-of-activism-advocating-for-refugee-womens-rights
- **Corcodel, V. (ed), Authors: Tatiana Morais and Afsoon Hansia "Can't Afford to become IDP': Intersectional Impact of Tensions Affecting LGBTQIA+ persons' mobility in Uganda' Dec 2023.

- **Other Publications:**

- Corcodel, V. & Fragkou, D., 'Europe's Refugee 'Crises' and the Biopolitics of Risk' (2023) European Journal of Risk Regulation 1;
 - Tatiana Morais, 'Addressing the Continuum of Violence with a Continuum of Resilience. Book Review 'Difficult Life in a Refugee Camp: Gender, Violence, and Coping in Uganda'. By Ulrike Krause'. (2023) Journal of Refugee Studies;
 - Jeremy Sarkin and Tatiana Morais, 'Cost-benefit Assessment of Refugee and Asylum-Seeking Women Reporting Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Uganda: Assessing Women's Resilience as a Means to Protect their Ethno-religious Group', (2023) Southern African Public Law.
- **Podcasts (coordinated by Dimitra Fragkou):** 'Coffee with the Expert' Podcast Series
 - **Participation at external events and awards:**
 - Veronica Corcodel presented her work in progress on "Solidarity Framings and EU Legal Mobilization in the Context of Migration and Asylum" at Biblioteca Palácio Galveias;
 - Veronica Corcodel and Dimitra Fragkou, 'Europe's Refugee 'Crises' and the Biopolitics of Risk', ICON-S BENELUX Chapter Inaugural Conference 'Crises, Challenges, and the Future of Public Law', October 2023, <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/events/icon-s-benelux-chapter-inaugural-conference>;
 - Veronica Corcodel. 'Europe's Refugee 'Crises' and the Biopolitics of Risk', European International Studies Association Conference, Potsdam University, September 2023;
 - Veronica Corcodel. 'Europe's Refugee 'Crises' and the Biopolitics of Risk', EUI June Conference (organised by the Max Weber Programme), June 2023;
 - Tatiana Morais presented her research on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in the context of forced migrations at the Conference 'Conversations on Gender, Ethnicity and Diversity' org. by Prof. Nausica Palazzo;
 - Dimitra Fragkou is currently a Visiting Researcher at Ghent University - CESSMIR and Human Rights in Context Centre;
 - Tatiana Morais was granted the "Research Impact Narratives Challenge" award by Nova University, with two socio-legal studies described in the award winning impact narrative under the title "Contributing to the improvement of the legal framework for Sexual and Gender Violence in Portugal".



3.11. NOVA Tax Research Lab

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023

- **Tax Education Project**

The project started having in mind the first goal of the Knowledge Centre: contribute to the development and understanding of Tax Law. Thus, the Tax Education Project was the central project for the start-up of the activity.

Within the Tax Education Project, the option was to begin the activity targeting the national young public, choosing the social network Instagram as the preferred instrument of communication for the development of the project. At the beginning of November 2023, the @novataxlab account on Instagram has 552 followers and 126 posts were shared.

Building a knowledge path, four categories of information to be transmitted were created, each directed at different purposes, but all intended at creating a connection to the project and arising interest in being a follower of the Instagram account: “Did you know”; “Tax Tips”; “Fun Facts”; “Hot Topics”.

Publications were posted almost weekly, each type on certain days, also creating teasers and encouraging interaction.

The biggest challenge was - and still is being worked on – finding the appropriate tone and specific linguistic: an intimate and juvenile tone while simplifying the complexity of the topics, but without ever giving up the necessary scientific nature and accuracy.

- **Building the roots of an effective NOVA Tax Community**

Part of the impact aimed by NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB is creating a NOVA TAX COMMUNITY, as only in this way can the social impact produced be effectively measured. The Knowledge Centre's vocation is to be open to society and tax professionals. It is not intended to be a Centre closed to dialogue, but rather to maximize the activation of this possibility. Considering the Centre's by-law, the NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB targets “to develop projects in the field of Tax Law, including

projects of social interest” and “to promote scientific exchange between national and international institutions, researchers and professionals” (article 2, number 1, a. and b.). During 2023, we sought to establish connections with national practitioners in the area of expertise, recognised for their merit and boldness. The associations built up were with both senior and junior professionals since the research work and the vision of the Centre is intended to be plural and interoperable, from the very beginning.

Following this ambition, the following were initiated: - NOVA Tax Column: geared towards being a platform for practical reflection, giving rise to debate and the detection of aspects that deserve in-depth academic research. Thirty articles were published during this academic year; - Sharing Tax Thoughts: as an open space for our researchers to share meaningful questions and ideas that become thoughts after reading news, papers or while working. It is a format to promote discussion and awareness. Eleven articles were published during this academic year.

- **Visibility platforms & Choice of language**

It is NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB's objective to build and stimulate a community of knowledge around the work developed and to be developed by the Centre. Therefore, it is crucial to bring the academy closer to the practice and to guarantee the proximity of the academy to the citizen. As it is crucial to it is to have a platform to bring together the work, actions, ambitions and creations of the NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB. Consequently, there was an intensive investment in the creation of a strong and innovative image. The creativity of the image was a fundamental point in the design of the Lab's existence, in the choice of the communicational instruments and in the plurality of tones and languages used, attending each type of target intended with the respective instrument and action. The Website emerges as the catalyst pole of the work to be developed, containing from the beginning the imagery of the path to follow, including all scientific communications that are not the exclusive competence of Instagram in the project of tax education for young nationals. Also, the use of LinkedIn is used as a professional and academic social network to promote the NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB projects and contents. At this moment, the NOVA Tax Research Lab page on LinkedIn has 1.210 followers. As there is no funding that allows the duplication of contents, we have made targeted choices as to the language chosen for communication. In the scientific field, the choice of English was a decision taken for sure, since NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB aims at global communication, not wishing to limit itself to the Portuguese-speaking world. Thus, the website and all the material produced and made available there is in English. The



professional social network LinkedIn is also used in English, again for the same reasons. As for the Tax Education Project, which is still in its early stages and is aimed at young Portuguese-speaking people - due to the information segment outlined in the knowledge process - the use of the Portuguese language has been assumed (Instagram).

- **Launch of NOVA Tax Research Series**

In the closing session of the 2nd Annual NOVA Tax Research Lab Conference, the first edition of the NOVA Tax Research Series, a digital publication in English, available for open access, produced by the NOVA Tax Research Lab team in 2022 was launched. The first edition of the NOVA Tax Research Series includes 11 articles produced from a multidisciplinary perspective and through collaborative research, which includes indepth analysis of current issues in domestic tax law, community tax law, and international tax law. This series of articles will contribute to the doctrinal literature exploring contemporary challenges of tax policy and global tax issues. The publication also presents practical contributions, which can guide the formation of tax policies seeking fiscal justice and aiming at global fiscal governance. Finally, this work was funded by FCT through support from CEDIS.

- **NOVA Tax Annual Conference**

The 2nd Annual Conference of the NOVA Tax Research Lab took place in Lisbon, as a hybrid event (online and face-to-face), on 31st of May and 1st of June. The conference was dedicated to the theme “TAXATION AND SUSTAINABILITY”. The panels were composed of specialists in the tax area and others dealing with the perspective of sustainability. In two days, the event hosted eight international guest speakers. Furthermore, thirty-two abstracts previously submitted and evaluated by the Editorial Board of the NOVA Tax Research Lab were presented and discussed. The event had two objectives, (i) promoting reflection on some of the most pressing issues in the universe of public and fiscal policies and (ii) strengthening ties for potential collaborative research between researchers, collaborators and lines of research related to the theme. The official conference languages were English and Portuguese.

- **Internationalization Activities**

In 2023, the NOVA Tax Research Lab team was involved in activities aimed at promoting the Knowledge Centre's internationalization.

- On 28 and 29 September 2023, representing the Knowledge Centre, Rosa



Soares and Álvaro Silveira de Meneses, both Senior Researchers, were chosen to present a paper on "Artificial Intelligence and Tax Automation" at the Lawtimation Days Conference, organized in Madrid, by IE Law School.

- On 7 November 2023, Álvaro Silveira de Meneses participated in a Conference organized by the Amsterdam Centre for Tax Law (ACTL) mentioned on the implementation of DAC 7. Álvaro was chosen as the national reporter for Portugal and his research was supported by Pedro Costa Monteiro, Miguel Marques Rocha and Rosa Freitas Soares, all researchers all Nova Tax Research Lab.

Planned activities for 2024

- **CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF TEAM DYNAMICS:** The NOVA TAX RESEARCH LAB will continue to foster the development of specialized teams with the autonomy to produce high-caliber work, emphasizing the formation of academically adept teams, capable of taking on new challenges, including:
 - independent generation of high quality scientific content;
 - management of complex tax information for simplified public dissemination;
 - excellence in scientific tax curation and pedagogy.

Team development will continue to be concerned with long-term growth, aiming to:

- continue to invest in the team's expertise and breadth of knowledge dissemination;
 - promote synergistic learning among all team members, by promoting their participation in different tasks performed by the Lab;
 - implement transparent procedures that ease the integration and transition of new members, thus ensuring organizational longevity, particularly when younger researchers conclude their academic journey;
 - continue its annual call to welcome new researchers and fresh new perspectives into the fold.
- **ENHANCING VISIBILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** In order to create meaningful impact, the establishment of a NOVA tax community is essential, as it is through this first ongoing step that we can truly scale the societal influence of our work. For this it is of great importance to bridge the gap between academic theories and practical applications, ensuring that the insights and knowledge we generate are accessible to the general taxpayer. Our ambition at the NOVA Tax Research Lab



is to engage in ongoing and open public discourses in tax law issues, by fostering an environment that is not only receptive to, but also engaged with society and tax professionals. The expertise and insights provided by the integration of professional collaborators shall greatly enrich the scientific endeavours, output of our centre and will create a strong dynamic further integrating and engaging junior researchers. Ultimately, our efforts in joining the different threads of academia, professional expertise, and citizen engagement, are tied to serving the taxpayer. This commitment to inclusivity and community is the cornerstone of our vision as we move forward. The creation and nurturing of the NOVA Tax community will be prioritized to amplify the Lab's overall impact. Efforts will be directed towards:

- Amplifying the Lab's presence and outreach by diversifying communication tools tailored to different audiences as well as creating innovative and visually engaging content dissemination;
- Engaging in ongoing dialogues with stakeholders, namely:
 - maintaining integrated communication with professional partners for collaborative research and training initiatives;
 - ensuring active engagement with other tax professionals and potential collaborators;
 - fostering open communication with citizens interested in tax-related discourse and encourage public discussions and educational activities to demystify and deliberate on pertinent tax issues.
- **Major Activities:** In 2024, the Lab intends to intensify its research activities, focusing on contemporary tax issues that resonate on a global scale. These will include both developing research projects that reflect current trends and future directions in tax law and encouraging interdisciplinary research on existing issues, that bridges tax law with other fields such as technology, economics, and international relations.

For this, we will focus on building on our vision of creating a vibrant community by encouraging participation from various segments of the academic community and the broader overall society in tax-related discussions and by hosting public events and lectures that foster a greater understanding of the role of taxation in society.

This will be implemented by way of:

- Furthering our tax education initiatives: the Lab will continue its efforts to educate the younger public, with initiatives such as:
 - expanding the depth and substance of educational content on social



media platforms, namely continuing to share engaging “fun facts” and addressing “hot topics” relevant to the audience;

- incorporating interactive formats to engage actively engaging the community for the purpose of enhancing financial literacy;
 - introducing specialized training courses including partnerships with different faculties and public institutions;
 - creating brainstorming sessions with well-known educators and professionals, with the participation of NOVA University students.
- **Advancing 'thinking about tax' initiatives:** the Lab will endeavor its community-building initiatives by involving tax practitioners and specialists in its various activities, regularly presenting thought-provoking content and discussions for tax enthusiasts, such as:
 - The NOVA Tax Practitioners Column;
 - the NOVA Tax Talks (Podcast);
 - the NOVA Tax gang Open Meetings (live, open Podcast).
 - **Launching of the NOVA Tax Series annual publication and annual conference:** the Lab plans to:
 - initiate a peer-reviewed scientific journal, accessible in digital open access format, and aim for indexing in renowned databases;
 - continue to host an annual international tax conference in a hybrid format to bring together global tax researchers, with findings to be integrated into the NOVA Tax Review.
 - **Developing our research network:** a key goal for 2024 will be to forge partnerships with national and international entities to foster a robust research community focused on tax knowledge exchange.
 - To ensure the effectiveness of its activities, the Lab will implement a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the impact of its programs and research and conduct reviews of its strategic plan to adapt to the changing landscape of tax law and policy.

Areas of Further Development:

- The Lab is also committed towards securing its financial future which remains an essential hurdle to overcome, as it impairs the possibilities of further development.

For this we intend to engage within the academic community to disclose the Lab's activities and reach, applying for research funding and possibly engaging differently with the private sector for partnerships that can actually support the Lab's mission and its activities.

- The Lab has the potential to enhance its scientific and educational outreach by offering a series of workshops and seminars aimed at professionals, academics, and students to foster a deeper understanding of tax law and policy and expand its online presence through webinars and virtual learning modules that make tax law accessible to a broader audience.
- The Lab can also further develop joint research projects with other academic institutions and think tanks and establish partnerships with government agencies and non-governmental organizations to contribute to policy-making and public education on taxation.
- The Lab can further disseminate its findings and contributions through the regular publication of research papers, policy briefs, and articles in prestigious journals and platforms and using well-known multimedia channels to reach a diverse audience, ensuring that complex tax issues are communicated clearly and effectively.

Promoting Executive Training:

- The NOVA Tax Research Lab team, in partnership with JURISNOVA, prepared the E-Course Tax Aspects Relating to the International Mobility of Individuals. The 1st edition is scheduled to take place in January and February 2024. This Course will be taught in Portuguese and aims to understand the tax rules applicable to the international mobility of natural persons, thus fulfilling their tax obligations in the countries involved and avoiding their international double taxation.
- In 2024, the Knowledge Centre intends to expand the range of short-term courses aimed at executive training.

Internationalization Activities – Developing a Research Network:

- In 2023, the NOVA Tax Research Lab team was involved in activities aimed at promoting the Knowledge Centre's internationalization. New actions involving international partnerships are scheduled to take place in 2024.
- Professor Giorgio Beretta from Amsterdam Centre for Tax Law (ACTL) has submitted a mobility agreement under which he will spend 3 months at Nova School of Law, starting in December 2023, researching and participating in some of the activities of



the Nova Tax Research Lab.

- The Nova Tax Research Lab team will carry out joint research with Professor Giorgio Beretta (ACTL) in order to participate in the IBFD Inaugural Academic Tax Conference that will take place in Amsterdam on 16 and 17 May 2024. The collaborative paper will cover the identification and assessment of harmful tax regimes for individuals.

Assessment of Externally Financed Tax Research Projects: As a way to project activities within international platforms that fund scientific research, potential projects will be sought, and their requirements will be analysed, in order to model the work of research teams and to originate research proposals.

3.12. NOVA Knowledge Centre for Data-Driven Law

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **Research Projects:**
 - **"Multiversidade - Livro Branco sobre discriminação múltipla e interseccional"** (Multiversity - White Paper on multiple and intersectional discrimination) – the aim of this project, coordinated by Professor Margarida Lima Rego, is to build a scientifically grounded recommendation, based on multidisciplinary knowledge, to level up and harmonise anti-discrimination protections in Portugal, taking into account sequential, additive and intersectional multiple discrimination.
 - **"Effectiveness of Knowledge and Competence Requirements for Staff Imposed by the Mortgage Credit Directive"** - this project, coordinated by Professor Joana Farrajota, has the general objective of detecting weaknesses in financial literacy in the Portuguese banking sector.
 - **Automated and semi-automated data analysis in legal research – a collaboration of Professor** Fabrizio Esposito is collaborating with Professor Qiwei Han (Nova SBE). A first attempt, centred on "Mapping judicial citation patterns" of

academic publications from Portuguese 12 courts, did not reach the desired level of reliability. Currently, the team's focus is on adapting existing software to carry out "Semi-automated systematic reviews of legal literature and studies".

- Professor Fabrizio Esposito is conducting and coordinating research on **data-driven commercial practices**, focusing in particular on "Digital vulnerability and EU law"; "Hyper-involvement mechanisms and EU law"; "Personalised pricing: Cambridge Handbook"; "Personalised Pricing: Detection and Enforcetech"; and "Written observations on the draft regulation on the safety of toys".
 - Research led by Professor Fabrizio Esposito into the possibility of creating a platform for multidisciplinary academic articles that would be useful for academic research in the field of law. To this end, papers were analysed and collected from the most varied knowledge centres at Universidade Nova de Lisboa, compiling those that had the potential to contribute, from a multidisciplinary perspective, to solving legal problems and proposing legislative changes to them.
 - Professor Fabrizio Esposito's most recent project was to draw up an opinion on the legislative proposal on toy safety in the European Union. This opinion was heard at an online meeting called "Expert Hearing - Revision of the toy safety directive"; and subsequently transcribed onto the website of the knowledge centre in question.
 - The search for funding for all ongoing projects continued, including the project **"Scripta manent: better healthcare with data about the form of medical opinions"**, coordinated by Professor Fabrizio Esposito.
- **Events:**
 - **"1st International Conference of the Jean Monnet Module European Insurance Law: Challenges in the Age of the SDGs"** was held on 13 and 14 July 2023, in partnership with AIDA Portugal. The aim of this conference was to promote discussion of insurance issues among academics, professionals in the field, non-governmental organisations, the cooperative and social sector and state bodies - with a particular focus on public policy recommendations on the role of insurance in promoting the sustainable development goals.
 - The NOVA Data-Driven Law Knowledge Centre was also present at the **NOVA Science & Innovation Day** event. Represented by Maria Pedro, the aim was to publicise the knowledge centre as a multidisciplinary research platform and partner in the search for scientific innovation as a foundation for future legislative



research and analysis.

- On an educational level, the e-course "Insurance and Sustainable Development Goals" was published on the NAU platform on 14 November 2023. A project coordinated by Professors Margarida Lima Rego and Marival Bolívar Óñoro, its aim was to explore the relationship between European Union insurance law, the SDGs and human rights.

Events, projects and other activities underway and planned for 2024:

- 1. Ongoing project: **Multiversity Project** - White Paper on multiple and intersectional discrimination, the aim of which is to build a scientifically grounded recommendation, based on multidisciplinary knowledge, to level and harmonise anti-discrimination protections in Portugal, considering sequential, additive and intersectional multiple discrimination, to be completed by February 2024 (resp. Margarida Lima Rego/Paulo Côrte-Real - ext.);
- 2. Ongoing activity: **Cambridge Handbook** on Algorithmic Price Personalisation and the Law (resp. Fabrizio Esposito/Mateusz Grochowki - ext.);
- 3. Ongoing activity: semi-automated **systematic literature reviews** and legal studies (resp. Fabrizio Esposito/Qiwei Han - ext.).
- 4. Ongoing activity: **seeking funding** for the research project Empowering Personalised Prices: Informing Consumers to Support a Fair and Sustainable Digital Transition (resp. Fabrizio Esposito);
- 5. Ongoing activity: **seeking funding** for the research project Scripta manent: better healthcare with data about the form of medical opinions (resp. Fabrizio Esposito);
- 6. Activity planned for 2024: creation of **social networks** for NOVA Data-Driven Law (resp. Margarida Lima Rego/ Fabrizio Esposito);
- 7. Event planned for 2024: conference to present the final results of the **Multiversity Project**, scheduled for 26 February 2024 (resp. Margarida Lima Rego/Paulo Côrte-Real - ext.);
- 8. Event planned for 2024: **II International Conference of the Jean Monnet Module on EU Insurance Law: Challenges in the SDGs Era**, in partnership with AIDA Portugal, on 11 and 12 July (resp. 7 Margarida Lima Rego/Maria Elisabete Ramos - ext./ Marival Bolívar Óñoro - ext.);
- 9. Event planned for 2024: launch of the book **Cambridge Handbook** on Algorithmic



Price Personalisation and the Law (resp. Fabrizio Esposito/Mateusz Grochowki - ext.).

Indicators forecast for 2024 (particularly with regard to publications). The numerical references below correspond to the events, projects and activities listed above:

- 1. **Publication** of 1 **white paper** in Portuguese and 1 **article** in English in an international peer-reviewed journal (in 2024); 2. **Publication** of 1 **Handbook**;
- 3. Defence of two SBE master's theses; publication of a peer-reviewed article;
- 4. Obtaining funds or other resources from outside NSL to advance the investigation;
- 5. Obtaining funds or other resources from outside NSL to advance the investigation;
- 6.) 2 social networks;
- 7.) 1 conference to disseminate research results;
- 8.) 1 conference and 1 book of proceedings, a collective work with a series of public policy recommendations;
- 9.) 1 Handbook launch event.

Partnerships underway and planned for 2024. The numerical references below correspond to the events, projects and activities listed above:

- 1. **Multidisciplinary research team:** Prof Margarida Lima Rego (NSL); Prof Paulo Côrte-Real (Nova SBE), Prof Miguel Vale de Almeida (ISCTE-IUL); Prof Veronica Corcodel (NSL); Joana Brilhante 8 (Anthropology scholarship holder) and Maria João Resende (Law scholarship holder). Funding: €83,000 **EEA Grants**;
- 2. **Multidisciplinary research team:** Prof Fabrizio Esposito (NSL); Prof Mateusz Grochowki (MPI - Hamburg); and the many authors who contributed to the book;
- 3. **Multidisciplinary research team:** Prof Fabrizio Esposito (NSL); Prof Qiwei Han (Nova SBE); several Nova SBE students;
- 4. TBD;
- 5. TBD;
- 6. N/A;
- 7. **Multidisciplinary research team** identified in 1;
- 8. **Jean Monnet Module team:** Margarida Lima Rego, Maria Elisabete Ramos, Marival Bolívar Oñoro, Claire Bright, Fabrizio Esposito, Joana Campos Carvalho, Soraya Nour-Sckell, Martinho Lucas Pires, Vítor Boaventura Xavier. Funding €30,000 **Erasmus+**;
- 9. **Multidisciplinary research team** identified in 2.



3.13. Antígona

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Diligências legais e administrativas e Reforço da equipa do Centro: A equipa do Centro de Conhecimento Antígona, através do Observatório do Racismo e Xenofobia, foi reforçada recentemente. Para este fim, foram lançados dois editais para a contratação de bolsiros de investigação, nos domínios do direito e das ciências sociais/sociologia, resultando na contratação de duas bolsieras de investigação por um período de um ano.

Paralelamente, está em curso a celebração de um Protocolo para estágio curricular, com a duração de 360 horas, destinado a uma estudante do 2.º ciclo (cursos de Mestrado).

Por fim, nos últimos três meses, a bolsa de investigadores – tanto seniores quanto juniores – foi ampliada para mais de 10 investigadores, fortalecendo assim a equipa de pesquisa do Centro.

Comunicação e divulgação: A comunicação e divulgação das atividades do Centro de Conhecimento Antígona são fundamentais para sensibilizar e informar sobre o fenómeno do racismo e da xenofobia em Portugal. Por isso, estamos a trabalhar na criação e dinamização da página WEB e do perfil no LINKEDIN do Centro, onde serão partilhadas informações relevantes e links úteis. Estamos na fase final de adjudicação destes serviços, prevendo-se a conclusão no início de 2024.

Cooperação e parcerias institucionais: Com o intuito de reforçar e ampliar a capacidade de ação e intervenção do Centro, planeia-se desenvolver estratégias de cooperação e estabelecer parcerias tanto a nível académico como com organizações governamentais e não governamentais, tanto a nível nacional como internacional. Nesse sentido, o Centro Antígona, através do Observatório do Racismo e Xenofobia, prestou apoio à candidatura do projeto intitulado “EU Horizon Grant Application”, submetido pelas investigadoras principais Katherine Brown e Tara Lai Quinlan, com o título ‘Abordagens de Saúde Pública à Polícia Comunitária e ao Combate/Prevenção do Extremismo Violento’. Adicionalmente, demonstrou interesse em colaborar com as iniciativas da Frontex e, por fim, apoiou a participação no projeto “Science4Policy 2023 (S4P-23): Concurso de Estudos de Ciência para as Políticas Públicas”, submetido pela investigadora principal Rita Guerra, intitulado



“Protocolo de monitorização da integração de crianças imigrantes na escola: uma abordagem compreensiva, multinível e ecológica”.

Acervo bibliográfico do Centro: O Centro está a criar uma biblioteca de acesso livre, destinada a estudantes e investigadores interessados em desenvolver estudos sobre Racismo, Xenofobia e temas semelhantes. Esta biblioteca será um recurso valioso para a pesquisa e aprofundamento dessas temáticas.

Monitorização de notícias sobre os temas de atividade do Centro: Como forma de acompanhar o fenómeno do racismo em Portugal, o Centro irá monitorizar as notícias veiculadas nos meios de comunicação social. Esta monitorização visa identificar situações de discriminação, violência, desigualdade, assédio, abuso étnico-racial e outras situações relacionadas, permitindo assim mapear a incidência desses fenómenos no país. Atualmente, o Centro encontra-se na fase final da contratação de um serviço de “clipping”, destinado à recolha de informações provenientes de fontes como televisão, rádio, internet e imprensa escrita. A adjudicação deste serviço está prevista para o início de 2024, uma vez que a empresa já foi selecionada.

Conversas sobre Racismo e Xenofobia: As Conversas sobre Racismo e Xenofobia pretendem estimular a troca de ideias, o debate e a reflexão sobre a realidade social relacionada com o fenómeno do racismo, envolvendo o maior número e tipo de atores sociais possíveis.

No primeiro semestre do ano letivo, foram realizados duas Conversas sobre Racismo e Xenofobia. O primeiro teve lugar em 26 de outubro de 2023, com a Dr.^a Francisca van Dunem como oradora. O segundo diálogo ocorreu em 30 de novembro, tendo a Dr.^a Romualda Fernandes como oradora.

Criação de dois prémios de investigação: O Centro do Conhecimento, por meio do Observatório, procederá à criação de dois prémios de investigação – Prémio Marielle Franco e Prémio Amílcar Cabral – que visam distinguir e premiar trabalhos académicos de licenciatura e mestrado cujo tema se insira na área. Procura-se assim promover e estimular a produção científica sobre o fenómeno do racismo, xenofobia e áreas conexas.

Pós-Graduação em Racismo e Xenofobia: No âmbito das suas atividades o Centro, por meio do Observatório do Racismo e Xenofobia, organiza um curso de Pós-Graduação em Racismo. A pós-graduação será centrada nos direitos e interesses das comunidades

racializadas, migrantes, minorias étnicas, e pessoas sujeitas a situações de discriminação ou preconceito étnico-racial, numa perspetiva jurídica e social e com uma abordagem interseccional e multidisciplinar.

Esta 1.ª edição terá uma natureza de curso intensivo com a duração de 4 meses e dirige-se a quadros dirigentes e técnicos/as superiores das várias áreas governativas do Estado e da sociedade civil, juristas, licenciados e outros profissionais das áreas relacionadas com o Racismo e Xenofobia e áreas conexas ou que queiram aprofundar conhecimentos sobre o tema. O curso será estruturado em módulos temáticos que têm por objeto as diversas questões relacionadas com o preconceito, a desigualdade e a discriminação étnico-racial e encerrará com um Ciclo de Conferências em que se procurará sistematizar os principais desafios do Racismo e da Xenofobia nas nossas sociedades.

Oferta de Cursos Sobre Racismo e Xenofobia: O Centro, através do Observatório do Racismo e Xenofobia, está a planear desenvolver um curso sobre racismo e cibercrime em colaboração com o Professor Doutor Filipe Pathé Duarte.

Monitorização de situações de Racismo e Xenofobia: Como parte do processo de monitorização do fenómeno do racismo em Portugal, o Centro está a acompanhar casos que violem ou estejam relacionados com essas questões. Neste contexto, a equipa do Centro tem estado presente nas sessões do julgamento do Processo n.º 29/20.2PBAMD da Cláudia Simões, no Juízo Central Criminal de Sintra, sob a jurisdição do Juiz 1.

Participação em eventos sobre Racismo e Xenofobia: O Centro tem marcado presença em diversos eventos relacionados com a temática do Racismo e Xenofobia. Destaca-se a participação no Curso do Conselho da Europa: “The Council of Europe HELP course on Fight against Racism, Xenophobia, Homophobia, Transphobia”. Além disso, o Centro participou na sessão intitulada “Mobilization Against Migration in Europe: Drivers and Impacts” com o professor Kristian Berg Harpviken, do Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) da Noruega, realizada no ISCTE no dia 30 de novembro de 2023.



3.14. Observatory of Personal Data Protection

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **Módulo Jean Monnet DataporEU**

The Jean Monnet Module on the European Union Data Protection Act in Portugal (DataPorEU) concluded its activities in October 2023, in which e-courses on personal data protection, webinars, seminars and the Final Conference were promoted, the latter in partnership with the South EU Google Data Governance Chair, coordinated in Portugal by Professor Graça Canto Moniz.

The JM DataPorEU Module aimed to promote reflection on the importance of protecting personal data, as well as raising awareness of data protection, namely by informing citizens who, as holders of personal data, need to know their rights and how to enforce them.

Activities implemented in the 2020-2023 period:

- Curricular unit within the scope of the Specialisations in International and European Law and Business Law and Technology ("Law & Tech") of the Master's in Law at NOVA School of Law, taught in English between the months of September and December;
- Annual cycles of Data Protection Webinars, in Portuguese and English;
- Annual conferences of the DataporEU Jean Monnet Module;
- Workshops/Roundtables;
- Short Courses on Personal Data Protection;
- Seminars with invited professionals;
- Personal Data Protection Yearbook;
- More information on the activities of the Jean Monnet DataPorEU Module [here](#).



- **Training:** Since March 2017, the Observatory has held at least two Short Courses on Personal Data Protection every year, the aim of which is to provide introductory knowledge on data protection law in order to present the legal framework for personal data protection created by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 (General Data Protection Regulation). Since 2020, these annual short courses have been held remotely (online), which has allowed for greater participation from people in different geographical locations.

The first edition of 2023 took place between 17 and 21 April. More information [here](#). The next edition of the Personal Data Protection E-Course will take place between 22 and 24 November 2023. More information [here](#).

- **Conferences:**
 - Coordination of the panel "**Law, Technology and Border Control**" by members Francisco Pereira Coutinho and Emellin de Oliveira at the annual STS-MIGTEC Network Conference (March 2023).
 - On 27 September 2023, the International Conference "**The protection of children online: the role of data protection**" was held as part of the activities of the Jean Monnet Module on European Union Data Protection Law in Portugal (DataporEU), coordinated by Professor Francisco Pereira Coutinho, and the South EU Google Data Governance Chair, coordinated in Portugal by Professor Graça Canto Moniz.
- **Workshops and Webinars:**
 - Protection of personal data as a fundamental right, 17 May 2023;
 - Data Protection Webinar Cycle 2023. More information [here](#).
- **Publications:**
 - Book "Manual de Introdução à Proteção de Dados Pessoais" (Introduction to Personal Data Protection), by the Observatory's Coordinator, Professor Graça Canto Moniz, Ed. Almedina. More information [here](#).
 - Publication of the Data Protection Yearbook 2022: [here](#)
 - Data Protection Yearbook 2023 (in press): [here](#)
- **Blogposts:** The Observatory has a section on its website dedicated to receiving short, periodic blog posts on the protection of personal data. More information [here](#).
- **Self-assessment tool:** The self-assessment tool developed by the Data Protection



Observatory is free, easy to use and aims to support professionals and companies in their (self-)assessment of compliance with the personal data protection rules established under the GDPR. More information [here](#).

- **Other activities:** Celebration of Privacy Day 2023, with testimony from experts in the field to promote research and interest in personal data protection. More information [here](#).

2024 Activities Plan

- **Observatory activities planned for 2024:**
 - 28 January 2024: Celebration of Privacy Day 2024;
 - **February 2024: Publication of the topics for the Data Protection Webinar Series 2024 - February to December 2024;**
 - March 2024: Call for papers for the Data Protection Yearbook 2024;
 - April 2024: Launch of the Data Protection Yearbook 2023;
 - September 2024: notification of the result of the CfP for the 2024 Yearbook.
- **Project Applications**
 - Application for the Jean Monnet Chair in Personal Data Protection. (february 2024).
- **Ongoing projects and partnerships planned for 2024**
 - **Maintenance of partnerships:**

The Observatory intends to maintain partnerships with private sector organisations such as FUTURA and SRS-Advogados, which have financially supported the publication of the Personal Data Protection Yearbook.

One of the Observatory's coordinators, Graça Canto Moniz, is a member of the South EU Data Governance Chair. More information [here](#).
 - **Developing new partnerships:**

In 2024, the Observatory intends to increase its partnerships, both with the private sector (companies, offices, private organisations and chambers of commerce, etc.) and with the public sector (CNPD, police, security and information authorities, etc.) in order to better contribute to the development of research methods, but also to the practice of data protection at local, national, European and international level.



3.15. NOVA Intellectual Property & Sustainable Innovation (IPSI)

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Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **IPSI Talks:** regular peer-feedback sessions on IPSI researchers' work;
- **IPSI Desk:** legal clinic on basic notions of IP law;
- **IPSI Events:** Annual Lecture and academic conference organization and participations;
- **IPSI Publications:** support to and production of scientific publications:
 - Blogpost "The Committee on Capacity Building and Transfers of Marine Technologies in the High Seas Treaty: A brief comment", by the researcher Júlia Veiga;
 - Case comment "CJEU grapples with the intertwined nature of private copies and retransmission of online television broadcasts", by the researcher Amanda Costa Novaes and Professor Giulia priora;
 - Blogpost "Internet TV services under the scrutiny of EU copyright law: CJEU ruling in Ocilion", by the researcher Amanda Costa Novaes and Professor Giulia priora;
 - Edited Book "Direitos de Autor: as recentes alterações legislativas", by Professor Giulia Piora and the researcher Maria Miguel Carvalho;
 - Book Chapter "As novas exceções ao direito de autor no âmbito cultural e do ensino", by Professor Giulia Piora;
 - Book Chapter "An International Instrument on Copyright and Educational Uses: Regulatory Models and Lessons", by Professor Giulia Piora and the researcher Faith Majekolagbe;
 - Blogpost "Privacy vs. publicity: Balancing the legal protection of trade secrets and whistleblowing", by Professor Aleksandra Iugunian;
 - Edited Issue "The Digital Classroom and the Law", by Professor Giulia Piora and the researcher Rossana Ducato;



- Article “Open Educational Resources through the European lens: Pedagogical opportunities and copyright constraints”, by Professor Giulia Priora and the researcher Giovanna Carloni;
- Blogpost “A summary look at the Portuguese transposition of the CDSM Directive”, by Professor Giulia Priora and the researcher Nuno Sousa e Silva;
- Blogpost “A legal field trip to the post-pandemic digital classroom”, by the researcher Eduardo Santos;
- Blogpost “Tackling climate change: a story (also) about intellectual property rights and technology transfers”, by the researcher Júlia Veiga.

Planned activities for 2024:

- NOVA IPSI Talks every two weeks;
- Training for the researcher Monyca Motta at Berklee Music School, Valencia (January 2024);
- NOVA IPSI Desk support to Starters Academy Teams (from March 15, to May 31);
- Prof Giulia and Ruben presenting at University of Lund (March 2024);
- Prof Giulia and Julia presenting at University of Bolzano (May 2024);
- NOVA IPSI Training on Introduction to IP Law (September 2024);
- NOVA IPSI Training on Round-up on EU IP Law and/or NOVA IPSI Training on IP Management (TBD).

Indicators for 2024

- Book review of N Snow, IP and Immorality from the researcher Amanda Costa Novaes;
- Book review of I Stamatoudi (ed), Research Handbook of Cultural Heritage Protection from the researcher Duarte Manso;
- Book Chapter “Hostile Design Protection: Could Design Law Help Promote Inclusivity in European Cities?” from the researchers Aline Arenque, Amanda Costa Novaes, Dimitrius Costa.
- Book Chapter “Collective Management of Copyrights and Human Rights in an Age of Technological Automation” from Professor Giulia Priora and the researcher Laurence Helfer.

Ongoing partnerships and pending requests for cooperation:

- Euroconsumers/Synallagma;



- NOVA IMPACT (Rectory of NOVA University, Office of IP Management);
- 4iP COUNCIL (pending);
- Morais Leitão Law Firm (pending).

3.16. WhatNext.Law

Coordination: Fabrizio Esposito and Vera Lúcia Raposo

Website: www.whatnext.law/en/

Activities carried out in the Knowledge Centre in 2023:

- **Events:** Throughout the year of 2023, WhatNext.Law organised and hosted 6 (six) events in which interesting and relevant legal topics could be discussed among specialists, lawyers, students and the overall civil society. Furthermore, the project maintained a high level of research publications and kept important social networks to disseminate information to society:
 - **February 2023** – hosted a conference to discuss the developments and challenges of modern life in the context of the metaverse. Prof. Fabrizio Esposito, Prof. Fabiana Di Porto, and Prof. Pin Lean Lau are working on a special issue about this topic.
 - **April 2023** – hosted the conference AI Robotics in Healthcare, in association with the Norwegian Research Centre for Computers and Law (NRCCCL), from the University of Oslo. The conference dealt with the use of robotics and AI in the health domain and discussed issues related to data protection, civil and criminal liability, roboethics, among others.

The research centre also hosted the ‘Coffee with ... Thaís Cathoud’ event. Mrs Cathoud is a specialist in the field of Business Law and technology, with a master’s degree from NOVA, and have worked together with the research centre since 2021 in relevant issues of using new technologies.

- **September 2023** – hosted the Talk ‘Neurocity: A Revolution for Urban Living?’, where Profs. Paulo Morgado and Paulo Noriega, both from the University of Lisbon, Mr Miguel Saraiva, CEO of Saraiva + Associados, and Lisbon city

counsellor Diogo Moura shared their views on how the organisation of smart cities can directly impact the human brain and can influence mental health and emotional well-being.

- **December 2023** – hosted the annual event “Spaces of the Future”, holding a keynote talk from Prof. Pin Lean Law (Brunel School of Law), an expert on the law of the metaverse.
- **Research and publications:**
 - In January, the centre issued a public call for contributions to the yearbook. It was later published in September and comprises 43 insights, developed by researchers throughout the year 2022, in the areas of regulatory policies on climate, energy and environmental sustainability, public administration, smart mobility, smart cities and automation, and digital platforms, digital contracts and e-commerce;
 - In August 2023, Prof. Fabrizio Esposito and Mrs Cathoud submitted an article to the *European Journal of Risk Regulation* arguing that common design features of content-sharing platforms, the article calls hyper-engaging practices, should be subject to strict scrutiny under Directive 2005/29. The article is still under review.
 - Professor Fabrizio Esposito is concluding the edition of the *Cambridge Handbook on Algorithmic Price Personalization and the Law*, that he is conducting with Mateusz Grochowski and will be published in 2024 by Cambridge University Press.
 - In July, Prof. Fabrizio Esposito participated in the international conference on “Digital Vulnerability and EU Private Law” held at the University of Ferrara. His presentation was turned in the following months into a chapter that will be published in an edited volume by Nomos/Beck. As a follow up, the European Commission invited Prof. Esposito to be interviewed as an expert in the context of the digital fitness check.
- **Podcast:** In May, the research centre launched a podcast episode focused on future health, with the participation of Prof. Vera Raposo, from NOVA, and Profs. Bygrave and Tobias Mahler, from the University of Oslo and NRCLL. The episode delved into the European legislator’s practice of issuing new legislation ‘by design’, such as ‘data protection by design’, ‘privacy by design’ and ‘security by design’. Subsequently another podcast has been released, this time with Prof. Vera Lúcia Raposo and Prof.



Oliver Quick, this time about new technologies and patient safety.

Planned activities for 2024:

- Annual event, as in the past year;
- Publication of blogposts;
- Publication of the Cambridge Handbook on Algorithmic Price Personalization and the law;
- Issue of a call for papers on the Metaverse;
- *WhatNext... Legal Movers Ask*: a new way to interface our students with the Vieira de Almeida lawyers (the Legal Movers); the latter pose questions that students will answer as part of continuous evaluation in the relevant law and tech courses or as part of their master thesis;
- Scholarship for master thesis;
- Organize a conference on digital markets;
- *FutureHealth*: research group focused on health law and policy.

Indicators forecast for 2024 (particularly with regard to publications):

- Annual event, as in the past year: execution;
- Publication of blogposts: 3 posts per week;
- Publication of the Cambridge Handbook on Algorithmic Price Personalization and the law: publication and book launch;
- Issue of a call for papers on the Metaverse: publication of the call;
- *WhatNext... Legal Movers Ask*: at least one question answered satisfactorily;
- Scholarship for master thesis (3): theses defense;
- Organize a conference on digital markets: execution;
- *FutureHealth*: publication of the results of the current research in a form TBD.

Partnerships underway and planned for 2024: WhatNext.Law is a partnership with Vieira de Almeida. We are exploring possibilities for several partnerships, including pharma companies.



3.17. NOVA Argumentation

Coordination: Luís Duarte de Almeida

Website: <https://novalaw.unl.pt/en/nova-argumentation/>

The Centre. The NOVA Argumentation Knowledge Centre, dedicated to advanced research and training in the field of legal argumentation, was established in January 2023, and began its activities in October 2023. It benefits since its creation from a partnership with the Law Firm Morais Leitão. Its aims are:

- To develop and disseminate research in the areas of legal argumentation, legal reasoning, and legal theory, both general and applied to legal practice;
- To design and deliver advanced training sessions on legal argumentation and legal writing aimed at the non-academic community of legal professionals (especially magistrates and lawyers);
- To hold an international seminar series, as well as regular international conferences, on legal argumentation and legal theory;
- To support the teaching and supervision of dissertations and research projects in the areas of legal argumentation, legal reasoning, and legal theory.

Activities carried out in in 2023:

- **Legal Argumentation Conference** (19-20 October 2023)

NOVA Argumentation kicked off its activities with an international 2-day conference on 19- 20 October with leading international experts on legal argumentation as speakers and commentators. Topics included legal rhetoric, the judicial duty to give reasons, several of the most important types of legal argument, and feminist perspectives on legal argumentation, among several others. The conference was a great success, both scientifically and as an academic networking opportunity. It was fully booked (at over 160 registered participants, including many legal practitioners).

Full programme and details available at <https://novalaw.unl.pt/en/legal-argumentation-conference/>



- **Research Handbook on Legal Argumentation**

This book project, commissioned by and under contract with Edward Elgar Publishing, will form part of its *Research Handbooks in Legal Theory* series. Co-edited by Luís Duarte de Almeida (leading editor, NOVA School of Law), Ruth Chang (University of Oxford), Lilian Bermejo-Luque (University of Granada), Fábio Perin Shecairo (Universidade Federal do Rio NOVA Argumentation 2023 Report — page 3 de Janeiro) and Euan MacDonald (University of Edinburgh), it is a comprehensive volume that seeks both to provide the state of the art on the many topics related to legal argumentation and to make a significant substantive contribution to the field. With over 35 chapters and authors from many countries, it is scheduled to be published in 2024.

- **Teaching and Training**

- **Teaching**

- One of NOVA Argumentation's goals is to promote and support research-led teaching carried out at the NOVA School of Law at both the undergraduate and the postgraduate levels.
- Luís Duarte de Almeida, the coordinator of NOVA Argumentation, teaches both Critical Legal Thinking (1st cycle, year 2) and Legal Argumentation (within the Masters in Litigation and Arbitration), providing students (including, at Masters level, students intending to pursue careers as judges and dispute resolution counsellors) with a critical understanding of the workings of legal arguments and with the tools to both assess and develop sound arguments, always from the point of view of the actual needs of legal practitioners.
- Some students from both these curricular units who excelled in their performance have been invited and accepted to join NOVA Argumentation as collaborators.

- **Training**

- Another of NOVA Argumentation's goals is to provide training on different aspects of legal argumentation and legal writing to legal practitioners;
- Several training sessions to be delivered at Morais Leitão—the NOVA Argumentation's main partner—have now been prepared and will be delivered throughout 2024 and future years;

- The coordinator of NOVA Argumentation participated, by invitation, as both a lecturer and a participant in a debate, in the course *Decisão Judiciária: Construir, Argumentar, Fundamentar e Simplificar*, UNIFOJ—Unidade de Formação Jurídica e Judiciária do Centro de Estudos Sociais da Universidade de Coimbra (May 2023), addressed at legal practitioners;
- NOVA Argumentation has also prepared and submitted, at the request of the Legal Services of the Portuguese Parliament, a proposal for a series of training sessions on legal argumentation and writing tailored to the specific needs of the jurists who professionally support the legislative process in the Portuguese Parliament.

Research Outputs

- **Publications**

- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Arguing a Contrario", in Ruth Chang and Amia Srinivasan (eds.), *New Conversations in Philosophy, Law, and Politics* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2024).
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Defences", in Pedro Caeiro, Sabine Gless, and Valsamis Mitsilegas (eds.), *Elgar Encyclopedia of Crime and Criminal Justice* (Elgar Publishing, forthcoming 2024).
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "The 'Expiscation' of Legal Principles", in Timothy Endicott, Haffstein Dan Kristjánsson and Sebastian Lewis (eds.), *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent* (Oxford University Press 2023).
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Hume's Law (in Gardner and otherwise)", in Michelle Madden Dempsey and François Tanguay-Renaud (eds.), *Liber Amicorum John Gardner* (Oxford University Press 2023).
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida and Euan MacDonald, "*Contra Tantum* Reasons" (under review).

- **Talks**

- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "The 'Dual View' of No-Rights", XIII Jornadas de Teoria do Direito, Filosofia do Direito e Filosofia Social (NOVA University Lisbon, November 2023);
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, Comment on Fabrizio Esposito's "Lexnomics: The Interpretive Paradigm of the Legal-Economic Nexus Institutionalizing Consumer Sovereignty", SPEED Lunchtime Seminar (NOVA University Lisbon, November 2023);



- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, *Contra Tantum Reasons* (with Euan MacDonald), ArgLAB Open Seminar (NOVA University Lisbon, November 2023);
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, Comment on Mark McBride's "Arguing about Normative Positions", Lisbon Conference on Legal Argumentation (Morais Leitão and NOVA University Lisbon, September 2023);
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Compreensão da Estrutura Argumentativa", guest lecture as part of the series of lectures *Decisão Judiciária: Construir, Argumentar, Fundamentar e Simplificar*, UNIFOJ—Unidade de Formação Jurídica e Judiciária do Centro de Estudos Sociais da Universidade de Coimbra (May 2023);
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Conscientious Objection and LGBT person's access to services", guest lecture as part of the EU Family Law Jean Monnet Module coordinated by Prof. Nausica Palazzo, NOVA School of Law (May 2023);
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Legal Duties, Rights, and Liberties" (University College London, February 2023);
- Luís Duarte d'Almeida, "Sources of Law and the Justification of Judicial Decisions", Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group (University of Oxford, February 2023).

Plans for 2024

- Regular international seminar series on legal argumentation and legal theory themes.
- Expanding the range of the Centre's Institutional partnerships.
- Continuing to develop and deliver training sessions on legal argumentation and writing.
- Announcing a dedicated PhD Scholarship.

Planned Publications

- The *Research Handbook on Legal Argumentation* project is on track to be concluded in early 2024 and published later in the same year.
- Planned and in-progress writings by the Centre's coordinator include:
 - "The Dual View of Hohfeldian No-Rights" (article).
 - "Sources of Law and the Justification of Judicial Decisions" (article).
 - "Is There a Right to Revelatory Autonomy"? (article, co-authored with Euan MacDonald).



- *Legal Argument* (monograph, co-authored with Euan MacDonald, under contract with Oxford University Press).
- “Arguments by Analogy” (article, co-authored with Silvia Zorzetto).
- *O Direito: de Fora, de Dentro, de Cima, e de Baixo* (monograph).
- A monograph on the principles and values of expository writing and its legal and political significance.