

Ius Commune Prize 2012

Value: 1250 EURO

The Board of the Ius Commune Research School has decided, as result of the great success of the last years, to organize this year again the Ius Commune Prize. The prize will be awarded to the graduate student or starting researcher who wrote an article of outstanding quality. Other outstanding articles will be honourably mentioned.

The jury will consist of Dr. S. Jansen (Universiteit Maastricht), Prof.Mr. J. Kortmann (Universiteit van Amsterdam), Dr. J.M. Milo (Universiteit Utrecht), Prof.Dr. H. Schneider (Universiteit Maastricht) and Prof.Dr. V. Sagaert (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).

Conditions:

- The article may be submitted by a *promovendus* or by a researcher (within 2 years from defending the Ph.D. thesis). Eligibility is not restricted to members of the Ius Commune Research School.
- The article should be within the field of the Ius Commune Research School. This implies that the submission has to deal with either comparative law or with harmonisation or unification of national legal systems in Europe.
- The article is written in the Dutch, English, German or French language. **Six printed copies of the article must be submitted (NOT BY E-MAIL!).**
- The article is allowed to have been published elsewhere, but not before the year preceding the awarding of the Prize.
- Candidates are allowed to submit only one article.
- The jury may decide to award the Prize to two or more candidates. In this case the Prize money shall be divided accordingly.
- The jury may decide not to award the Prize if they feel that no article of sufficient quality was submitted.
- The jury may decide to select other outstanding articles to be honourably mentioned.
- The jury may decide, with the authors' consent, to have the most outstanding articles published.
- Articles must be submitted before **September 1, 2012**. Candidates will be informed of the final decision of the jury at the following yearly Ius Commune Conference and on the Ius Commune website.
- A candidate that won the Prize in a previous year cannot participate again.
- The candidate who wins the Prize is supposed to attend the Ius Commune Conference. Travel costs and accommodation will be covered by the Ius Commune Research School.

Candidates are kindly requested to send a cover letter with their article clearly stating that the article is to be considered as a submission for the Ius Commune Prize.

Articles will not be returned. Candidates should therefore retain a copy of the original article.

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The Research School Ius Commune

The Ius Commune Research School is a cooperation of the Law Faculties of Universiteit Maastricht, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Universiteit Utrecht and Universiteit van Amsterdam. The School was established in 1995 and was formally recognised by the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences in 1998 and lately in 2009. The School accommodates about 200 (senior) researchers and 110 research fellows (PhD students). Apart from the researchers of the four founding Faculties, the School has admitted individual members of the Law Faculties of the Vrije Universiteit and the Université de Liège among its members.

The Research School facilitates the individual research of its members and promotes the co-operation among these members. In addition, the School takes care of the programme of studies of the School's research fellows.

The School's Field of Interest

The Ius Commune Research School aims at facilitating high-level legal research in the field of international and transnational legal processes. Three different sets of problems are addressed by the School's researchers:

1. What is the role of the law in theory (policy) and practice of international processes of integration and to what extent is transnational integration of legal systems dependent of the commonalities among the national legal systems (*ius commune*)?
2. What positive or negative effects may transnational integration have upon the commonalities among the national legal systems and the autonomy of national legal cultures?
3. To what extent can the principles of democracy and *Rechtsstaat* (constitutional state) serve as a guide in the process of transnational integration? It is tried to answer this question from both a public law perspective (democracy and *Rechtsstaat* (constitutional state) as foundations of a *ius commune*) and a private law perspective (the impact of human rights on private law).

Research programmes

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- II. Ius Commune and Public Law
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