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Chair

MARIE LUCE DEMEESTER

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BIOGRAPHY

Marie Luce Demeester began her career at Le Mans University before moving to the University of Orléans. She created and directed a Master's degree (Bac +5) in Wealth Management and a Certificate in Insurance Law. Specializing in civil liability and insurance law, she has always been deeply committed to students' professional integration. Her research focuses on private law, tort law (civil liability), and contract law. Professor Marie Luce Demeester joined the Aix-Marseille University Faculty of Law and Political Science in 2001. She founded and directed the Master's in Banking Law and Wealth Management until 2018. In 2021, she published the book *Cultivons notre lien à la nature* (Cultivating our bond with nature), 120p. Her most significant teaching activities include Private Environmental Law and the creation of a specialized course on Environmental Civil Liability Law. A few years later, alongside Prof. Virginie Mercier, she initiated a cycle of collective research through published works and conferences on themes such as "Sustainable Agriculture," "Responsible and Sustainable Food," "Sustainable Resources of the Mediterranean Sea," and "The Agricultural Enterprise of Tomorrow." The latter was developed in collaboration with Sylvie Lebreton, Director of the Chair in Law and Societal Transitions at Le Mans/Laval University. No fewer than seven volumes have been published by PUAM (Presses Universitaires d'Aix-Marseille). This body of research is multidisciplinary, bringing together professor-researchers, doctoral students, and professionals including legal experts, scientists, agronomists, and members of civil society. Her upcoming research will be dedicated to "Food Sovereignty and the National and International Right to Food."

Introduction





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ANNA ORIOLO

Associate Professor of International Law and EU Law, University of Salerno, Director of IECLLO, JMM EU-GLOBACT Leader (Professore Associato di Diritto Internazionale, Università degli Studi di Salerno, Direttrice di IECLLO, Leader JMM EU-GLOBACT)

BIOGRAPHY

Prof. Dr. ANNA ORIOLO is Associate Professor of International and EU Law at the University of Salerno (Italy), where she also teaches International Criminal Law and Diplomatic and Consular Law, for the Graduate Programs in “Law”, “Global Studies and EU”, and “Diplomatic, International and Global Security Studies”. Professor Oriolo is Founder and Director of the International & European Criminal Law Observatory on Cultural Issues, Human Rights, and Security (IECLO), Scientific Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Module EU-GLOBACT (2023-2026), member of the Technical Scientific Committee of the Observatory on the European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, based at the same University. Professor Oriolo also served as member of the teaching Staff of the Jean Monnet Module EU-WEB (2019-2022), and as Invited Professor of International Law and EU Law at the Jean Monnet Summer School on Climate Change, Health, and the Environment, University of Salerno (2018), and the Jean Monnet Module EU-CREW (2024). She was also Professor of International Law (2003-2007), EU Law (2003-2005), Law and Policies of the European Institutions (2007-2009), International Criminal Law (2009-2014) at the University of the Sannio (Italy) and of International Law & European Union Law at the University of Cagliari (2014), at the Université Lumière Lyon 2 (2016-2019), at the Specialisation School for Legal Professions, University of Salerno (2017–2022), and lectured on “International Criminal Law and National Judge” at the René Cassin Foundation 51st Summer School on International Human Rights Law & International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (2022). She is currently also Visiting Professor on International Law and EU Law at Aix-Marseille University. Professor Oriolo was also member of the Academic Board for the Ph.D. Programme “International Law Domestic Law in International Affairs” (2005-2010) and of the Academic Board for the Ph.D. Programme “Public Ethics, Stakeholders, Persons and CSR” (2010-2015) at the University of Salerno. Since 2015, she has been Expert Peer Reviewer for the Italian Scientific Evaluation system (REPRISE), Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR). In terms of editorial experience, Professor Oriolo served as Managing Editor of The Global Community Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence (OUP, Class A) and is currently General Editor of the Journal of International Criminal Law (online scientific review), Invited Peer Reviewer for International Criminal Law Review (Brill, Scientific Review Class A), Invited Peer Reviewer for The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals (Brill), Invited Peer Reviewer for La Comunità Internazionale (Editoriale Scientifica, Scientific Review Class A), member of the Referee Committee for Freedom, Security & Justice. European Legal Studies (ESI, Scientific Review Class A), member of the Editorial Board of the review Iura & Legal Systems (online), Delegate





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of the Department of Legal Sciences for Scientific Events, Relations with Associations and the Third Sector, and Lawyer.

TITLE

International Law, European Union Law, and Global Commons (Diritto Internazionale, Diritto dell'Unione Europea e Beni Comuni Globali)

ABSTRACT

The presentation analyzes the agri-food system through the lens of "Global Commons," moving beyond the atomic conception of property toward that of the common heritage of mankind. Emphasis will be placed on the interaction between erga omnes obligations in international law and European Union security policies, highlighting how the protection of agricultural resources has become a pillar of global solidarity and stability within the framework of the JMM EU-GLOBACT project.

Keynote Lecture

VIRGINIE MERCIER

Full Professor of Private Law, Director IDEED, University of Aix-Marseille (France); Visiting Researcher UNISA (Professoressa Ordinaria di Diritto Privato, Direttrice IDEED, Università di Aix-Marseille (Francia); Visiting Researcher UNISA)

BIOGRAPHY

Prof. Dr. VIRGINIE MERCIER is Full Professor of Private Law and member of the Centre for Economic Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Aix-Marseille (France), where she directs the Institute of Environmental and Sustainable Development Law (IDEDD) and the Master's programme in Banking and Asset Management Law. She recently won a selection as Visiting Researcher at the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) of the University of Salerno. Since 2009, she organises the annual "Encounters on economic environmental law". As evidenced by her participation in numerous conferences and publications, Prof. Mercier's research focuses on environmental law, the obligations and responsibilities of entities arising from environmental law, corporate social responsibility, and civil liability in connection with environmental law and sustainable development. Her international academic activities include cooperation with the Centre de droit des affaires et du commerce international at the University of Montreal (Canada). In connection with this partnership, she directs the Summer School "Gouvernance environnementale et sociétale de l'entreprise – Approche européenne" (Environmental and societal governance of business – A European approach).





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She is a member of the Advisory Board of the International & European Criminal Law Observatory on Cultural Issues, Human Rights, and Security (IECLO), and guest lecturer in the Jean Monnet Module EU-GLOBACT (2023-2026). Since 2019, she has presided over the "RSE Eloquence" competition, organised in partnership with the University of Haute Alsace, which invites law students from different French universities, working in teams, to present expert analyses related to corporate social responsibility.

TITLE

Illicit Trade in Agricultural Products and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) (Il traffico illecito di prodotti agricoli e la Responsabilità Sociale d'Impresa (RSI))

ABSTRACT

This lecture explores the vulnerability of transnational supply chains to agro-crime. The central thesis argues that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) must evolve from a mere compliance tool into a strategic lever for active stewardship. By integrating ethical and regulatory standards, companies become guardians of market integrity and common goods against organized criminal flows, in alignment with the research focus of the IDEDD Institute.

Scheduled Presentation

FRANCESCO FOCCILLO

Ph.D. in Legal Sciences – University of Salerno (Dottorando di ricerca in Scienze Giuridiche presso l'università degli studi di Salerno)

BIOGRAPHY

FRANCESCO FOCCILLO is a Ph.D. Student in Legal Sciences (International-European-Comparative curriculum) and Honorary Fellow in International Law and International and European Criminal Law at the Department of Legal Sciences (School of Law) and in International Law and Diplomatic and Consular Law at the Department of Business Sciences and Management and Innovation Systems of the University of Salerno, Italy; Member of the Research Staff and Manager of the Communications and External Relations Staff of the EU-GLOBACT Jean Monnet Module (financed by the European Commission 2023-2026) and Member of the Research Staff of the International and European Criminal Law Observatory (IECLO).

TITLE





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Intelligence, Agro-crimine e Cybersicurezza (Intelligence, Agro-crime, and Cybersecurity)

ABSTRACT

This contribution examines the technological dimension of defending agricultural assets. In a context of hybrid threats, intelligence and cybersecurity emerge as indispensable shields for protecting critical infrastructure and sensitive supply chain data. The analysis focuses on operational responses aimed at preventing the digital sabotage of resources that form the foundation of global security.

Conclusions

SYLVIE LEBRETON-DERRIEN

Associate Professor (HDR), Private Law and Criminal Sciences. Co-Director of the Faculty of Law - L'AVANT Le Mans University. General Secretary of the French Rural Law Association (Professore associato (HDR) di Diritto privato e Scienze penali. Codirettore della Facoltà di Giurisprudenza - Università L'AVANT Le Mans. Segretario generale dell'Associazione francese di diritto rurale)

BIOGRAPHY

SYLVIE LEBRETON-DERRIEN is a Senior Lecturer (Maître de conférences Hors classe) in Private Law at Le Mans Université, a distinguished academic honored as an Officier des Palmes académiques and a Chevalier du Mérite agricole. After earning her PhD from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas with a prize-winning dissertation on contractual exclusivity, she furthered her academic standing by obtaining her Habilitation to Direct Research (HDR), focusing on the evolution of rural law into a fundamental law of Land and Life. She currently holds key institutional leadership roles as the Dean of the Faculty of Law (Laval Campus) and Director of the "Droit & transitions sociétales" Research Chair, while also serving as a Trustee of the University Foundation. Her influence extends to postgraduate education as the Deputy Director of the Droit & Science politique Doctoral School (PDLL) and as the Scientific Director of a dedicated book series for the publisher Mare & Martin. A prominent figure in the national legal landscape, she serves as the National Secretary General and Board Member of the French Association of Rural Law (AFDR) and provides international expertise for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada. Alongside her academic career, she is deeply committed to social causes, serving as a Board Member for the victim support organization Victimes et Prévention pénale 53.

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Agriculture as a Global Common (L'Agricoltura come Bene Comune Globale)

ABSTRACT

The final reflections provide a synthesis of rural law and international criminal law. The goal is to define the boundaries of a new resilient legal order capable of recognizing agriculture as an inalienable common good. By emphasizing the collaboration with the AFDR (French Association for Rural Law), the summary reaffirms the need for permanent academic cooperation to ensure the protection of this vital heritage for future generations.

Final Debate

