

First Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe

CELSE

21-22 June, 2016, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Empirical legal studies are well established in the United States and are now part of the academic mainstream. In Europe, meanwhile, law reviews still rarely feature empirical work and doctrinal analysis continues to dominate legal research and teaching. Yet there is increasing pressure as well as growing demand—from research-funding institutions, policy-makers and legal practitioners—for European academic lawyers to investigate the empirical foundations of their theoretical claims and to explain how legal rules emerge from social interactions and shape social outcomes. Hosted by the University of Amsterdam and sponsored by the Society for Empirical Legal Studies (SELS), the first Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe (CELSE) brings together academics from law and other fields who embrace the empirical turn and seek to develop empirical accounts of law and legal institutions in Europe.

Keynote speakers:

[Jennifer H. Arlen](#) (NYU Law School)

[Ian Ayres](#) (Yale Law School)

[Bernard Black](#) (Northwestern University School of Law)

[Rens Bod](#) (University of Amsterdam)

Paper submissions

Papers are selected through a rigorous peer review process. CELSE will consider empirical papers across all areas of law, although priority shall be given to papers with a European focus. Empirical analysis is understood to encompass computer-based text-mining techniques and, more generally, any systematic approach to quantitative data analysis. Only submissions in English are considered. While authors are strongly encouraged to submit works-in-progress, submissions should be completed drafts that present main findings. Submitted

papers must be unpublished (and expected to be unpublished at the time of the conference). If accepted, authors will have an opportunity to submit a revised draft prior to the conference.

Each paper will be assigned a discussant and authors of accepted papers are expected to be willing to act as discussants of another paper.

Publication options

Although there is no commitment toward publication, CELSE speakers are invited to submit their papers to a special issue of the *Review of Law and Economics*. Submitted papers will be reviewed. This option does not forestall the possibility to submit such papers to other outlets, such as the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* or the *International Review of Law and Economics*, using their normal submission procedures.

Submission Deadline (EXTENDED): 1 March 2016, 6:00 (CET)

Decision on submission will be notified by mid March 2016

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Visiting Paris (SIOE) and Amsterdam (CELSE)

CELSE will take place only a few days after the annual conference of the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE), which will be held on June 15-17, 2016 in Paris.

Amsterdam is a short train ride from Paris. More information at <http://www.sioe.org/conference/2016>.

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- Jonathan Klick (University of Pennsylvania Law School)
- Giovanni Mastrobuoni (University of Essex)
- Eric Talley (Columbia Law School)

Conference fee

The conference fee is 250 euro (including 2 lunches, 2 dinners and all coffee breaks).

Venue

University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, Oudemanhuispoort 4-6, 1011 CN Amsterdam, [google maps](#)

Conference website

For more information please visit the conference website <http://celse2016.acle.nl>.

The Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics

(ACLE) is a joint initiative of the economics and law faculties of the University of Amsterdam. The objective of the ACLE is to promote high-quality research in the fields at the interface of law and economics. Located in the heart of Amsterdam's old city, the ACLE presently associates around twenty scholars in law and economics, ranging from full professors to PhD students.

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