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Journal of Civil Law Studies, Volume 15 (2023)

Volume 15 (2023) is now online.

In a monumental 180-page **Article**, LSU Law Professor **Nikolaos Davrados** restates the civil law of quasi-contract (management of affair and unjust enrichment) in a comparative perspective including the common law, bringing much needed clarification to this important area of the law. In a well-researched **Essay**, LSU Law graduate **Karly Kyzar Dorr** highlights the trajectory of the development of the law relative to the public's right to access and use running waters. The analysis ranges from the Roman law to present day Louisiana in order to underline the deviance of Louisiana's current jurisprudence.

Civil Law Translations offer three important Titles of the Civil Code of Louisiana in English and Spanish, translated by **Mariano Vitetta**: Book III, Title III (Obligations in General), Title IV (Conventional Obligations or Contracts) and Title V (Obligations Arising without Agreement).

Civil Law in the World features two national reports:

- COVID-19 and the Italian Legal System, by **Laura Maria Franciosi**.
- The 2020 Revision of the Puerto Rican Civil Code: A Brief Explanation of Major Changes, by **Luis Muñiz-Arguelles**.

Civil Law in Louisiana announces the launching of a much-needed project to offer an article-by-article Commentary of the Louisiana Civil Code.

Rediscovered Treasures of Louisiana Law publishes excerpts of Judicial Methods of Interpretation of the Law, by **Julio C. Cueto-Rúa**, published in 1981, with an introduction by **Olivier Moréteau** featuring the book as a Guide for the Future.

[Click here to access the Journal of Civil Law Studies.](#)

The Journal of Civil Law Studies welcomes submissions for volume 16: email moreteau@lsu.edu.

Tucker Lecture in Civil Law: Mark your Calendar

On **Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.**, Professor **Frédérique Ferrand** (Université Jean Moulin, Lyon, France) will present the 43rd John H. Tucker, jr. Lecture in Civil Law. Make plans to attend the most prestigious event organized by the CCLS.

LL.M. in Comparative Law & Exchange Programs, Classes of 2023 and 2024



Our LL.M. in Comparative Law graduated its largest class in the history of the program, with twelve candidates receiving their degree in May 2023.

Eleven new candidates started in August 2023, including three LL.M. candidates for the second edition of the new dual-degree program with University Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, France, with the opportunity to earn the LSU LL.M. in Comparative Law and the French Master in Private International and Comparative Law at the same time.

During the two-week orientation of August 2023, the class visited the Supreme Court of Louisiana in New Orleans and the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

The 2024 LL.M. Recruiting Season Has Started

[Click here to visit the LL.M. homepage.](#)

A WORLD CLASS PROGRAM IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT:

- Top 10 LL.M. programs for Energy Law since 2017 and top 10 Budget LL.M. Programs in the United States since 2020 (LLM Guide)
- Flexibility to tailor your coursework to match your professional plans
- LL.M. candidates are fully integrated with J.D. Students, taking same courses and subjected to same standards
- A personable, small-group learning environment
- Generous merit-based scholarship opportunities
- Affordable housing and low cost of living

Distinguished Foreign Visiting Professors

Professor Ádám Fuglinszky (Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary) will visit in January and February 2024 to teach a short course on Harmonization of the Law in Europe (Applied Comparative Law in Europe: Harmonization, Legal Transplants and Cross-border Successions).

Professor François du Toit (University of Cape Town, South Africa) will visit in January 2024 to teach a short course on Public Policy in the Law of Gifts and Trusts.

Both visitors will present at the Faculty Speakers Series.

Publications

In 2023, Professor Olivier Moréteau published the following:

- *Translating the Civil Code of Louisiana into French and Spanish: A Jurilinguistic Exercise*, in *Research Handbook on Jurilinguistics* 470-484 (with Mariano Vitetta) (A. Wagner and A. Matulewska eds., Edward Elgar, 2023).
- *Cueto-Rúa's Judicial Methods of Interpretation of the Law: A Guide for the Future*, 15 J. CIV. L. STUD. 431-444 (2023).

Presentations

In 2023, Professor Olivier Moréteau presented at the following events:



- “The Multiple Languages of the Louisiana Civil Codes: Connecting Past and Future,” Commemoration of the Tricentennial of New Orleans Being Named the Capital of the Louisiana Colony (1723-2023), Francophone Section of the Louisiana State bar Association, Tulane Law School, February 1, 2023.
- “La Louisiane et ses codes civils, quand la francophonie s’invite dans la langue anglaise,” Rencontres internationales de la Francophonie de Lyon 2023, « La francophonie d’hier, d’aujourd’hui et de demain en Louisiane », Lyon, France, March 20-21, 2023 (remotely).
- “Opening Remarks,” Dystopian Visions of the Law, 8th General Conference, Juris Diversitas, Palermo, Italy, June 19-21, 2023 (remotely).
- “Que reste-t-il du notariat en Louisiane ?” Les 50 ans de la formation notariale, passé, présent et avenir à la lumière du droit comparé, Institut national des formations notariales, Paris, France, July 5, 2023 (remotely).
- “My Experience with Rodolfo Sacco, A Mentor and Friend,” A Cent’anni dalla nascita di Rodolfo Sacco, Rodolfo Sacco and his influence abroad, Turin, Italy, November 16, 2023 (remotely).



Meet our Team

In August 2023, **Dr. Nikolaos Davrados** joined the LSU Law faculty as a full professor of law and was appointed Assistant Director of the CCLS and International Programs, joining forces with CCLS Director and Law Center Assistant Dean for International Programs **Olivier Moréteau**.

Aurore Guizonne (LSU LL.M. 2022) is working an additional year at the CCLS, now as a full-time Research Associate. Our thanks go to **Ferris Peters** who managed the CCLS and International Programs during a challenging period.

JURIS DIVERSITAS – CALL FOR PAPERS

‘Convivencia’: Com-paring Legal Scenarios of a Life Together in Harmony



9th General Conference—Macau, 24-25 October 2024

The Theme:

In a seemingly dystopian present or era of post-truth, can the various dichotomous conceptions of law based on dualistic reasoning still be maintained? Or, are we no longer able to maintain the narrative of a normative universe by constantly creating and maintaining ‘a world of right and wrong, of lawful and unlawful, of valid and void’, as Robert M. Cover wrote?

In view of the apparent contradictions caused by a growing number of complex cross-cutting, cross-boundary and cross-cultural phenomena, such as artificial intelligence, climate change or zoonotic diseases, the time may have come again to rethink and transcend the dualisms that guided human thinking for a long time, creating wide gaps between not only law and law, but also between law and other scientific areas.

Juris Diversitas invites abstracts for papers that seek to not only identify different legal problems by contrasting their underlying causes, but also by ‘com-paring’ them in the spirit of ‘convivencia or living together in harmony and in a way respectful of difference.’ Convivencia is a term the late comparatist H. Patrick Glenn applied to explain ‘com-paring’ by describing it as ‘an *enduring* process of peaceful co-existence (in spite of difference, in spite of potential conflict), in a way which ensures not uniformity but ongoing diversity.’ While this call for papers is as open as it can be in a spirit of convivencia, we welcome proposals that apply a new legal logic, aiming to break free from the ironclad shackles limiting the imaginative and creative power of the legal mind.

Submissions:

Panel proposals and interdisciplinary presentations are strongly encouraged, as is the participation of doctoral students and scholars from outside of the discipline of law. While parallel sessions featuring three presentations of twenty-minute each will be the pattern, more creative arrangements are encouraged.

Proposals should be submitted in English or French. Proposals of circa 250 words (or 1000 words for panel proposals with three or more speakers) should be submitted to Professors Salvatore Mancuso (sman-cuso63@yahoo.it) and Christa Rautenbach (Christa.Rautenbach@nwu.ac.za) by **January 31, 2024**, with a short biography paragraph listing major or relevant publications. Please make this a single Word document with minimal formatting, so that proposal and biography can be copied easily into the conference program.

Registration Fees:

€200 or €125 for *Juris Diversitas* members who paid their 2024 dues. Special rates for young scholars under the age of thirty and scholars in developing nations: €150 or €75 for *Juris Diversitas* members who paid their 2024 dues. Note that fees *do not* cover travel, accommodation, or the conference dinner (€50).

Click on the links for more information on [Juris Diversitas](#) and the [Conference](#), or contact Olivier Moréteau, President of Juris Diversitas (moreteau@lsu.edu).