



PhD Seminar Sustainability Law 2022

Companies, Markets & Circular Economy

Co-organised with the Circular Energy Project at the Department of Informatics

10-14 OCTOBER 2022

Venue: Faculty of Law, Karl Johans gate 47, Oslo
Seminar room "Kjerka", 2nd floor - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Seminar room "Lødrups kjeller", 1st floor - Thursday and Friday

Monday 10 October: On writing a PhD thesis; introduction of essay writing

0900-0930 Registration, tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0930-0945 **Opening of PhD Seminar 2022**, by Beate Sjøfjell

0945-1045 **Why is interdisciplinarity important for PhD candidates?** A conversation between Sarah Cornell and David Monciardini (online). Questions and discussion.

1045-1100 Tea and coffee break

1100-1200 **Why should PhD candidates in company law care about legal history?** A lecture by Katja Tikka. Questions and discussion.

1200-1300 Lunch break (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1300-1400 **What does circular economy mean for company law and vice versa?** A conversation between Eléonore Maitre-Ekern and Beate Sjøfjell. Questions and discussion

1400-1415 Tea and coffee break

1415-1515 **Why is law-and-economics important for PhD candidates?** A lecture by Jukka Mähönen. Questions and discussion.

1515-1530 Tea and coffee break

1530-1630 **Essay orientation**, by Jukka Mähönen (how to choose topic for essays and further follow up during this seminar and possible follow-up session in January).

A round of introduction of all PhD candidates and their topics, with their reflections on the first day of the seminar and expectations for the rest of the week.



Tuesday 11 October: EU Company law and Developments in Corporate Governance, Finance & Circular Economy

0845-0900 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0900-1000 **EU Company Law and Developments in Corporate Governance** by Beate Sjøfjell. Questions and discussion.

1000-1015 Tea and coffee break

1015-1115 **EU Company Law and Developments in Corporate Accounting and Reporting** by Jukka Mähönen. Questions and discussion.

1115-1130 Tea and coffee break

1130-1230 **Central banks and climate change: Mission impossible?** by Jay Cullen. Questions and discussion

1230-1330 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1330-1430 **EU Circular Economy Law** by Eléonore Maitre-Ekern. Questions and discussion

1430-1445 Tea and coffee break

1445-1515 **PhD presentation: Sustainable finance and gender equality**, by Paloma Rodríguez (online) Questions and discussion.

1515-1530 Tea and coffee break

1530-1700 **EU Green Deal and Companies, Markets and Circular Economy – exploring connections, gaps and incoherencies**
Panel debate.

1700-1930 Reception - Tapas and drinks for all participants – Viggo Hagstrøms sal, UiO



Wednesday 12 October: Law through a Regulatory Ecology Lens

0900-0915 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0915-1015 **Introduction to Regulatory Ecology and the Law** by Beate Sjøfjell. Questions and discussion.

1015-1030 Tea and coffee break

1030-1130 **Social norms in the Regulatory Ecology** by Beate Seibt. Questions and discussion

1130-1200 **PhD Presentation:** What effect do voluntary industry regulation and consensus-building efforts have on EU sustainable finance regulation? by Pranav Putcha. Questions and discussion.

1200-1300 Lunch (Viggo Hagstrøms sal)

1300-1330 **PhD presentation:** Shifting Corporate Conscience: Analyzing the Effects of EU Mandatory Due Diligence on the Level of Sustainable Corporate Conduct in Developing Countries, by Trisha Andrea Cruz. Questions and discussion.

1330-1400 **PhD presentation:** De-Risking the Oil&Gas sector through Sustainability Due Diligence and the EU Taxonomy Regulation: a combined approach in EU Law, by Chiara Morfea. Questions and discussion

1400-1415 Tea and coffee break

1415-1445 **Market pressures in the Regulatory Ecology** by Yngvill Ofstad. Questions and discussion.

1445-1500 Tea and coffee break

1500-1600 **Human-made and natural architecture in the Regulatory Ecology** by Sarah Cornell. Questions and discussion.

1600-1700 **How can the Regulatory Ecology support my legal analysis?**
A discussion with the audience led by Eléonore Maitre-Ekern.



Thursday 13 October: Law, circular economy and business models

0845-0900 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0900-1000 **Introducing the concept of sustainable circular business models** by Marcus Linder.
Questions and discussion.

1000-1015 Tea and coffee break

1015-1115 **Repair as sustainable business model for the circular economy** by Jessika Richter (online).
Questions and discussion.

1115-1130 Tea and coffee break

1130-1230 **How existing laws hinder the development of new business models: the case of IP rights versus repair** by Leanne Wiseman. Questions and discussion.

1230-1330 Lunch (Aula-kjelleren)

1330-1400 **Postdoc presentation:** Right to repair in the UK and the social dimension of circular economy, by Livia Regina Batista (online). Questions and discussion.

1400-1430 **PhD presentation:** Cooperatives as an Instrument for Promoting Corporate Sustainability using the Example of Housing and Banking Markets, by Laetitia Bornscheuer (online).
Questions and discussion.

1430-1445 Tea and coffee break

1445-1545 **How to tackle financing problems of innovative and sustainable SMEs** by Jukka Mähönen.
Questions and discussion.

1545-1600 Tea and coffee break

1600-1630 **PhD presentation:** Corporate Governance: Efficient and sustainable legislative framework for SMEs to grow, diversify and compete, by Yasith Hirimburegama. Questions and discussion.

1630-1730 **How can company law support the rise of sustainable circular business models?, a discussion with the audience** led by Beate Sjøfjell.

1830- Dinner for organisers, speakers and presenting PhD candidates
Kafe Oslo, Litteraturhuset, Wergelandsveien 29



Friday 14 October: Possible futures of Companies, Markets and Circular Economy

0900-0915 Tea and coffee and fresh fruit

0915-1015 **Developments in the Circular Economy: the EU Sustainable Product Policy Initiative and other upcoming proposals** by Carl Dalhammar. Questions and discussion.

1015-1030 Tea and coffee break

1030-1100 **PhD presentation:** Blockchain and Liability: Challenges and Limitations of Granting Legal Personality to Distributed/Decentralized Autonomous Organizations, by Martina Cerna (online). Questions and discussion.

1100-1130 **PhD presentation:** The Corporation, Corporate Legal Rights, and Privacy Law: The Question of the Legal Protection of Privacy in the Corporate Context through a Corporate Right to Privacy, by Anne-Claire Bernard-Tomasi (online). Questions and discussion.

1130-1145 Tea and coffee break

1145-1215 **PhD presentation:** Climate change mitigation, adaptation and finance: the unwarranted 'cost' of waste/second-hand goods dumped in developing countries, by Prince Owusu-Wiredu. Questions and discussion.

1215-1315 Lunch (Aula-kjelleren)

1315-1345 **PhD presentation:** Combating Corruption: From Canadian Multinationals to Global South State-Owned Enterprises, by Oludolapo Makinde (online). Questions and discussion.

1345-1430 **Round of reflections from the PhD candidates** about the PhD seminar and the outcomes in light of their own PhD projects.

1430-1445 Tea and coffee break

1445-1545 **Roundtable debate on the future of Companies, Markets & Circular Economy**

1545-1600 **Closing of seminar and information about January session** by Beate Sjøfjell.



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