

Society  
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# European Contract Law and (Legal) Nationalism

## Program

20 & 21 June 2025

Lyon

Lyon Catholic University  
Campus Saint-Paul  
Merieux Amphitheatre

10 place des Archives  
69002 Lyon

SECOLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Information & registration



## FRIDAY 20 JUNE

### Opening

9:00 | Registration and Refreshments

9.30 | Welcome

- Michel CANNARSA

(Dean of Law, Université Catholique de Lyon)

- Pietro SIRENA

(Università Bocconi, Milano – President of SECOLA)

10:00 | Key-note speech

Laurence USUNIER (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

10.30 | Panel I: Fairness, Digital Strategy, and National Identities

Chair: Michel CANNARSA (UCLy)

« The Various Fairness Tests for B2B Contracts in EU Law. Interaction, Competition and Conflict Between National and European Law »

Hans SCHULTE-NÖLKE (Universität Osnabrück)

« Digital Services Act and National Protection of Consumers Towards the Online Platforms »

Paraskevi PAPARSENIOU (University of Athens)

### Discussion

11.30 | Coffee Break

12.00 | Panel II: Constitutionalisation of Private Law, Fundamental Rights, and European Identity

Chair: Lucinda Miller (University College London – Executive Board of SECOLA)

« EU Fundamental Rights and Contract. The Missing Concept of 'Subjective Right' »

Dorota LECZYKIEWICZ (University of Oxford)

« Europeanisation and Constitutionalisation of Private Law as Determinants of the Evolution of Law in the 21st Century and its Revolutionary Changes »

Beata J. KOWALCZYK (Uniwersytet Gdański)

### Discussion

13:30 | Lunch Break

14.30 | Panel III: Efficiency and Competitiveness in a Multi-levelled Legal System

Chair: Jacobien RUTGERS (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam – Executive Board of SECOLA)

« European Contract Law Between Harmonisation and Legal Nationalism. The Challenge of Competitiveness in an Enlarged Europe »  
Silvia FERRERI and Andrea PILETTA MASSARO (Università di Torino)

« Law and Economics of Private Law: (Un)desirable Nationalism in European Contract Law »  
Nikola ILIĆ (Univerzitet u Beogradu)

### Discussion

16:00 | Coffee Break

16.30 | Panel IV: Balancing Legal Harmonization and Ethical Pluralism

Chair: Louis-Daniel MUKA TSHIBENDE (Université Catholique de Lyon)

« Reconciling Ethical Pluralism and Legal Unity: boni mores as a Reflection of National Identity in European Private Law »  
António BARROSO RODRIGUES (Universidade de Lisboa)

« Legal Pluralism and the Integration of European Contract Law. Subsidiarity as a Balance Between National Identity and Normative Convergence Dynamics »  
Alberto JACI (Università di Messina)

### Discussion

19:30 | Conference dinner

## SATURDAY 21 JUNE

### 9.00 | General Assembly

#### 9.30 | Panel V: National Laws Between European Integration and Local Autonomy

Chair: Başak BAŞOĞLU (Piri Reis Üniversitesi – Executive Board of SECOLA)

##### « European Contract Law as Nation-building »

Guido Comparato (Birkbeck University of London)

##### « The Development of a Catalan Civil Code: Between Autonomy and European Harmonization »

Rosa M. GARCIA-TERUEL (Universitat de Barcelona)

### Discussion

### 11.00 | Coffee Break

#### 11.30 | Panel VI: National Legal Cultures and Professions, and Europeanization of the Law

Chair: Stefan GRUNDMANN (Humboldt Universität, Berlin – Honorary President of SECOLA)

##### « [Non-]Conforming Interpretation. Evasion Strategies of National Courts »

Bettina HEIDERHOFF (Universität Münster)

##### « Should we Have a Shared Contract Law? »

Bianca GARDELLA TEDESCHI (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara)

### Discussion and conclusions

### 13.00 | End of conference

## Scientific committee

**Pietro SIRENA**  
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## Practical information

### Conference fee

Details of the different rates :

<https://www.secola.org/european-contract-law-and-legal-nationalism/>

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