



“Business Law in the Wind of Change”

3rd EU Business Law Forum

Call for papers

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The Centre for European Studies (CES) of Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Széchenyi István University in cooperation with the Green and Sustainable Economy & Law Project (GrEcoL) announces the call for papers for “*Business Law in the Wind of Change – 3rd EU Business Law Forum.*” The main aim of the virtual conference is to discover the transforming global environment for trade, particularly the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the current threat of war and other recent challenges the EU business law is facing.

Concept and main topics

For more than a decade, waves of crisis are steadily posing challenges to the European Union’s economy and society and overshadowing business in many ways. The global trade and business environment are transforming, which manifested in stringent trade policies, more restrictions, re-emergence of the ‘national security protectionism’ and escalated tensions even in the transatlantic trade relations. Although the US-EU ‘tug of war’ ended up in returning to cooperation, this conflict proved to be only the beginning of a new and stressful era. The COVID-19 pandemic led to a devastating public health crisis as well as unprecedented disruption to the global economy and trade. However, one cannot be hopeful even now: as the global and EU trade could nearly recover from the slump of the pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war portends a bleak vision of the future.

The challenges ahead are multifaceted and complex of nature. In times of crisis, the European Union and the Members States are confronting economic, fiscal and trade issues that require immediate responses, however, at the same time, challenges that imply long-term policies should not be overlooked. The preparedness of the economies in the EU for the technological and environmental challenges, climate change is still important for the business actors and requires adequate responses, stable policy and legal framework.

In this way, policies embracing the EU business law are under pressure and tossing back and forth in the wind of change. Which way forward? *Jean Monnet* predicted in his Memoires that “Europe will be forged in crises and will be the sum of the solutions brought to these crises.” His words could not be more relevant than they are today and in this context, the conference aims to stimulate discussions on the challenges in times of multiple crises.

The Organising Committee welcomes paper proposals from varieties of disciplines including **not only law, but also economics, international relations and political sciences, and research fields of sustainable technology as well.**

The focus areas of the Conference include **but are not limited to** the following main themes:

1. EU business law in times of crises

Due to the challenges of the last few years, the global and EU business environment is rapidly changing. The signs of the crisis are lined with collapsing supply chains, trade distortions and emerging importance of restrictive measures, growing protectionism and strengthening the strategic autonomy of the European Union. This section is intended to discuss topics on how international trade law and policies, the external and internal aspects of EU business law are impacted by current events of crises, specifically COVID-19 pandemic or the economic sanction regimes introduced recently.

2. Sustainable economy and regulation – current trends

The Organising Committee welcomes paper on sustainability of any kind related to regulatory or policy issues. The Green and Sustainable Economy & Law Project is hosting this section of the Conference introducing the goals of the Project and possible international cooperative measures on the field of research.

3. New financial framework for Member States – high hopes for everyone?

The Organising Committee is waiting paper proposals on the new 7-year fiscal framework of the EU and its effects on Member States and local businesses. Emphasised topics are business-government cooperation, innovation financing and competition law.

4. Technology for the people / technology for the future

The Organising Committee accepts paper in the field of innovation technology that has direct or indirect effect on making business in and outside the EU. Disruptive technologies are in focus in this section, as well as artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and the connected consumer protection areas. This section is to be held in co-operation with Tech-Augmented Legal Environment (T.A.L.E.) research group of the Faculty of Law.

Submission guidelines

The Organising Committee invites both junior and senior scholars – including PhD students – to participate in the call for papers of the conference. Paper proposals should be prepared for anonymous review, must not exceed 300 words and should be submitted in DOC or PDF document to the Organising Committee at ces@sze.hu, please add “Business Law Forum 2022” to the subject. The **deadline of submission is 2nd May 2022**. In addition to the abstract, a separate document should be enclosed with information on the name, affiliation, contact details of the author. Applicants may use the enclosed template, or any other form with the same content. Proposals will be selected on the basis of the submitted abstracts and successful applicants will be **informed not later than 15th May 2022**. The draft papers (and/or PPT presentations) should be sent to the Organising Committee until 1st June 2022. No conference fee is applied. The conference papers will be published in the online series of ‘EU

Business Law Working Papers'. Selected papers will be included in an edited and thematic volume.

Important deadlines

- 2nd May 2022 – The deadline for submission of abstracts
- 15th May 2022 – Notifications sent on the accepted papers
- 1st June 2022 – The deadline for sending the draft papers and/or PPT presentations
- 3rd June 2022 – “Business Law in the Wind of Change” Conference
- 31st August 2022 – Submission of the final versions of the papers for publication

Organising Committee

The Conference is organised by the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Széchenyi István University. The Széchenyi István University is a leading higher educational centre in the North Transdanubian region in Győr, in the middle of a ‘triangle’ between Budapest, Vienna and Bratislava. Benefiting from its advantageous location, Győr has become a significant industrial, trade and business centre of Hungary. The industrial park of Győr gives place to the plant of Audi Hungaria Motor Kft, which operates the largest car engine factory in the world and hundreds of suppliers in the field of the automotive industry are established in the agglomeration of the town.



The Organising Committee is composed of the members of the Centre for European Studies (CES) and researchers of the Green and Sustainable Economy & Law Project (GrEcoL Project):

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Contact, information and notes

All questions and inquiries regarding the conference should be sent to ces@sze.hu, the Organising Committee makes every effort to respond all questions as soon as possible. More information on the Faculty is available at <https://dfk.sze.hu/welcome#> and <https://ces.sze.hu/>.

Győr, 31th March 2022