Abstract

Long-term labour, tenancy, and consumer credit contracts – through which individuals obtain goods and services as well as find opportunities to work and create income – have an enormous impact on the daily lives of European citizens.

Collectively, these types of contracts have been designated ‘Life Time Contracts’ by the European Social Contracts Group (EuSoCo), a group of academics founded in 2005.

EuSoCo focuses not only on the function of Life Time Contracts as a means of achieving an individual’s personal and social self-realisation, but also on the way such contracts structurally regulate long-term relationships that are frequently linked to the dynamics of market inequalities.

At this conference, EuSoCo will put forward its reflections on Life Time Contracts to encourage an informative and stimulating exchange of views on the functional and structural elements of Life Time Contracts, in light of their collective dimension.

The conference intends to, first, deepen the understanding of the existing legal framework surrounding Life Time Contracts, taking into consideration the EU’s latest policy priorities, and then identify and refine some of the common rules and principles in the different areas concerned, all in an effort to develop a better normative platform for them throughout Europe.
**Conference Programme**

### MORNING

**08:30**
Arrival and registration of participants

**08:45**
Opening: Prof. Pascal ANCÉL
(University of Luxembourg)

**09:30** - **10:30**
**Session I**
The collective dimension of LTCs
Chair: Prof. Luca NOGLER
(University of Trento)
- Prof. Axel HALFMEIER
(Leuphana University of Lüneburg)
- Prof. Orsola RAZZOLINI
(University of Genova)

**10:30** - **11:00**
Coffee break

**11:00** - **12:45**
**Session II**
LTCs: labour contracts and the digital economy
Chair: Prof. Luca RATTI
(University of Luxembourg)
- Prof. Emmanuel DOCKÈS
(University of Paris Ouest Nanterre - La Défense)
- Prof. Charles F. X. SZYMANSKI
(Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas)

Discussion on Sessions 1 and 2
- Alvise SCHIAVON (University of Trento)
- Giulia MERLO (University of Trento)
- Julien-Alexis DEFROMONT
(University of Luxembourg)

**12:45** - **13:45**
Lunch

**12:45** - **13:45**
Roundtable
LTCs and general contract law in the EU
Chair: Prof. Elise POILLOT
(University of Luxembourg)
- Prof. Antonio ALBANESE
(Catholic University of Milan)
- Prof. Muriel FABRE-MAGNAN
(University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- Prof. David HIEZ
(University of Luxembourg)
- Prof. Nuno Manuel PINTO OLIVEIRA
(University of Minho)
- Prof. Andrea NICOLUSSI
(Catholic University of Milan)

Discussion on Session 3
- Anthi BEKA (Court of Justice of the European Union)
- Alexander FLOS (University of Amsterdam)

**14:00** - **15:45**
**Session III**
LTCs: credit relations
Chair: Prof. Udo REIFNER
(University of Luxembourg)
- Prof. Geraint HOWELLS
(University of Hong Kong)
- Prof. Joseph SPOONER
(London School of Economics)
- Prof. Alan WHITE
(CUNY School of Law)

Discussion on Session 3
- Anthi BEKA (Court of Justice of the European Union)
- Alexander FLOS (University of Amsterdam)

**15:45** - **16:00**
Coffee break

**16:00** - **17:30**
**Roundtable**
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**17:30**
Concluding remarks
Prof. Luca RATTI
(University of Luxembourg)

A reception will follow the conference