



## **'Private Law in an Institutional Context: A Workshop on Methodologies in Legal Research'**

The workshop will explore a number of strategies and methodologies for conducting research in the area of European private law. The aim of the workshop is to identify pathways for research beyond the reliance on primary texts and court decisions, strategies for theory-building as well as for the assessment of the actual local impact of legal interventions and mechanisms. Sessions will be devoted to (i) the underlying lessons of new institutional economics and their implications for the role of law in a transformed economic environment and for processes of institutional change; (ii) comparative legal and institutional analysis; (iii) fundamentals of socio-legal research, including interviewing and other techniques that go beyond formal legal materials. Finally, researchers will also be given an opportunity to explore the interaction between the processes of theory building, research strategy formulation and data-gathering.

- 13 – 14 September 2012
- European University Institute  
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- Chair: Hans – W. Micklitz & Yane Svetiev

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Thursday 13 September**

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| <b>9.30 - 11.15</b>  | Rules, Norms, Institutions<br><i>(Yane Svetiev)</i>  |
| <b>11:15 - 11:30</b> | Coffee Break, Sala Triaria   |
| <b>11.30 - 13.30</b> | Socio-Legal Research and Interviewing<br><i>(Thomas Roethe)</i>  |
| <b>13:30 - 14:30</b> | Lunch break, Saletta Mensa <i>(for speakers only)</i>  |
| <b>14.30 - 16.30</b> | Formal Regimes versus Actual Practice: Integrating Evidence into Legal Analysis<br><i>(Hans-W. Micklitz)</i> |
| <b>19:30</b>         | Dinner <i>(for speakers only)</i>  |



## **Friday 14 September**

- 9.30 - 11.15** Varieties of Comparative Analysis  
*(Hans-W. Micklitz and Yane Svetiev)*
- 11:15 - 11:30** Coffee break, Sala Bandiere
- 11.30 - 13.30** Roundtable Discussion with Doctoral Researchers on  
Methodological Choices  
*(Rob van Gestel)*
- 13:30 - 14:30** Lunch, Sala Bandiere *(for speakers only)*

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