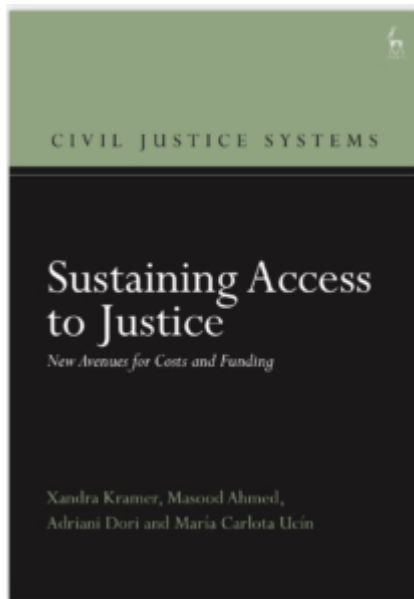


New book and webinar Sustaining Access to Justice - 5 September



In June the volume “Sustaining Access to Justice: New Avenues for Costs and Funding” was published in the Civil Justice Systems series of Hart Publishing (2025). The book is edited by Xandra Kramer, Masood Ahmed, Adriani Dori and Maria Carlota Ucin. This edited volume results from a conference held at Erasmus University Rotterdam, as part of the Vici project on Affordable Access to Justice funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO). It contains contributions on access to justice themes, in particular costs and funding of litigation, by key experts across Europe, Latin America and Asia. More

information, including the table of contents is available at the Bloomsbury website [here](#).

The book explores the dynamic landscape of legal costs and financing from three perspectives: regulatory frameworks in public and private funding; new trends and challenges in contemporary legal financing; and the transformative potential of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and online dispute resolution (ODR) procedures to streamline civil justice processes and expand access to justice.

By addressing the intersectionality of legal, economic, political, market and social dynamics, the book aims to provide an encompassing understanding of the inherent complexity of costs and funding of litigation, and their implications for access to justice.

A **seminar** on the occasion of launching the book will take place on **5 September 2025**, from 10-12.15 CET.

Program

- 10.00 Introduction Xandra Kramer, Masood Ahmed, Carlota Ucin, Adriani Dori
- 10.15 Jacek Garstka (European Commission) - *EC perspective on the access to justice and the role of litigation funding*
- 10.25 Maria Jose Azar-Baud - *Trends in Funding of Collective Litigation*
- 10.35 Alexandre Biard - *Enforcing Consumer Rights: Costs and Funding*
- 10.50 Discussion
- 11.10 Eduardo Silva de Freitas - *Justice for a Price: Funders, Fees and the RAD*
- 11.20 Marcel Wegmüller - *ESG and Litigation Funding: A Practitioner's View*
- 11.35 Adrian Cordina - *Regulating Litigation Funding: A Law and Economics View*
- 11.45 Stefaan Voet/Masood Ahmed - *Beyond Litigation: Cost-Effective Strategies for ADR and ODR*
- 12.00 Discussion and Conclusion

More information and (free) registration [here](#).