

Launch ECJC ‘Civil Justice Conversations’ - Online Research Seminar Series

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Online Research Seminar Series: Call for expressions of interest

Submission Deadline: Rolling base

Open to: Scholars, practitioners, and early-career researchers

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Following the publication of the handbook *European Civil Procedure* (De Gruyter 2026), the European Civil Justice Centre (ECJC) is pleased to announce a new initiative.

ECJC ‘Civil Justice Conversations’

The ECJC ‘Civil Justice Conversations’ is a new series of online research seminars designed to foster scholarly exchange and collaboration in the field of European civil justice.

Purpose & Scope: Advancing European Civil Justice Dialogue

The seminar series aims to provide a regular forum for the presentation and discussion of research in European civil justice and related fields. It seeks to strengthen academic exchange across jurisdictions and to support the development of ongoing research projects.

Seminar Conception: Interactive & Dialogical Exchange

The seminars are designed as informal and interactive sessions in which participants may:

- Present work-in-progress or more developed research
- Receive constructive feedback on emerging ideas
- Engage in discussion with a designated discussant and a wider audience

Particular emphasis is placed on sessions that bring together contrasting or opposing perspectives, fostering critical and constructive academic dialogue.

Online Format: Accessible, Inclusive & Transnational

While in-person events are also envisaged, the online format has been chosen to:

- Facilitate broad participation across jurisdictions
- Enable regular and accessible academic exchange
- Address practical and budgetary constraints

Participation: Open Call for Scholars & Practitioners

Participation is open to all scholars and practitioners with an interest in European civil justice. Affiliation with the ECJC is not required.

We particularly welcome contributions from Early Career Researchers with a developed idea or ongoing project aligned with the Centre's thematic areas, including collective actions, digitalisation of civil justice, ADR/ODR, legal aid and litigation funding, and anti-SLAPPs.

Selection will take into account the originality of the proposal, its stage of development, and its alignment with the Centre's research themes.

How to Apply

Expressions of interest should include:

- A curriculum vitae
- An abstract of the proposed presentation
- Optionally, the name of a potential discussant, if already identified

Please send your application to: ecjc@law.eur.nl