



LABORATOIRE DE DROIT (THEMIS-UM) - Équipe d'Accueil 4333

LAW RESEARCH CENTRE (THEMIS-UM) - Research group 4333

Themis-Um is an interdisciplinary research centre which includes researchers in private law, public law and history of law who work critically on current legal issues. Its activities have two main focuses:

- the first one is the theme "Risk, Insurance and Liability", which deals with law and risk in general and insurance law in particular, and fits in with the Institute for Risks and Insurance,
- the second one is the theme "Interbreeding and articulation of normative systems", which studies contemporary evolutions in normative standards under the influence of social changes, globalization and the comparison of rights, especially in a historical perspective.

Every year the members of Themis-UM publish numerous articles and organize around a dozen seminars or conferences on most current issues, with the purpose to develop new, critical and multidisciplinary points of view. Since 2013, Themis-Um has been working in partnership, alongside GAINS (research centre in economics) and LMM (maths laboratory), within the framework of the Risk and Insurance Institute, which aim is to mutualise the Research, Education and Innovation activities of the University in this area and to make them more visible.



33 people including

- 27 researchers and teachers-researchers
- 5 doctoral students
- 1 administrative and technical member of staff



Partnerships

University of Leeds (Great Britain), University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain), University of Maine (United States), University of Yaoundé (Cameroon), Laval University (Quebec).



Its multidisciplinary approach:

- private law
- public law
- history of law

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2 areas of research

Risk, insurance and liability

The aim of this theme, based on liability law, is to study and understand many questions linked with risks in general and with insurance law particularly. Constant changes in liability law, in particular connected with the emergence of new risks, lead to periodic reexamination of the main issues connected to it and especially the ever closer connections with insurance law. Going further, all types of risks are studied, and not only those covered by insurance.

"Risk law" group. "Legal treatment of uncertainty" group works within the framework of the Risk and Insurance Institute, a multidisciplinary institution which gathers economists, mathematicians and lawyers. This working group extends its research to risks of all kinds: environmental, industrial, technological, nuclear, financial, economic, systemic, food-related, medical, health, social, psychosocial, natural, professional, taxation, corporate, criminal, terrorist. Within this group, the members of Themis-Um have developed several themes:

- Financial and sovereign risks,
- Risks related to new technologies (technological changes, connected objects, predictive justice, artificial intelligence, robots, medically assisted procreation),
- Legal risks (risks of legal uncertainty and risks of litigation),
- Societal or personal risks (death, human rights, legal personality of robots, 5th risk, corruption risk, risk of personal troubles for corporates managers of companies in difficulty),
- Economic risks.

It is based on the Faculty's several Masters degrees in law.

Interbreeding and articulation of normative systems

This theme consists in focusing on contemporary transformations of normative rules: articulation of legal systems, genetics of norms, relationships between public and private law, comparative law, sociology of law. This line of research includes a comparative law research undertaken with Laval University (Québec) concerning mutual influences between the legal systems of our two countries, and targeted researches showing the transfer of normative standards according to changes in law and society (divorce without a judge, soft law unveiled).

This axis involves the participation in different projects with lawyers specialized in several domains: researchers in private and public law, historians of law, comparatists, internationalists, etc. The aim is to study the main consequences of globalization and internationalization of law, from the institutional as well as from the substantial point of view.

This theme is also based on the Faculty's different Masters degrees in law and involves both national and international projects and networks.

