

EUROPEAN CONTRACT LAW AND THEORY EUCOLATH

SUBMISSION AND REVIEW INFORMATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Society of European Contract Law (SECOLA) promotes the development and understanding of European contract law including its economic, sociological and intellectual historic relation in theory and in practice. Further, SECOLA provides an international platform for the discussion of developing and proposed contract law in Europe. In this spirit, this book series, European Contract Law and Theory (EUCOLATH), combines dogmatic thinking in comparative and EU law with strong social theory considerations and makes the results of the discussions of leading scholars and practitioners publicly available.

The term 'European Contract Law' is therefore to be understood broadly. The EUCOLATH series is not limited to a specific type of publication. Authors are invited to submit monographs (including PhD theses) and edited collections with a length of between 80,000 and 160,000 words (though some exceptions may be possible).

At present, the members of the EUCOLATH editorial board are:

Professor Stefan Grundmann (European University Institute, Florence), Professor Hugh Collins (University of Oxford), Professor Fernando Gomez (University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), Dr Jacobien Rutgers (VU University Amsterdam) and Professor Pietro Sirena (University of Siena).

2. SUBMISSION OF A MANUSCRIPT

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts to Ann-Christin Maak-Scherpe of Intersentia who is the contact person for all queries concerning EUCOLATH.

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Ms Maak-Scherpe acknowledges receipt and forwards all manuscripts to the members of the EUCOLATH editorial board.

For the EUCOLATH review procedure, the following documents are required:

- the complete manuscript as Word and PDF file;
- the author's CV (made available to the members of the editorial board and the peer reviewers);
- a two- to three-page summary focusing on the original thoughts of the proposed work and comparing it to similar or competitive books published or in the course of being written (critical literature review);
- detailed information on planned revisions of the text (if there are any);
- if the work is based on a PhD thesis information about any plans to make the PhD available on institutional electronic depositories;
- confirmation that the manuscript has been submitted to EUCOLATH exclusively.

3. REVIEW OF A MANUSCRIPT

The manuscript's suitability for publication is then evaluated by the editorial board of EUCOLATH together with two peer reviewers. Usually, the review procedure will be completed within three months of the submission of the manuscript.

Proposed manuscripts that are in the view of the editorial board below standard or whose content does not fit within the series will be rejected immediately. All other manuscripts will be sent to two anonymous peer reviewers (in addition to the members of the editorial board). Depending on their commitments peer reviewers will return their evaluation within 8 to 10 weeks.

Submitted manuscripts are evaluated on criteria such as:

- *Originality*: Does the work show original and innovative ideas, or is it derivative? Does it make a substantial contribution to its field?
- *Quality of the analysis*: Is the research conducted in depth and with academic rigour? Is the research topic discussed comprehensively? Is its methodology appropriate and is the research supported with sufficient relevant and up-to-date source material?
- *Language, style and general presentation*: Are the language and style of writing clear and fluent, or is the work difficult to understand? Is the work presented in an appropriate way? Is it precise?
- *Transnational and interdisciplinary elements (where applicable)*: Are the links between different legal systems or disciplines made clear? Are these comparisons substantial and instructive?

The anonymised evaluation reports of the peer reviewers will usually be made available to the author.

The final decision for publication is made by the members of the editorial board. Manuscripts rejected by the members of the editorial board after peer review will not be published. If a manuscript receives positive and negative evaluations, the author will be given the opportunity to comment on the evaluations before a final decision is made. Manuscripts that receive positive evaluations by the peer reviewers and the members of the editorial board will usually be published.

The decision whether or not a manuscript is accepted for publication will be communicated to the author by Ms Maak-Scherpe.

Once a manuscript has been so accepted for publication Ms Maak-Scherpe will prepare an offer of publication for the author that sets out the conditions for the publication of the book and discuss the book production process in more detail. Usually, the book will be produced within three to four months (depending on the quality of the final manuscript from a copy editorial perspective).