

## International Conference

### “The Past, Present and Future of European Criminal Law: Perspectives for ‘Eurocrimes’?”

University of Freiburg, 9 – 11 October 2025

#### Programme

##### Thursday, 09 October 2025

- Until 15:30** Arrival and Registration of Participants
- 16:00 – 16:15** **Welcome Address and Introduction**  
Dean of the Law Faculty *Jan-Felix Hoffmann (University of Freiburg)*  
*Frank Zimmermann (University of Freiburg)*
- 16:15 – 17:00** **Keynote Speech**  
*Luís Arroyo Zapatero (University of Castilla-La Mancha)*: The Freiburg Proposal of ‘Eurocrimes’: a Retrospective Assessment and Lessons for the Future
- 17:00 – 18:15** **Commentaries and Discussion.** Chair: *Tatjana Hörnle*  
*Jannemieke Ouwerkerk (University of Leiden)*: The Invisibility of EU Harmonised Offences in National Criminal Law  
*Dominik Brodowski (Saarland University)*: Administrative Sanctions and Sanctioning Competences by the EU Commission

##### Friday, 10 October 2025

- 09:00 – 10:30** **Panel 1: Fundamental Challenges.** Chair: *Robert Esser*  
*Valsamis Mitsilegas (University of Liverpool)*: The Role of EU Criminal Law in Defending European Values  
*Ester Herlin-Karnell (University of Gothenburg)*: The Constitutional Dimension of Competence Matters in EU Criminal Law  
*Frank Zimmermann (University of Freiburg)*: EU Criminal Law in the Face of Political Populism
- 10:30 – 11:00** *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Panel 2: A Europeanised General Part?** Chair: *Bettina Weißer*  
*Pim Geelhoed (University of Groningen)*: Intent and Negligence in EU Criminal Law

*Rosaria Sicurella (University of Catania):* Harmonisation of Punitive Sanctions in Europe

*Adán Nieto Martín (University of Castilla-La Mancha):* General Part Harmonisation in the Directive on Environmental Crimes

**12:30 – 14:00**

*Lunch Break*

**14:00 – 15:45**

**Panel 3: Transnational Crimes in EU law.** Chair: *Martin Waßmer*

*Annika Suominen (University of Stockholm):* Genderbased Violence as a Transnational Crime

*Juliette Lelieur (University of Strasbourg):* Trading in Influence as a European Crime

*Christoph Burchard (Goethe University Frankfurt):* From Transnational to Planetary? On the Future of European Criminal Law in the Anthropocene

*Kai Ambos (University of Goettingen):* The Interplay of EU Criminal Law and International Criminal Law

**15:45 – 16:15**

*Coffee Break*

**16:15 – 18:00**

**Panel 4: Young Researchers' Forum.** Chair: *Maria Kaiafa-Gbandi*

*Anneke Petzsche (Humboldt-University):* The EU Directive on the Criminal Law Protection of the Environment

*Søren Arvig Verdoner (University of Aarhus):* EU Criminal Law Competence and the Principle of Legality – the Nordic Perspective

*Dawid Marko (University of Gdańsk):* Harmonisation of Limitation Periods in EU Directives Based on Art. 83 TFEU

**19:30**

**Conference Dinner – Dinner Speeches by Ulrich Sieber and Lorenzo Picotti**

## Saturday, 11 October 2025

**09:00 – 10:30**

**Panel 5: EU Business Criminal Law.** Chair: *Martin Böse*

*Roland Hefendehl (University of Freiburg):* Theory of Legal Interests and Business Criminal Law

*Luigi Foffani (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia):* What Remains Alive in the Special Part of Tiedemann's 'Eurocrimes'?

*Athina Sachoulidou (Aristotle University Thessaloniki):* Private Sector Corruption as an EU Crime

**10:30 – 11:00**

*Coffee Break*

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11:00 – 12:30

**Panel 6: EU Criminal Law Seen From Outside: Interdisciplinary and External Perspectives.** Chair: *Helmut Satzger*

*Katrin Höffler (Humboldt-University):* A Criminological Perspective on the Efforts to Create an EU Criminal Law

*Walter Perron (University of Freiburg):* The Relevance of Comparative Law for the Creation of an EU Criminal Law

*Bachana Jishkariani (University of Georgia):* The Political Dimension of EU Criminal Law – a Third State's Perspective

12:30 – 12:45

**Closing Remarks.** *Frank Zimmermann*

**Venue:** Platz der Universität 3 (Kollegiengebäude I), 79098 Freiburg im Breisgau

Room: R 1098 (ground floor)

The conference will take place exclusively in presence.

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