

Call for Papers: Workshop on the Outsourcing of Law-Making

Submission Deadline: March 15, 2024

We are pleased to announce a Workshop on the **Outsourcing of Law-Making** aimed at early career researchers, particularly PhD students and postdoctoral scholars. The event will be held in **Nuremberg** on **May 27 and 28, 2024** at the Chair of Tax Law and Public Law at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU).



Workshop Topics:

Law-making is routinely outsourced to various actors, such as the executive, agencies, but also private actors. Parliamentary legislation is per definitionem adopted by the legislative branch of government and thus in principle democratically legitimized. Yet the drafters of such legislation are often to be found outside parliament, coming from ministries as well as corporations, industry associations, and non-governmental organizations. This raises concerns about legitimacy, transparency and ownership. Moreover, the term law-making goes beyond parliamentary legislation. Rules can also be made by other branches of government, and in particular the executive, but also private standard-setters. There are areas of regulation in which experts are arguably superior to MPs. How can ultimate parliamentary responsibility be safeguarded not only in nominal terms? And conversely, are there areas in which executive prerogative should prevail or which should best be left to private actors?

We invite submissions that encompass a wide range of topics and questions, including but not limited to:

1. Outsourcing of law-making to private actors: Ensuring legitimacy through transparency requirements and procedural guarantees
2. Relationship of executive law-making to parliamentary legislation
3. Relationship of private standard-setting to parliamentary legislation and/or executive law-making
4. Executive law-making in a European Law context, e.g. where the Commission resorts to guidelines
5. Role of model legislation drafted by international organizations or the executive, e.g. in the areas of international tax law (tax treaties) and environmental law
6. Comparative studies that highlight the similarities and differences in how various countries or regions engage in the outsourcing of law-making
7. National reports that explore the role of outsourcing in one particular jurisdiction, where this is of general interest
8. The role of outsourcing in specific areas of law

Workshop Format:

Participants will have the opportunity to present their research papers during the workshop. Each presentation will be followed by a comment from a senior academic in the field.

Financial Support:

Travel costs and accommodation will be covered by our university.

Important Dates:

- Submission Deadline: March 15, 2024
- Paper Selection: March 29, 2024
- Workshop: May 27 and 28, 2024

Location:

Nuremberg, Germany

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit your paper abstract (maximum 300 words) and a short CV to **sophia.piotrowski@fau.de** by the submission deadline. Please also include your full name, affiliation and email address in the submission. Papers should be in English or French

Contact Information:

For inquiries or more information, please contact **Sophia Piotrowski** (**sophia.piotrowski@fau.de**)

We are very much looking forward to receiving your submissions and to your participation in our workshop – join us in Nuremberg to make your contribution to the international discourse on the outsourcing of law-making!