

DESU Economic Law

Aix-en-Provence 2023/2024

The Faculty of Law of Aix-en-Provence (France) offers a postgraduate diploma (DESU) in Economic Law, under the direction of **Professor Louis Thibierge**.

The courses of this diploma will be opened both to the students of the DESU and to the foreign students attending the LLM in European Business Law.

This diploma is **entirely taught in English**, by French and foreign nationals, either University Professors or internationally renowned experts.

The goal of this diploma is threefold.

First, it is aimed at deepening the candidates' understanding of the law, by targeting innovative and substantive areas of expertise, taught by highly competent specialists.

Then, it is designed to enhance the candidates' abilities to study and work in English, so that they are fit for an international career.

Last, this Diploma offers a unique opportunity for students to take part in the selection process at the *Institut de Droit des Affaires* to apply for a direct integration in American Universities (Louisiana State University, Chicago Kent Law School and Maureer Law School Bloomington) with reduced tuition fees.

To apply to the Diploma, students must demonstrate competency in the English language and have a law degree (*Licence en droit*, LLB or equivalent) or at least must have completed two years of a Juris Doctorate.

OUTLINE
DESU (Economic Law) 140h

U1.- Market Regulations (36h)

- European Digital Law (12h) – *Mr. Marc Mossé, Associate Professor, Aix-Marseille University, Senior Counsel, August & Debouzy*
- Economic Analysis of Law (6h) – *Pr. Pierre Garello, Aix-Marseille University*
- Global Antitrust Law (12h) – *Mr. Malik Idri, Orrick*
- Consumer Law (6h) – *Pr. Elise Poillot, Luxembourg University*

U2.- Law Governing Enterprises (24h)

- Mergers & Acquisitions (3h) – *Mr. Christopher Mesnooh, Fieldfisher LLP*
- Stock Exchange Law (3h) – *Mrs Amandine Cogneville, Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield*
- Property Security Law (6h) – *Pr. Vincent Mazeaud, Aix-Marseille University*
- International Transport Law (6h) – *Dr. Laurent Fedi, KEDGE Business School*
- Sustainability (6h), *Pr. Rupprecht Podzsun, Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf (Germany)*

U3.- International Law of Obligations (36h)

- Tort Law (9h) – *Dr. Eleni Katsampuka, King's College London*
- Contract Law (12h) – *Pr. Louis Thibierge, Aix-Marseille University*
- European Antitrust Procedure (6h) – *Pr. Florian Bien, Würzburg Universität (Germany)*
- Conflicts of jurisdictions (6h) – *Pr. Eva Lein, Lausanne University (Switzerland)*
- Complex arbitration (3h) – *Mrs Julie Spinelli, 16 Law*

U4.- Economic Law Proceedings (36h)

- International Commercial Law Proceedings (6h) – *Pr. Andrew Tettenborn, Swansea University (U.-K.)*
- International litigation (6h) – *Mrs. Marie-Hélène Bartoli Vallet, Alerion*
- Compliance, Corruption, Anti-Laundering and Sanctions (12h) – *Mrs Maria Lancri, Squair; Mrs Sophie Gabillot, Squair and Mr. Joydeep Sengupta, Mayer Brown Paris*
- Arbitration (6h) – *Pr. Louis Thibierge, Aix-Marseille University and Mr. Hervé Le Lay, MGC Arbitration*
- Mediation and other ADR methods: comparative approach in Resolving Business Disputes (6h) – *Dr. Ewa Gmurzyńska, Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University (Poland)*

U5.- Legal English (8h) – Mr. Tonino Anzante, Aix-Marseille University

Director

Professor Louis Thibierge



Louis Thibierge is a full professor (Agrégé des facultés de droit) at Aix-Marseille University. He is the Head of the Department of Private Law.

He is the director of both the DESU Economic Law and the Master 2 Droit Économique.

He specialises in business law, with a particular focus on contract law and arbitration law.

Pr. Thibierge is also an independent arbitrator and a member of the Paris Bar. He acts both as a counsel and as a legal expert in front of national and foreign courts.

He regularly publishes in various legal journals, both French and foreign.

He is the author of a PhD thesis on force majeure and hardship at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (*Le contrat face à l'imprévu*, dir. Pr. L. Aynès, *Economica*).

Lecturers

Mr. Tonino Anzante – Legal English



Tony Anzante is an alumnus of Sussex University in England, where he studied History and Political Science. After roles within the British government (the Ministry of Justice and HM Treasury), he retrained as an English language instructor working firstly in Turin, Italy, and then in France.

Specialising in courses of communication and negotiation, he works both within universities and companies. He also collaborates with ESSCA Business School where he is charged with teaching English for business development.

Mrs. Marie-Hélène Bartoli Vallet – International litigation



Marie-Hélène Bartoli Vallet is a Counsel in Alerion's Litigation, arbitration and white-collar crime practice.

She advises and represents clients before domestic courts and arbitral tribunals in relation with commercial disputes. She has developed a specific expertise in complex international disputes and international commercial arbitration.

Prior to joining Alerion in 2020, Marie-Hélène Bartoli Vallet worked for nine years as an associate in the Dispute Resolution team at Gide Loyrette Nouel.

Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2011, she holds a Master's degree in Litigation, arbitration and ADR from Paris II Panthéon-Assas University and a Master's degree in Business law from Paris Dauphine University.

She was a teaching assistant in French contract law at the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense in 2012.

Pr. Florian Bien – European Antitrust Procedure



Prof. Dr. Florian Bien holds the Chair for Global Business Law, International Arbitration Law and Private Law at the Julius Maximilians University of Würzburg. In addition to that, he acts as the Director of the Würzburg Graduate School Law, Economics, and Society since 2018. Before joining the Würzburg Law School, Professor Bien was a Senior Lecturer at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Germany (2007

- 2011) and at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France (2004 - 2007), where he holds the position of a Maître de conférences associé. He is a regular guest professor of leading French universities, i. e. Aix-Marseille Université, Paris 1 Paris-Panthéon, Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Paris Ouest-Nanterre-La Défense, and Sciences Po Paris (Chair Alfred Grosser). He regularly publishes in the field of German and European Competition Law.

Education included a Master in European and International Law ("Maîtrise en Droit"), University of Aix-Marseille III, France (1999), First and Second State Examination, Tübingen, Germany (2001 and 2003), Doctorate and Habilitation in law, both University of Tübingen (2006 and 2011).

Mrs Amandine Cogneville – Stock Exchange Law



Amandine Cogneville is Group Director of Corporate and Stock Exchange law of Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) Group.

Prior to joining URW Group, she held various positions as Head of Corporate law, governance and corporate secretary in listed companies (Renault Group, Tarkett). Previously, she practiced as lawyer for nearly 8 years in various law firms

specialized in corporate law, M&A, stock exchange law and private equity.

She is a graduate of Assas Paris II University, Paris Bar Exam (CAPA) and Certification of the market authorities. Recently, she completed the Governance and Climate program at Paris Dauphine University.

Dr. Laurent Fedi – International Transport Law



Laurent Fedi is Full professor at KEDGE Business School (Marseilles Campus). Laurent holds a juris doctorate in maritime law and Habilitation to supervise research (HDR) in juridical sciences from the Faculty of Law (Aix-Marseille University - France). He started his professional career

in a ship brokerage company and since 2007, he has joined KEDGE. He directed the Maritime Cluster for eight years. Laurent lectures at different levels of education. The main courses taught are Maritime Law (safety, security and environmental protection), International Risk Management and European Competition Law. In addition, he currently leads different research projects notably on:

- Competition issues in the container shipping industry,
- Evolution of maritime law as regards safety and GHG from international shipping,
- Risk assessment in the polar areas,
- And port governance.

Mrs Sophie Gabillot – Sanctions



An Associate Partner at Squair, **Sophie Gabillot**, Sophie was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2013.

In 2016, Sophie set up and managed the Iranian subsidiary of a Parisian law firm in Tehran. During this two-year mission, Sophie audited and assisted a large number of public and private companies, as well as NGOs, to enable them to set up or continue their activities in compliance with the

economic sanctions in force. Sophie also assisted a major French car manufacturer in drafting joint venture agreements and share acquisitions, as well as all ancillary commercial agreements with its Iranian partner. Sophie also set up a legal watch on international sanctions for embassies and European industrialists based in Iran.

Sophie became a partner in 2019. Since then, she trains her clients to identify and manage the risks associated with economic sanctions. She audits their activities and set up appropriate compliance programs and procedures. She also drafts legal opinions on the compliance of certain operations with the economic sanctions' regimes in force, in order to convince banks, where necessary and possible, of the legality of the operation. She also provides a legal watch on economic sanctions around the world for several of her clients, which she adapts to their activities.

Pr. Pierre Garello – *Economic Analysis of Law*



Pierre Garello is currently a Professor of Economics at Aix-Marseille University and member of the Aix-Marseille School of Economics. He is the President of the Institute of Economic Studies-Europe, an NGO devoted to economic education. He is editor of the “Journal des Economistes et des Etudes

Humaines” at www.degruyter.com and since 2018 of the Journal des Libertés <https://journaldeslibertes.fr>

Besides taxation and public finance, his fields of specialization include Decision theory and the Economics of Law and Regulation based on insights from the Austrian school of economics. He is director of the Law and Economics Erasmus + Master Program at Aix-Marseille University. He received his Bachelor education from that same university and his PhD from New York University. He taught at the Universities of Montpellier and Saint Etienne, France and was invited to lecture in various places among which Warsaw, Sofia, Bucharest, Vilnius, Jena, Guatemala City, Washington, Roma, Vienna, Tbilisi, Torino, Mumbai, Istanbul, Gent, Paris, Hamburg, Cairo and Haifa.

Dr. Ewa Gmurzyńska - *Mediation and other ADR methods*



Dr. Ewa Gmurzyńska is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw. She received her Ph.D. and habilitation degrees at the University of Warsaw and master degree (LL.M) at the University of Florida. Since 1998 she is the Director of the Center for American Law

Studies at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. Ewa teaches ADR, mediation in legal disputes, mediation advocacy, introduction to US Law. She is the director of the Mediation Clinic and LL.M program in negotiation, mediation and other ADR at the University of Warsaw. She is a mediator in civil, commercial and academic disputes as well as co-founder and member of the board of directors of the Foundation Center for Conflict and Dispute Resolutions. Her international experience includes teaching at Bahcesehir University in Istanbul, University of Helsinki and Bergen University. She teaches regularly since 2016 as an adjunct professor at Emory School of Law and Georgia State University College of Law. She is author of many articles and publications in the field of mediation and alternative conflict resolution.

Mr. Malik Idri – Global Antitrust Law



Malik Idri is a competition lawyer in Orrick's Paris office.

Malik practice focuses on French and European competition law, on both transactional and litigation cases: merger control, antitrust litigation before the French Competition Authority and the European Commission, as well as litigation cases before courts.

He is specialized in abuse of dominant position, with a particular emphasis on the

telecommunication sector. He notably dedicated his doctoral thesis to the opening up of competition of the French phone network and he worked at the French sector regulator (ARCEP). Recently he advised SFR on a number of litigation matters including the Orange case which resulted to an unprecedented decision with the highest fine ever imposed by the French competition authority.

Over the last years, he has also developed a recognized experience in follow-on damage actions representing claimants before the European Commission and French courts. Columnist for the Concurrences review he regularly contributes to the « Chronique du contentieux de la réparation » section and teaches Competition and Distribution Law at the University Aix-Marseille.

Prior to joining Orrick, Malik was an associate at the Parisian office of a magic circle law firm.

Dr. Eleni Katsampouka – Tort Law



Eleni Katsampouka is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Law at King's College London. She was previously a Fellow at Christ's college, Cambridge

(2021-23) and a stipendiary lecturer at the University of Oxford (2018-21). Eleni holds degrees from the University of Oxford (DPhil and MPhil (dist)), University College London (LL.M. (dist)) and the University of Athens (LL.B. (dist)).

Eleni teaches Tort, Contract and Roman law. Her research focuses on the law of remedies (in particular, aggravated and punitive damages) as well as the law relating to psychiatric illness in the medical negligence context. Her work has been published in a variety of journals including the Law Quarterly Review, the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, the Modern Law Review and the Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly.

Mrs Maria Lancri – Corruption & Compliance



Maria Lancri is an Associate Partner at Squair and a Lecturer at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University

Prior to joining law firm Squair, Maria worked in a number of renowned French law firms, as an inhouse lawyer and as

Deputy General Counsel & Compliance Manager at Hachette Livre. Maria has extensive experience in internal and counterparty audits as well as the implementation of client-specific compliance programs.

Maria is a member of the Scientific Committee and a lecturer at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Compliance Certificate. She is also co-chair of the CSR, Ethics & Compliance Commission of the French business lawyers association ACE. She holds an LL.M. from Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX) and a Master's degree from the University of Nice.

Mr. Hervé Le Lay – Arbitration



A French *Avocat*, **Hervé Le Lay** is a partner in MGC Arbitration. He is based in Paris.

He acted as counsel and as arbitrator in numerous arbitration proceedings both institutional (ICC, SCC, LMAA, etc.) and ad hoc (UNCITRAL) and before State courts. He often assists clients at a

pre-litigation stage, including in mediations/conciliations.

Hervé is an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) and has a vast experience in sport-related arbitration (disciplinary, regulatory, commercial disputes).

Hervé Le Lay also has experience in International Trade Law and assisted in proceedings before the WTO and the European Commission.

He is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Université Paris Ouest-Nanterre, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Ecole de Formation du Barreau de Paris (EFB).

Pr. Eva Lein - Conflicts of jurisdictions



Eva Lein is a Professor at the University of Lausanne and Director of the Comparative Law Center at BIICL. Her fields of expertise are private international law, international dispute resolution and comparative law with a special focus on contract law and, more recently, digitalisation. At UNIL, she also co-directs the LLM in International Business Law.

She has also been a Honorary Senior Lecturer at Queen Mary University of London and at Queen Mary, Institute in Paris, a Visiting Professor at different institutions, including the Universities

Paris I (Sorbonne) and II (Panthéon-Assas) and the University of Vienna and a Scholar in Residence at the Center for Transnational Litigation and Commercial Law at NYU.

Eva is a qualified German lawyer fluent in English, French, Italian, Spanish and German. She has been lecturing in various countries and regularly speaks at conferences and seminars.

Her publications include topical issues of comparative contract law, private international law and dispute resolution. Recent publications focus on the subjects of contract law, dispute resolution and Covid19; cross-border commercial dispute resolution; the legal consequences of Brexit; and AI.

Eva has been acting as an expert for the House of Commons and the Law Society on Brexit in a cross-border context. She was also an expert and coordinator of comprehensive research studies for the UK Ministry of Justice, the European Commission, the European Parliament and Swiss Authorities.

Pr. Vincent Mazeaud – Property security law



Vincent Mazeaud is a professor of private law. After a PhD at Sorbonne University regarding "l'obligation de couverture", he successively taught at the universities of Paris 12 and Clermont Auvergne and now Aix Marseille. He teaches contract law and security law.

Mr. Christopher Mesnooh – Mergers & Acquisitions



Christopher Mesnooh is a partner in the Paris office of the international law firm of Fieldfisher. Born in New York, he is admitted to the Bars of Paris, New York and Washington D.C. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School and his B.A. in political science from Columbia University.

Christopher is a recognized expert in the area of international M&A, having counselled dozens of buyers and sellers in their cross-border transactions involving France. His client base is primarily international, coming from North America, Europe and Asia. The deals he has advised on are primarily in the sectors of biotech,

medical devices, technology, video games, heavy industry and luxury goods.

In addition to his activities as an avocat, he is a founder and ongoing member of the Board of the Paris chapter of Human Rights Watch. He is also regularly called upon by French media to analyze legal, political and economic developments occurring in the United States and appears regularly on all television, radio and printed media (TF1, FR2, BFM, LCI, Le Figaro, etc.). He also offers a course in international negotiations at the Paris law school H.E.A.D., where the students of 2017-2018 honored him by naming their class "La Promotion Christopher Mesnooh".

Mr. Marc Mossé – European Digital law



An associate professor at Aix-Marseille University, **Marc Mossé** is a Senior

Counsel with August & Debouzy. He is President of the French Association of In-House Lawyers (AFJE), and one of the founders of the French Digital Think Tank: Renaissance Numérique. He is a former member of the Copyright Advisory Board (CSPLA) to the French Ministry of Culture.

He has been General Counsel and Senior Director for EU Government Affairs at Microsoft Europe and prior to that he has served as Secretary General of Microsoft France.

After serving as an advisor to Robert Badinter in the Senate, he practiced as a lawyer at the Paris Bar and was named "2nd" Secrétaire de la Conférence du Stage

des Avocats au Conseil d'Etat et à la Cour de Cassation”.

Marc is Deputy-Mayor of the City of Meudon (92) in charge of Innovation, Smart City and European Affairs, as well as member of the District of *Grand Paris Seine Ouest*.

Marc has a Law Degree in public law from the University of Paris V, a Law degree in European law from the University of Paris I. He is a graduate of Cours Florent Acting school.

Pr. Rupprecht Podszun – Sustainability



Rupprecht Podszun is a full professor for civil law and German and European competition law at the Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf, Germany, and the Director of the University's Institute for Competition Law.

He is also an Affiliated Research Fellow with the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Munich. Rupprecht is the Vice President of Ascola, the Academic Society for Competition Law.

He is an editor of EuCML, the European Journal for Consumer and Market Law, and WuW, a leading German competition law journal. Before joining academia he worked as a case handler in the Bundeskartellamt, the German competition agency. Rupprecht was one of two competition law professors to speak at Margrethe Vestager's pathbreaking conference “Shaping competition policy in the era of digitisation” in 2019. The focus of his research is on law for digital markets, abusive practices and merger control.

Pr. Elise Poillot – Consumer law



Elise Poillot is a full professor of Droit Civil in the Faculty of Law, Economy and Finance of the University of Luxembourg, which she joined in 2009.

A graduate from the University of Reims-Champagne-Ardenne, she conducted her PhD research in the field of European

consumer law and has held post-doc positions in Germany (University of Münster) and in Italy (University of Turin). From 2005 to 2009 she has been associate professor in the Law Faculty of the Lyon III, Jean Moulin, University where she was also Deputy Director of the Edouard Lambert Institute of Comparative Law.

Her main fields of research and teaching have been, in a national comparative and EU perspective, consumer law and general contract law. In the last four years she has been deeply involved in setting up and directing the Consumer Law legal clinic in the University of Luxembourg, a programme that is strongly supported by the national Bar Council and has created a network of similar legal clinics throughout

Europe. The network recently obtained an Erasmus Plus grant with the aim of setting shared best practices in clinical legal education. She specialized in legal communication (popularization of legal language) and obtained FNR grant for the filming of a documentary related to popularization of the outcomes of legal research (PSP classic – Clinicity Project). More recently her research is focused on the transformation of the concept of civil law (droit civil) in civil law jurisdictions and on the impact of data protection on consumer law. She currently works on the topic of consumers profiling as the digitalization of markets and the deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) have opened new gates for profiling customers through the collection of personal data.

On all these topics she has extensively written (in French, English and Italian) both monographs and articles published in important law reviews and books edited by leading European scholars. She regularly presents the development of EU jurisprudence in the field of consumer law in the *Recueil Dalloz* and in the *Journal de Droit Européen*.

A member of several international associations of legal scholars, professor Poillot – who is fluent in English and Italian

and has a good knowledge of German and Spanish – has promoted numerous cooperation agreements with French, Italian and Japanese universities and is regularly invited to hold lessons and conferences in foreign law schools. In 2015/16 she has been a member of the Italian national selection committee for full and associate professors of private law (ASN) and in 2017/18 a member of the Belgian universities study programmes evaluation committee. She is currently serving on the committee in charge of evaluating the research of Italian Universities (VQR). She is also on the editorial board of several law reviews among which the “European Consumer Law Journal”, the *Osservatorio di diritto civile e commerciale*, *Contratto e Impresa Europa* and *Cliniques Juridiques* and is a member of the scientific committee of the European Network for Clinical Education (ENCLE). She has been supervisor of numerous PhD candidates and on final academic committees and panels.

Professor Poillot served as Head of Research Unit in Law of the University of Luxembourg from 01/09/2018 to 31/12/2019 and as Head of the University of Luxembourg Professors’ Association from 01/07/2016 to 01/07/2020.

Mr Joydeep Sengupta – *Anti-Laundering*



Joydeep Sengupta is a Counsel with Mayer Brown. Admitted to the Paris, New York and Ontario (Canada) Bars, Joydeep Sengupta is a member of the Compliance, Investigations and Regulatory team within the Litigation and Dispute Resolution department of Mayer Brown's Paris office.

Joydeep focuses on cross-border litigation, compliance and enforcement matters for financial institutions and corporations, including the resolution of administrative and enforcement proceedings involving regulators and prosecutors. Joydeep has represented major US and European banks as well as global corporations in internal investigations related to US and European anti-money laundering, economic sanctions, market manipulation and anticorruption laws. Joydeep has conducted internal investigations around the world, including in France, Japan, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, UK and the US.

His experience includes representing European financial institutions before Asian, European and US regulators, including the New York Department of Financial Services, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Monetary

Authority of Singapore, the Japanese Financial Services Agency, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, the French Treasury, and the UK Financial Conduct Authority.

Mrs Julie Spinelli – Complex Arbitration



Julie Spinelli is a recognized leading lawyer in the international arbitration arena. She acts as counsel in domestic and international arbitration proceedings, ad hoc and institutional (ICC, LCIA, ICSID, SCC, CMAP and UNCITRAL), for States as well as French and foreign companies. Her work involved disputes in the sectors of energy, construction and engineering, defense and aeronautical, chemicals, luxury and hospitality.

She also represents clients in annulment, enforcement and arbitration-related court proceedings before French courts.

Julie regularly acts as an arbitrator.

Pr. Andrew Tettenborn – International Commercial Law Proceedings



Andrew Tettenborn is a Professor of Commercial Law at Swansea University (U.-K.). His interests lie in private, commercial and maritime law generally. He teaches widely at Swansea in those subjects, and most years also teaches aspects of contract law at the University of Geneva in Switzerland.

Professor Tettenborn is a member of the Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law at Swansea University.



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Admission

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