

CALL FOR PAPERS

Europe's judicial narratives *Les récits judiciaires de l'Europe* **2. The Dynamics of Narratives**

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The Europe's Judicial Narratives Project

The Europe's Judicial Narratives (EJN) project was launched in 2017 by a team of lawyers and political scientists from the *Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles* and the *Université de Lille*. The purpose of this research is, by combining the methods and paradigms of both law and social science, to bring to the fore the various narratives of the European integration project that are conveyed in the practices of the European Court of Justice (ECJ), most notably in its case-law.

This research has already resulted in a few publications in French (see [here](#) and [here](#)) and in a working paper in English (see [here](#)). It has also given rise to a first conference, organised in Brussels in May 2019. This conference aimed both to deepen the conceptual framework of the EJN research and to elaborate on the tentative typology of narratives sketched out [here](#). Most of the papers presented at the conference have been selected for publication in a book soon to be released by Bruylant. You can already find [here](#) the draft introduction to the book, which represents the latest stage of our collective reflection on the conceptual and epistemological options underlying the EJN project.

In the interest of the collective research dynamic, submissions are expected to draw on these first outputs (if only to criticise them).

The 2020 Conference: The Dynamics of Narratives

Whilst the 2019 conference addressed the EJN from a static point of view (What is an EJN? What is the content of these EJNs?), the 2020 edition will explore their dynamics. In that perspective, the abstracts (and papers) submitted are invited to address any of the following topics:

- The formation process of EJNs (How do they emerge? How and why do they develop?);

- The place and role of EJNs in the legal reasoning, including in the submissions of the parties (Do they have a rhetorical function of legitimation of the decision? A heuristic function of selection of precedents? A political role of bridging the gap between the layman's views on Europe and the legal discourse?); and
- The relationships between EJNs both from a diachronic (for instance, how is a narrative progressively replaced – or conversely strengthened – by another?) and from a synchronic viewpoint (for instance, what happens when a case features a conflict between competing narratives?)

Abstracts (1,500 to 3,000 characters) should be sent to antoine.bailleux@usaintlouis.be, elsa.bernard@univ-lille.fr and sophie.jacquot@usaintlouis.be by **15 October 2019**. The abstracts will be submitted for blind peer-reviewing to the members of the conference's scientific committee. The authors of the selected abstracts will be contacted by **15 November 2019**. Final papers shall be submitted by **30 April 2020**.

The conference will take place in Lille, in both English and French. Participants are therefore expected to have at least a passive knowledge of both languages. Abstracts, papers and oral presentations can be in either French or English.

Accommodation and travel expenses (within the EU) will be covered.

The selected papers will be published.

A third conference is scheduled in May 2021. It will explore the reception and the dissemination of the EJM outside the Luxembourg courtrooms.

Scientific Committee:

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- Elsa Bernard (Université de Lille)
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