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# Society of European Contract Law SECOLA



## ‘Contract and Power’

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**Conference Invitation**

**London  
14 and 15 June 2024**

**Sculpture : Patrick McDowell, Europe**

## Friday, 14 June 2024

- 9.30 Welcome**  
*Lucinda Miller* (University College London – Member of the Executive Board of SECOLA)  
*Pietro Sirena* (Università Bocconi, Milano – President of SECOLA)
- 9.45 Panel I: Scene Setting**
- Introductory remarks**  
*Lucinda Miller*
- From the Law of Contract to the Law of Power?**  
*Pascal Lokiec* (Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas)
- Discussion**
- 11.00 Coffee Break**
- 11.30 Panel II: Intimate Relationships and Contractual Power**  
Chair: *Catharine Macmillan* (Kings College London)
- Contract law, Intimate Relations, and the Struggle for Recognition**  
*Mirthe Jiwa* (Universiteit van Amsterdam)
- Duress Law and Power**  
*Orit Gan* (Sapir College)
- Undue Influence and Power Imbalances in Intimate Relationships**  
*Niamh Connolly* (University College London)
- Discussion**
- 13.00 Lunch Break**
- 14.15 Panel III: Technology and Contractual Power**  
Chair: *Başak Başoğlu* (Piri Reis University, Istanbul)
- Contract and Power in the Age of AI: Discrimination through the use of algorithms and fundamental rights impact assessments**  
*Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi* (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)
- AI and the Power to Conclude Contracts**  
*Mateja Durovic* (King's College London)
- Technological power, Planned Obsolescence and Contractual Remedies**  
*Francesco Mezzanotte* (Università Roma Tre)
- Discussion**
- 15.45 Coffee break**
- 16.15 Panel IV: Power at the Negotiation Stage**  
Chair: *Hugh Collins* (LSE - Honorary President of SECOLA)
- No-Contract Law and Power**  
*Tom Hick* (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
- Power in Labour Contract Negotiations: The restriction of freedom of negotiation to close the gender pay gap**  
*Stefanie Jung* (Technische Universität München)
- Discussion**
- 19.00 Conference dinner**

## Saturday, 15 June 2024

- 9.00 General assembly**
- 9.30 Panel V: Intersectionality, Marginalisation, and (In)justice**  
Chair: *Pietro Sirena*
- European Contract Law and Intersectionality: Three strategies**  
*Martijn Hesselink* (European University Institute)  
*Lyn Tjon Soei Len* (Ohio State University, Columbus)
- The Stakes of Contract Law: Identities and distribution in consumer contracts and gender-related transactions**  
*Maria Rosaria Marella* (Università Roma Tre)  
*Giovanni Marini* (Università di Perugia)
- Discussion**
- 11.00 Coffee Break**
- Panel VI: Power Dynamics in Unexpected Sites**  
Chair: *Stefan Grundmann* (Humboldt Universität, Berlin – Honorary President of SECOLA)
- Contracting with Nature: Can right-holding counter human power in contract law?**  
*Felix Aiwanger* (Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht, Hamburg)
- The Power of the Contract Outside the Contract: Third party litigation funding and green contract law**  
*Susanne Augenhöfer* (Universität Innsbruck)
- 12.30 Discussion and conclusions**
- 13.00 End of conference**