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**CENTRE OF  
ECONOMIC LAW**



**Created in 1983** by Dean Jacques Mestre, the Centre of Economic Law (EA n°4224) leads and coordinates research into Economic Law at the University of Aix-Marseille. It aims at contributing to the analysis and understanding of the legal challenges related to doing business today, in close cooperation with legal experts and economic and social actors.

Consisting of forty full-time Professor-Researchers and more than a hundred PhD. students (a quarter of whom benefit from dedicated funding), the Centre of Economic Law covers every field in business law: traditional fields such as civil law and business contract law, company

law, insolvency, intellectual property, competition, commercial litigation, international and comparative law but also more specific economic sectors such as the digital economy, advanced technologies, aerospace and maritime transportation, sport, banking, trading, sustainable development ...).

This research laboratory is part of the PhD. School of Law and Political sciences (ED n°67) and is a member of the research federation "Law, Authorities and Societies" (FR n° 3076). The Centre of Economic Law is also enriched by its International academic relations, forged with foreign universities not only in Europe but also in China, in Africa, and in the United States,

## Our fields of research

Combining theoretical and applied knowledge, the Centre of Economic Law consists of:

### • 7 TEAMS WITH CROSS-DISCIPLINARY SKILLS :

- Civil law, Business contracts
- Corporate law
- Insolvency
- Markets, Competition law
- Intellectual property, New technologies, Digital economy
- Commercial litigation
- International and comparative business law

### • 4 TEAMS WITH SECTOR-SPECIFIC SKILLS :

- Maritime, aviation and transport law
- Banking, trading, asset management
- Sport law
- Environment, sustainable development



## EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH

The Centre of Economic Law also grants a vital role to research-based pedagogy. This requires direct involvement of the members of our lab in the teaching of our thirteen Master 2 Business Law degrees within the Faculty of Law and Political Science.

- Master 2 Economic Law
- Master 2 Intellectual properties and new technologies
- Master 2 Company Law
- Master 2 International Business Law
- Master 2 Wine Sector and Quality Products
- Master 2 Environment, Safety and Quality within the enterprise
- Master 2 Banking proceedings and markets
- Master 2 Sport Law
- Master 2 Law and Management in Maritime Activities
- Master 2 Law and Management in Air Transport
- Master 2 Law and Management in Land Transport
- Master 2 Competition and Distribution law
- Master 2 Insolvency Law

Education through research is also promoted through the supporting and coaching of **more than a hundred** PhD. students, including the organization of monthly seminars, research roundtables, economic law workshops, and the hosting of national and international conferences.

The results of our efforts are that we have around 15 doctoral students submit their theses per year (including 7 winners of the national competitive exam for access to the grade of Professor and 14 winners of the national competitive exam for access to the grade of Assistant Professor for the period 2011-2016).



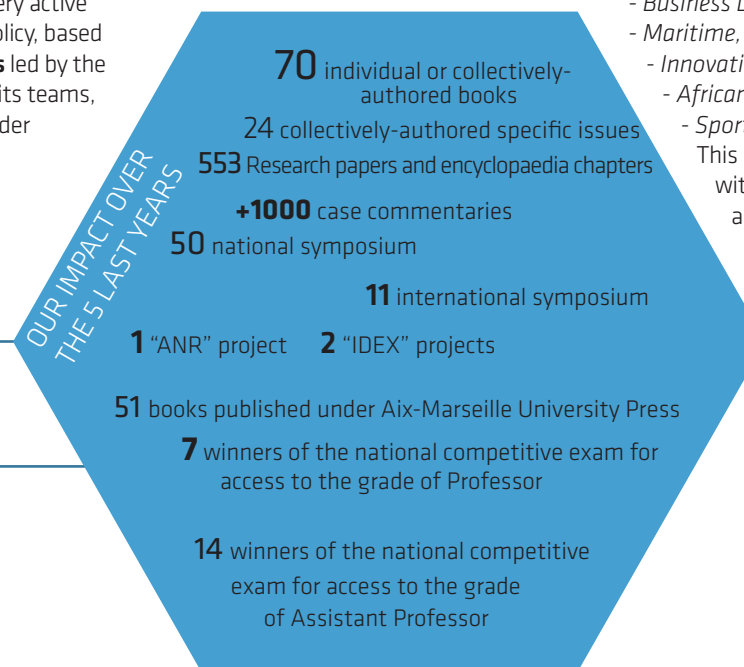
## PUBLISHING

The lab's activities are also directed toward the support of research, including a very active publishing policy, based on **five series** led by the members of its teams, published under

- Aix-Marseille University Press:
- *Business Law Series*
  - *Maritime, Aviation and Transport Law Series*
  - *Innovation and Patent Series*
  - *African Legal Matters Series*
  - *Sport Law Series*

This publishing activity allows us to disseminate the works done within the Centre (theses, acts of symposiums, collective works) as well as to welcome new publications from other French or foreign universities.

The Centre of Economic Law also hosts two **specialized reviews**, one concerning Sport Law (*Sport Law review*) and the other one in maritime aviation and transport law (*Scapel Review*).



## Our activities

**ACADEMIC RESEARCH** The main activity of the Laboratory is academic research, including a significant number of individual and collective publications: 70 individual or collectively-authored books, 24 collectively-authored special issues, 553 Research papers and encyclopaedia chapters and more than a 1000 case commentaries are noteworthy examples from over the last five years. Among these publications there are numerous periodical reviews in national journals as well as fundamental academic books in civil, commercial, financial, competition, maritime and sport law. The Centre of Economic Law encourages the writing of trans-disciplinary collective books, which brings together all the strengths of the Centre.

Scientific activities are visible through regular symposiums - with an average of ten a year - and numerous workshops, conferences and briefings in cooperation with the Institute of Business Law. Moreover, the Centre of Economic Law participates in research projects with dedicated funding (ANR projects, IDEX projects...)



## INTERACTION WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WORLDS

Every Centre activity is led by a strong partnership with social and economic partners, who are permanently involved in our whole thinking process. This exchanged is evidenced through the hosting of numerous visiting professors and lecturers, the deep involvement of professionals in our symposiums, the driving of four partnership Chairs within the University's foundation, the monitoring of numerous professional theses and the involvement in applied research projects, in partnership with companies.