Law as a vehicle for Social Change: Mainstreaming Non-Extractive Economic Practices (N-EXTs)

NEWSLETTER: Project Updates





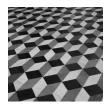
Updates from The N-EXTLAW Project:



PAR: NL Study & Upcoming Italy Study



New Team Member: Welcome Mario!



Working Paper Series, Publications & News Pieces



Previous Events Summary

We're delighted to share our first newsletter and update you on the previous activities of the Project and our plans for the upcoming year. With many exciting developments, including the addition of our new team member Mario and the commencement our PAR Study in Italy, we have much to share and are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Team N-EXTLAW (Marija, Nena, Vladimir, Mario & Angus)

PAR Updates: Netherlands Study & Upcoming Italy Study



The N-EXTLAW Project adopts Participatory Action Research as our main methodological approach. As part of this, we work with economic actors practicing N-EXTs to collectively generate knowledge on the various ways law affects the pursuit of their mission. We then use this knowledge to collaboratively generate policy proposals addressing the core legal obstacles our participatory community wants to address. Read more about PAR and our approach on our website.

NETHERLANDS: In early 2022, we began our first (and largest) PAR Study in the Netherlands. Our first workshop on the 'Common Legal and Economic Problems Facing our Community' took place in January, followed by a workshop on 'Setting Up N-EXTs: Legal Forms' in March, 'Non-Extractive Contracting and Experimental Regulation' in June, and a 'Finance Roundtable' in July. At each of these sessions, we met with representatives from our community of non-extractive organisations across the finance, housing, care, energy and food sectors to discuss certain issues and various proposals/action points they could be addressed with.

To read a summary of each of these sessions, please read our blog post: 'PAR Study in the Netherlands'.

Following the insightful discussions from these workshops, we are currently working on policy briefs/open-access publications on experimental regulation for social innovations, a non-extractive corporate form, sustainable contracting and sustainable finance. We want to thank our community for all their time, input and energy. We will continue to you updated and look forward to meeting up with you again soon!

ITALY: We are also very excited to announce that we will be commencing our next PAR Study in Italy this academic year. We are researching N-EXTs across the Netherlands, Italy, Croatia and Norway to compare the ways non-extractive principles can be supported by different legal systems and look forward to building upon our research in Italy over the next year. Make sure to get in touch if you would like to be involved in our community!

Welcome Mario!



We are delighted to share that Mario Pagano has recently joined the N-EXTLAW Team as a post-doctoral researcher.

Within N-EXTLAW, Mario works on the identification of the Italian community of non-extractive enterprises. He also studies the Italian public and private legal infrastructure that enables or obstructs the non-extractive economy and develops the public law dimension of the project, including aspects of public procurement, tax, and administrative law. Prior to joining the UvA, Mario did his PhD at the Law department of the European University Institute (EUI) of Florence. His PhD dissertation focused on the legal mobilisation strategies deployed by environmental NGOs to overcome the Plaumann test in EU environmental and climate litigation before the European Court of Justice. At the EUI, Mario founded and coordinated the 'Engaged Academics' Working Group, aiming to bridge the young scholars of the Institute with the local civil society of Florence and its surroundings.

Working Paper Series, Publications & Blogs

Our team has been working on a number of publications, blogs and working papers (as part of the newly launched N-EXTLAW Working Paper Series). Below are a list of the pieces you can read currently and a sneak preview of what will be coming soon.

Publications:

From an Extractive to a Non-Extractive Economy: Disentangling the Building Blocks of Non-Extractive Economic Practices' - Kinanya Pijl

Working Papers:

- Taking the Green Transition Seriously: A Proposal for a 'Transition Reserve' Enabling Transition of Large Emitters in the Netherlands (1/2022) - Prof. dr. Marija Bartl and mr. drs. Nena van der Horst
- Experimental Regulation for Social Innovations (2/2022) Marlie Janssens

Blogs:

- 'Levelling the Playing Field: Making the BVm Viable' Zafar Shaikhli
- Reimagining Extractive Capitalism: Learning from Italy's Banca di Credito Cooperativo' -Laetitia Bornscheuer and Kinanya Pijl

Upcoming:

- → Publication: 'Towards the Collective Imaginary of Corporation in the EU' Marija Bartl
- Working Paper: 'New imaginaries of organising work and governing work relations: lessons from worker cooperatives for a progressive labour law research agenda' - Vladimir Bogoeski
- Publication: 'Distribution of Profit in Purpose-Driven Organisation' Nena van der Horst
- Blog: 'Transformative Alignments between Participatory Action Research (PAR) and Private Law' - Amy Lazell
- Working Paper: 'Non-Extractive Contracting in (and beyond) Global Value Chains' Jie Ouyang
- Working Paper: Studying the role of Private Law in socio ecological transformation through Participatory Action Research (PAR): Towards a Non Extractive Methodological Framework' - Vladimir Bogoeski & Amy Lazell

Previous Events Summary

Over the past year, we've hosted a range of interesting workshops, panels and roundtables. Below is a short overview.

Roundtable on Law & Diverse Economies at the LSA Global Meeting 2022 (16th July 2022). Read about the participants and the abstract from the session here



Workshop at Voedsel Anders Conference (11th June 2022) Workshop on 'Translating visions for sustainable food production into Legal Action'. Read about Voedsel Anders, the Conference and our workshop here.

#DemocratizingWork Webinar Series (April—May 2022)
2 part webinar series on 'The Future of Work in the Netherlands—green, just and democratic, or just the opposite?' Read about the series and watch both the webinars heres/here

26th lus Commune Conference Workshop on the 'Legal Realities of Extraction' (25th Nov 2021) 3 part workshop on the role of law in constructing extractive practices. Read about it here.

'Post-Extractivist Economics' Seminar by Donnie Maclurcan-Post Growth Institute (26 Oct 2021) Seminar on 'Getting to know the more beautiful world our hearts know and desire' Read more about the seminar here.

