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LAW AND ECONOMICS OF CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

**13–14 MARCH 2026,
FROHBURGSTRASSE 3,
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Law and Economics of Crime and Punishment

The modern economic analysis of crime began with Gary Becker's seminal essay "Crime and Punishment: An Economic Approach" (1968). Becker framed criminal behaviour as a rational choice made by individuals weighing the expected benefits of committing a crime against the expected costs, depending on the probability of being convicted and the severity of punishment. In addition, the economic analysis offers a framework to determine the efficient level of deterrence based on the minimum of the total social costs of crime.

More recently, Becker's model was challenged by the insights from behavioural economics. Empirical findings revealed that individuals often deviate from rationality or have limited self-control. The behavioural turn in Law & Economics led to new policy approaches emphasizing nudges and preventive measures beyond punitive deterrence. Moreover, the economic analysis can be applied not only to offenders, but also to prosecutors, judges, and the police – making criminal law and enforcement in general subject to the economic analysis of law.

This conference aims to analyse the foundational principles of crime and punishment from a law and economics perspective. The contributions address the incentives and effects of substantive criminal law as well as procedural law and enforcement. Punitive norms in other areas of law, such as administrative law, competition law, or tax law, will also be discussed. In addition to theoretical contributions on the economic analysis of crime, a special interest lies on empirical findings in criminology.

Programme

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2026

09.00 – 09.15 Registration

09.15 – 09.30 Prof. Dr. Klaus Mathis, University of Lucerne
Welcome and Opening Address

PANEL 1 CHAIR: ASSOC. PROF. DR. ANN-SOPHIE VANDENBERGHE ROOM 4.A05

09.30 – 10.30 Univ.-Prof. DDr. Peter Lewisch, University of Vienna
Punishing an Offender Makes you (Un-)happy: Intrinsic Utility or Disutility of Punishment?

10.30–11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00–12.00 Prof. Dr. Franceso Parisi, University of Minnesota & University of Bologna
Juries on Trial

12.00 – 13.00 Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Avshalom Tor, University of Notre Dame Law School
Why Punishment Inevitably Fails to Fit the Crime: Recognizing the Coherent Arbitrariness of Criminal Sanctions

13.00–14.00 **Lunch**

PANEL 2A**CHAIR: DR. EMANUELE PEZATI FRANCO DE MORAES****ROOM 4.A05**

14.00 – 14.25 Prof. Dr. Michael Faure, University of Maastricht & Erasmus University
Rotterdam & University of Indonesia
Dr. Guotong Shen, Guangxi University
*The Effectiveness of Environmental Criminal Law:
What Does the Evidence Tell Us?*

14.25 – 14.50 Dr. Ido Baum, Haim Striks Faculty of Law, Colman
Dr. Jarosław Beldowski, Warsaw School of Economics
*The Crime of Insider Trading and the Limits of Punishment: Evidence from the
Warsaw Stock Exchange*

14.50 – 15.15 Dr. Riccardo Milani, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland
Prof. Dr. Maurizio Lisciandra, LUMSA University, Rome-Palermo
*From Crime to Market? Destination Outcomes and Operational Survival of
Confiscated Firms*

15.15 – 15.40 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dusica Stevcevska-Srbinska, Rennes School of Business &
University American College Skopje
*Cracking Modern Fraud: Forensic Accounting at a Crossroads of Competence
and Change*

15.40 – 16.10 **Coffee Break**

PANEL 3A**CHAIR: DR. JAROSŁAW BELDOWSKI****ROOM 4.A05**

16.10 – 16.35 Prof. Dr. Michele Alessandra Hastreiter, Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná
Ph.D. Candidate Domingos José Peretto Jr., Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná
*The (In)Efficiency of MLAT: Obtaining Big Techs' Telematic Data for Criminal
Investigations in Brazil*

16.35 – 17.00 Prof. Salil Mehra, Temple University, Philadelphia
How to Punish the Crime-Adjacent Firm

17.00 – 17.25 Prof. Dr. Andrea Minto, University of Venice & University of Stavanger
*Bank Deposits, Cash, Crypto and CBDC: Towards a Consistent AML
Regulatory Approach*

17.25 – 17.50 Dr. Emanuele Pezati Franco de Moraes, University of São Paulo
Economic Analysis of Crime in Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) Environments

18.30

Dinner (speakers)

Dinner Lecture by Prof. Dr. Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame
Cruel and Unusual Punishment in the Medieval Islamic World

PANEL 2B **CHAIR: DR. FABIAN BRAND** **ROOM 4.B55**

14.00 – 14.25 Prof. Dr. Gideon Parchomovsky, University of Pennsylvania & The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rehabilitation Without Prison: Introducing Refundable Fines

14.25 – 14.50 Prof. Dr. Svenja Hippel, Bonn University
Dr. Sven Hoeppe, Charles University & Free University Berlin
Day Fines vs Fairness Norms: A Vignette Experiment

14.50 – 15.15 Prof. Dr. Mitja Kovac, University of Ljubljana
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ann-Sophie Vandenberghe, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Reconsidering the Role of Day Fines: A Comparative Law and Economics Approach

15.15 – 15.40 Prof. Dr. Rolf H. Weber, University of Zurich
Corporate Fines as Sanctions in Financial Market – Quo Vadis?

15.40 – 16.10 **Coffee Break**

PANEL 3B **CHAIR: PROF. DR. IGOR SRBINOSKI** **ROOM 4.B55**

16.10 – 16.35 Dr. Fabian Brand, University of Lucerne
Taking Behavioral Skepticism Seriously: Law and Economics' Deterrence Theory in a Moral World

16.35 – 17.00 Dr. Maria Beatriz Brito, Adjunct Professor, NOVA School of Law, Lisbon
Prof. Dr. Fabrizio Esposito, NOVA School of Law, Lisbon
A Matter of Scope: The Missing Variable in Deterrence Theory to Fit With the Law

17.00 – 17.25 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ákos Szalai, Pázmány Peter Catholic University, Budapest
Nullum Crimen Sine Lege, A Neoclassical-Behavioral Analysis and the Hayekian Critique

17.25 – 17.50 Ph.D. Candidate André H. Paris, Vitória Law School, Santa Lucia (Brasil)
Cognitive Rationalizations and White-Collar Crime – Behavioral-Economics and the Limits of Deterrence

18.30 **Dinner (speakers)**
Dinner Lecture by Prof. Dr. Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame
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PANEL 2C	CHAIR: PROF. SALIL MEHRA	ROOM 4.B51
14.00 – 14.25	Prof. Dr. Doron Teichman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Dr. Adi Leibovitch, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem <i>The Expressive Power of Law: An Experimental Study of Moderating Factors</i>	
14.25 – 14.50	Prof. Dr. Igor Srbinoski, Rennes School of Business & University American College Skopje <i>Immunity or Impunity? The Double Standards of Prosecuting Diplomatic Crimes</i>	
14.50 – 15.15	Prof. Dr. Michele Alessandra Hastreiter, Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná Ph.D. Candidate Domingos José Perfetto Jr., Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná <i>The Erosion of International Cooperation: The application of the Magnitsky act to a Brazilian Supreme Court Justice</i>	
15.15– 15.40	Prof. Dr. Rute Saraiva, University of Lisbon <i>Female Genital Mutilation in Guinea-Bissau and the Changes in Criminal Law: Between Norm Shifting and Polarisation</i>	
15.40 – 16.10	Coffee Break	
PANEL 3C	CHAIR: DR. SVEN HOEPFNER	ROOM 4.B51
16.10 – 16.35	Ph.D. Candidate Dawn Zaiter, University of Aberdeen <i>Greenwashing and the Economic Analysis of Crime and Punishment</i>	
16.35 – 17.00	Prof. Dr. Nathalia França, Mackenzie Presbyterian University, São Paulo <i>The War on Drugs in Brazil, Selective Enforcement, Systemic Bias, and the Economics of Punishment</i>	
17.00 – 17.25	Prof. Dr. Katja Šugman Stubbs, University of Ljubljana Ph.D. Candidate Lana Gotvan, University of Ljubljana <i>Motivated Cognition on the Criminal Bench: Insights from Slovenian Constitutional Adjudication</i>	
17.25 – 17.50	Ph.D. Candidate Jon Gashi, University of Bern <i>Withholding Income Tax as a Nudge for Compliance</i>	
18.30	Dinner (speakers) Dinner Lecture by Prof. Dr. Deborah Tor, University of Notre Dame <i>Cruel and Unusual Punishment in the Medieval Islamic World</i>	

SATURDAY, 14 MARCH 2026

PANEL 4 CHAIR: ASSOC. PROF. DR. DUSICA STEVCEVSKA-SRBINOSKA ROOM 4.A05

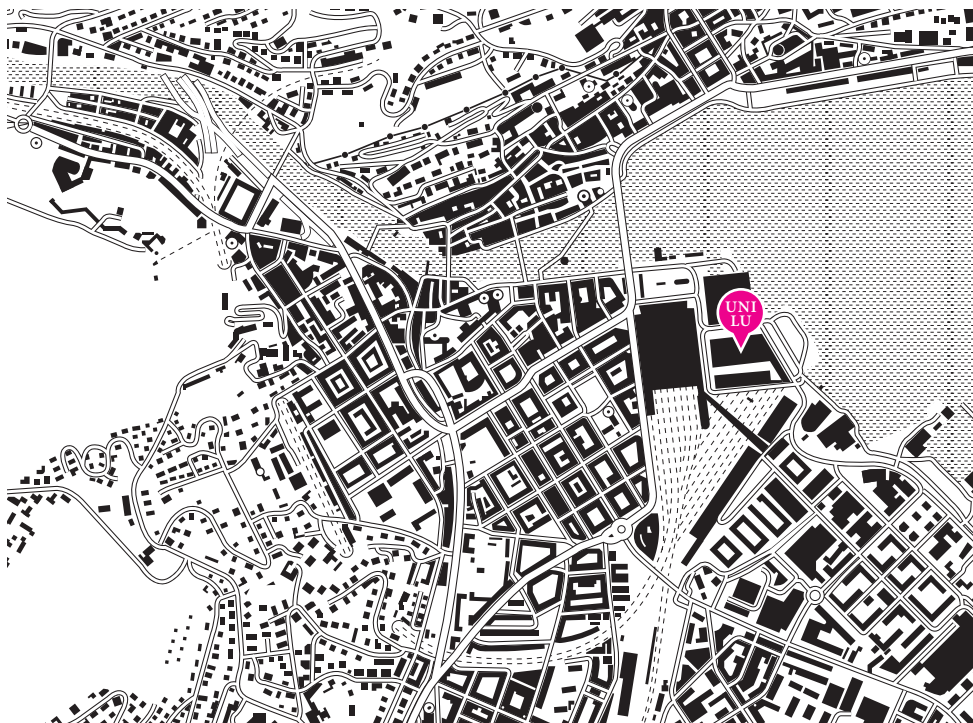
09.00 – 10.00 Prof. em. Dr. Dr. h.c. Martin Killias, University of Zurich & University of St. Gallen
Severity of Punishment – A Neglected Variable

10.00 – 10.30 **Coffee Break**

10.30 – 11.30 Prof. Dr. Nora Markwalder, University of St. Gallen
*The Effects of Hearings on Prosecutorial Decision-Making: A Randomized
Controlled Trial*

11.30 – 11.40 Prof. Dr. Klaus Mathis, University of Lucerne
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Avishalom Tor, Notre Dame Law School
Concluding Remarks

11.45 **Lake Cruise with Lunch (speakers)**



REGISTRATION

Participation is free
(coffee breaks included).
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