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Law and Socio-economic relations of the Sharing Economy

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Message from the Guest Editors

Rapid developments in the sharing economy pose significant challenges to the fundamental legal categories which structure our economic activities. Yet to date, the gaps in regulation exposed by the declining usefulness of these categories have not been adequately addressed.

The focus of this Special Issue is to explore the interactions between the sharing economy and the broad remits of private law. This also includes issues surrounding platforms constructing their own internal 'law' through the use of private law instruments, as well as the connection with debates around self-regulation versus external regulation.

The scope of this Special Issue will encompass both general and specialised domains of private law from common and civil law traditions. Interdisciplinary approaches that are directly concerned with these issues are also welcome.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to stimulate conversations around the topic of how private law interacts with the socio-economic dynamics of the sharing economy, in order to gain a deeper and more comprehensive understanding with a view to building a more diversified, fair, and resilient sharing economy.



