







#### Call for Papers

# Final Conference on Small Claims Dispute Resolution for Consumers A European Approach 10/09/2020\*

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University deli Studi di Napoli Federico II and Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) are pleased to announce the opening of a call for papers to be presented at the final conference of the Small Claims Analysis Net (SCAN) project on the European Small Claims Procedure that will take place on 10 September, 2020 at *Académie royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique* in Brussels, Belgium.

Time: 09:00 to 17:00

**Venue: Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels** 

#### The SCAN final conference:

The two main pillars of the SCAN final conference will be first; to present the acquired research results of the SCAN project to the public, and second; to bring together international academics, practitioners, doctoral students and citizens through organizing a supranational forum aiming at discussing the latest legal developments on the existing legal remedies for the small claims models of dispute resolutions for consuemrs within the European Union. Thus, research papers that in come sense contribute to the broad body of knowledge in legal analysis of the European models of small claims dispte resolution and online dispute resolution (ODR) will be considered for this conference. Special consideration will be made for the topics discussing the European Small Claims Procedure Regulation 861/2007 (as amended by Reg. 2015/2421), however, we also encourage authors, in particular the early-career researchers to present their academic contributions to the Conference and receive fruitful feedback from the academic panels upon their presentations at the event.

The main Conference themes covers the following areas including but not exclusive to:

- small claims remedies for consumers;
- online dispute resolution for small claims;
- cross-border justice for consumers;
- transnational small claims judgment and enforcement challenges;
- consumer privacy and data protection in using technology for resolving small claims;
- the connection among the Brussels Ia Regulation and the Regulations on the European Enforcement Order, the European Small Claims Procedure, the European Payment Order and the European Account Preservation Order and their implementation in national procedural law;
- best national and supranational practices of national small claims proceedings;
- etc.

The submission must respect the following envisaged timeline:

**20 May 2020** - deadline for extended abstracts – c.a. 500 words – (1<sup>st</sup> stage)

7 June 2020 - invitation to submit full contributions
 31 August 2020 - deadline for final submissions (2<sup>nd</sup> stage)

**15 September 2020** - notification of acceptance after double blind peer-review process

**10 September 2020** - Paper presentations at the Conference

**30 October 2020** - deadline for submission of a camera-ready version

15 December 2020 - papers get published in an edited book in the following series: Economic and Financial

Law & Policy or the following journal: Global Journal of Comparative Law

#### **Background to the SCAN project:**

The SCAN project was originally designed to analyse the effectiveness of the European Small Claims Procedure Regulation 861/2007 (as amended by Reg. 2015/2421) through providing a platform for this legislative instrument to highlight the added value of the ESCP.

For more information on the SCAN Project visit: <a href="http://www.scanproject.eu/home/">http://www.scanproject.eu/home/</a>

#### **Information for the authors**

- Submissions are made in a two-stage procedure:
  - in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage, abstracts (ca. 500 words) will be evaluated by the Editors to assess their quality and suitability to the overall project;
  - in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, full submissions will undergo a double, blind peer-review process by appointed, external and anonymous reviewers.
- Full contributions should normally be between 6,000 10,000 words; contributions of both shorter and higher word length may also be submitted, subject to negotiation with the editors.
- Upon the acceptance and presentation of the paper to the Conference, the participants will receive the certificate of presentation by the Conference Chair.
- Best paper award for young scholar submission (Master student and PhD candidate)
- Submissions should be made anonymously in English and sent via EasyChair. (Click here)
- The Authors will not be remunerated for their contributions.
- For any specific academic inquiries, you may contact the Conference Chair Dr. Marco Giacalone at: Marco.Giacalone@vub.be
- For any other inquiries you can contact the Conference Liaison Ms. Sajedeh Salehi at: Seyedeh.Sajedeh.Salehi@vub.be.

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