

## Review Day

On 31 May 2018 the annual Review Day was held by the Erasmus Graduate School of Law (EGSL).

EGSL director professor Klaus Heine opened the meeting by mentioning that in this Review Day we are celebrating the achievements of the new badge of EGSL PhD-researchers. Referring to EGSL's aim to a mark of excellence, he is proud to mention EGSL's achievements of last year: to facilitate internationalization (research visits abroad) various Erasmus plus funding schemes are now in the EGSL portfolio (including field research) and EGSL has applied successfully to the EU Commission for a strategic research exchange with Bar-Ilan University. PILAR organised the Young Legal Scholars Conference 2018, which is truly "the event of the year" with international exposure for ESL. Moreover, EGSL is working on a blended learning curriculum; as of fall there is a realistic chance to start with this. Finally, the new Research Information System (Hora Finita) will start as of 2019.



After that a keynote speech was given by Alessandra Arcuri (Associate Professor International and European Union Law). In her speech she indicated how to cope with the sense of inadequacy, meaning one should always be aware that there is a chance of failure. But always success precedes failure! In the end, doing a PhD is a real job and studying law is very important and is a privilege and responsibility, according to Alessandra Arcuri.

Following the lecture, thirteen PhD researchers gave pitches on their doctoral research projects. During three rounds presentations were given about several topics, e.g. International Commercial Contracts, EU Law in the field of Financial Services and Online Dispute Resolution. After each round a senior researcher from ESL acted as a moderator and led the discussions with members of the audience. The presentations by Maurits Helmich, Priskila Penashtika, Yayi Zhang and Jie Wang were discussed by Dr. Florin Coman Kund. The presentations in the second round, by Sophia Paulini, Yihua Chen, Francesco Pennesi, Melanie Theisinger and Hongwei Dang were discussed by Dr. Alina Ontanu.



After a short coffee and tea break, the presentations of the third round, by Emma van Gelder, Marlies Blesgraaf, Georgia Antonopoulou and Marilena Drymioti were discussed by Dr. Fiore Geelhoed.

The afternoon was concluded with drinks and informal talks between the PhD researchers, supervisors and other members of ESL.

Did you miss this year's Review Day and/or would you like to already note next year's Review Day in your schedules? **Review Day 2018-2019 will be scheduled for May 2019, the exact date will be communicated later.**



Upper row: Maurits Helmich, Jie Wang, Yihua Chen, Melanie Theisinger, Sophia Paulini, Francesco Pennesi  
Row Below: Priskila Penashtika, Yayi Zhang, Georgia Antonopoulou, Marlies Blesgraaf, Marilena Drymioti, Emma van Gelder, Hongwei Dang