1) Normative considerations
   • What is the relationship between bindingness and validity of norms in EU law?
   • What are the normative sources of bindingness of EU norms?
   • Determining bindingness of EU instruments in practice: normative and efficiency critique of the substantive test applied by the CJEU; comparative perspectives.
   • The concept of legal bindingness: Between shades of intensity and uniformity.

2) The approach of national and EU courts
   The CJEU's approach to specific types of soft law measures:
   • Does the CJEU differentiate between the effects of soft norms of general and individual scope? Is there a difference between Article 288 TFEU soft norms and other appropriate measures from the perspective of 'bindingness'?
   • What to make of 'hybrid' soft measures, such as directive-like recommendations?
   • How does the CJEU perceive the legal effects of non-standard bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements entered between two or more EU authorities or between EU authorities and third parties (e.g. inter-institutional agreements, Memoranda of Understanding)?

   National courts'/authorities' approach to EU soft law:
   • How do national authorities and courts understand EU soft law?
   • What relevance do they attach to it in the exercise of their powers?
   • Do national courts consider EU soft law to have relevance for their adjudicatory practice; if so, in what way?

3) Comparative approaches
   • Cross-cutting research, eg. ECN members’ approach to anti-trust soft law; the relevance of OMC in practice etc.

The organizers would invite paper proposals focusing on the following and other related topics:

Participants are invited to submit their papers no later than 30 April 2020. The organizers shall select the papers for the conference by 1 June 2020. First drafts should be submitted by 1 November 2020.

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Please send your proposal (max. 750 words) and a short CV by 30 April 2020 to:
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