

ETHOS Newsletter

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1. What is ETHOS?

ETHOS is a multi-disciplinary research project funded by the European Commission under the Horizon2020 programme. The ETHOS project seeks to provide building blocks for the development of an empirically informed European theory of justice and fairness. In the project, we strive to refine and deepen our understanding of justice, in order to answer questions about: What is 'justice'? How is justice understood and experienced? Who is entitled to justice? Who is responsible for securing justice?

The project will inform a wide range of stakeholders about different understandings and experiences of justice with a view to supporting attempts to reverse inequalities and to promote justice.

Six institutes work together on "themes" (or thematic focal points). ETHOS is coordinated by the Utrecht University (the Netherlands) and has partners in Austria (European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Graz), Hungary (Central European University, Budapest), Portugal (Centre for Social Studies, Coimbra), Turkey (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul) and the UK (University of Bristol).

ETHOS is a 3-year research project which started in January 2017 combining the disciplines of philosophy, social policy, sociology, law, economy, and political science.

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2. Workshop on ideal types of justice in Istanbul, Turkey

In September an ETHOS workshop was organized at Boğaziçi University to discuss how to integrate ETHOS theoretical and empirical findings. Of the many theories about justice that have been developed, the ETHOS consortium has chosen Nancy Fraser's tripartite conception of justice (redistribution-recognition-representation) as a starting point of theory building. Fraser's framework was chosen for its focus on the interrelatedness of various aspects of justice and the emphasis given to the importance of social, political and historical contexts.

During the workshop the role of 'ideal-types' (in the Weberian sense) in the ETHOS theory building process was debated. We discussed the usefulness of 'ideal types' as a lens for reflecting upon and interpreting the rather diverse empirical findings of ETHOS studies. Also, the various dimensions along which the integration of ETHOS findings may take place were discussed. We focused in particular on issues related to: identifying alternative notions of justice that extend beyond Fraser's taxonomy; (2) locating tensions between various claims to justice; (3) reviewing the mechanisms that impede justice; and (4) elaborating on the most important fault lines, or boundaries of justice, i.e. dimensions of inclusion and exclusion that delimit the scope of justice.



3. ETHOS research shared globally

Our ETHOS researchers are busy sharing research outputs at events and conferences all over Europe and beyond! Below are a few snippets of where ETHOS research was presented:

At the annual [AHRI Conference](#) held during September 2018 in Edinburgh on “Renewing Rights in Times of Transition”, Barbara Omen and Alexandra Timmer presented their paper on contested conceptions of justice in Europe (WP 3.2). Additionally Marie-Pierre Granger, Veronika Apostolovski, Pier Luc Dupont, Laura Henderson, Laura Brito and Orsolya Salát shared their research findings from WP 3.4 – 3.6 (on disability rights). Finally, Ulaş Karan presented research on ethnic and religious minorities in Turkey.



In June 2018, Tom Theuns organized two panels at the [ECPR special conference on the European Union](#) in Paris where several papers were presented by Barbara Oomen & Alexandra Timmer (Deliverable 3.2 on contested conceptions of justice), Orsolya Salát (on justice conceptions in Hungary), Miklos Zála (on reciprocity and justice in the EU) and Tom Theuns (on EU Free Trade Agreements and democratic justice).

Bridget Anderson and Pier-Luc Dupont (Bristol University) shared their ETHOS-related findings about migration, labour and race at several conferences and research meetings. Presentations include those held in Göttingen at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, the University of Helsinki, the University of Macedonia, Norrköping University and at the University of Quebec in Montréal, Canada to name a few.



4. Current project outputs

During the past six months ETHOS researchers have produced a number of reports based on theoretical and/or empirical investigations.

Read the summaries and download the full papers here <https://ethos-europe.eu/publications> and <https://www.ethos-europe.eu/working-papers-country-reports>

- [“Justice in European political discourse – comparative report of six country cases”](#) by Dorota Lepianka. The report draws on six national case studies conducted by ETHOS researchers.
- [“Justice in Europe institutionalized: legal complexity and the rights of vulnerable persons”](#) by Marie-Pierre Granger, Barbara Oomen, Orsolya Salat, Tom Theuns & Alexandra Timmer
- [“How does it feel to be a problem?”](#) What we can learn about Justice as Political Representation from empirical case studies” by Bridget Anderson and Pier-Luc Dupont
The report draws on the following case studies:
 - [“The tension between institutionalised political justice in Austria and Roma’s experienced \(mis\)recognition”](#) by Isabella Meier and Maddalena Vivona
 - [“The Roma experience of political \(in\)justice: The case of school \(de\)segregation in Hungary”](#) by Eva Zemandl
 - [“Country report on the current and historical minoritization of Roma minorities in the Netherlands”](#) by Jing Hiah and Trudie Knijn
 - [“Tensions between institutionalised political justice and experienced \(mis\)recognition: Portuguese case study on the experiences of Roma communities”](#) by Sara Araújo and Laura Brito
 - [“Roma and representative justice in Turkey”](#) by Basak Akkan
 - [“The limits and tensions of political representation and experienced recognition among Roma in the UK”](#) by Bridget Anderson, Dora-Olivia Vicol, Pier-Luc Dupont and Julia Morris
 - Additionally a [“Reference document on the histories of minoritisation in EU member states”](#) edited by Emma Newcombe and Liam Lemkin Anderson and written by Bridget Anderson, Sara Araújo, Laura Brito, Mehmet Ertan, Jing Hiah, Trudie Knijn, Isabella Meier and Maddalena Vivona
- [“Report on the workshop 'Ideal and Non-Ideal Theories of Justice': Towards a non-ideal theory of justice in Europe”](#) by Bert van den Brink, Simon Rippon, Tom Theuns & Miklos Zala
- [“Four of fewer freedoms: Contested conceptions of justice in Europe between 1941 and 1957”](#) by Barbara Oomen and Alexandra Timmer
- [“Report on the European heritage of philosophical theorizing about justice”](#) by Simon Rippon, Tom Theuns, Sem de Maagt, Miklos Zala, and Bert van den Brink

5. Spreading the word through social media and the web app

Our online justice crowd has been growing steadily! We have a thriving community on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), as well as a [Youtube channel](#) with a collection of videos by our researchers and more! We have also created an account on [Pinterest](#) and [LinkedIn](#), where you can follow us and stay up to date on the latest justice news and insights.

If you would like to get involved in our outreach activities, why not send us your suggestion for a justice hero? We have whole series of [infographics on important justice-related personalities](#) on our Facebook page and we are constantly looking for new heroINES – send us a name and we will turn them into an infographic for our social media outlets!



Landscapes of Justice web app

One of the main dissemination tools for the ETHOS project is the “Landscapes of Justice” web app. It is an interactive, online game allowing visitors to playfully visualise their own justice landscape, to compare their experiences and perceptions with those of others, and to learn more generally about justice and human rights! The app has been made available in a barrier-free version, as well as in seven languages (English, German, French, Spanish, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Portuguese and Italian). The Turkish version will be online soon, followed by a Dutch, Polish, Russian and Arabic! Perhaps you have already come across one of the many flyers, online advertisements, or presentations delivered by the ETC on the app!

You can play the app online at www.myjustice.eu

Sharing is caring – help us share the link on Facebook, Twitter and beyond!



5. Recent blogposts

The ETHOS project actively seeks to make “science” accessible and understandable for people outside of the academic field. One mechanism used to achieve this goal is the blog, which hosts easy-to-read information about the topics covered by the publications and helps show where justice is represented in daily life. You can access the entire blog with over 30 posts here: <https://ethosjustice.wordpress.com>. You can also easily sign up for information about new posts directly to your inbox!

Reports:

- [What can we learn from existing philosophy about theorising justice in Europe?](#) – by Simon Rippon, Tom Theuns, Sem de Maagt, Miklos Zala, and Bert van den Brink
- [Should a “European” theory of justice be empirically informed, and if so, how?](#) – by Bert van den Brink, Simon Rippon, Tom Theuns and Miklós Zala
- [Conceptualising justice in legal theory](#) – by Orsolya Salát
- [Contested conceptions of justice in Europe between 1941 and 1957](#) – by Barbara Oomen and Alexandra Timmer
- [Justice in Europe institutionalised: Legal complexity and the rights of vulnerable persons](#) – by Marie-Pierre Granger, Barbara Oomen, Orsolya Salát, Tom Theuns & Alexandra Timmer
- [Conceptualising justice in political theory](#) – by Ayşe Buğra Kavala
- [Justice and fairness in political discourse](#) – by Dorota Lepianka
- [Conceptualising justice in social theory](#) – by Bridget Anderson, Claudia Hartman and Trudie Knijn
- [Race, mobility and the failure of Westphalian representation](#) – by Bridget Anderson and Pier-Luc Dupont
 - Country-specific reports for [Austria](#), [Hungary](#), the [United Kingdom](#), [Turkey](#), [Portugal](#) and the Netherlands.
- [Economising on justice](#) – by José Caldas

Other posts:

- 17th October: [The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) – by Maria Paula Meneses, Mara Bicas, Laura Brito
- 12th August: [World Youth Day – Getting youth onboard](#) by Wanda Tiefenbacher
- 20th June: [World Refugee Day – Cities of refuge](#) by Barbara Oomen
- 21st May: [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#) - by Maria Paula Meneses, Sara Araújo and Laura Brito
- 13th June: [A shared European concern about justice and fairness](#) – by Wanda Tiefenbacher

6. Coming up

The next ETHOS Annual Conference and a philosophical workshop on “Justice and Beliefs about Justice in Europe” will take place in January 2019 in Budapest, Hungary, hosted by our colleagues at the Central European University.

The conference and the workshop will take place from January 16th to 19th and feature prominent keynote speakers, including:

- **Michael Ignatieff** (Central European University)
- **Alice Baderin** (University of Reading)
- **Philippe van Parijs** (University of Louvain, KU Leuven)
- **Miriam Ronzoni** (University of Manchester)
- **Andrea Sangiovanni** (European University Institute).



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