

The 7th YANIL Research Workshop on Restructuring and Insolvency Law

WORKSHOP BROCHURE PORTUGAL

13-14 OCTOBER 2026



Welcome to Portugal!

The board of the Younger Academics Network of Insolvency Law (YANIL) and the INSOL Europe Academic Forum (IEAF) are delighted to welcome you to the 7th Research Workshop on Restructuring and Insolvency Law, taking place on **13-14 October** in the Algarve, **Portugal!**

As a branch of the IEAF, YANIL brings together postgraduate and PhD students, along with early career academics and young professionals, with an interest in academic research. YANIL actively furthers academic debate, promotes research opportunities, and facilitates a lively network for younger researchers. Founded 17 years ago by Prof. Em. Bob Wessels and Dr. Myriam Mailly, YANIL has now over 200 members from across Europe and beyond.

As this year marks the seventh edition of the YANIL Workshop, the large number of excellent applications we received reflects the growing popularity of this forum. Following last year's workshop in Vienna, Austria, YANIL now heads south to Portugal for two days of discussion, exchange of ideas, and collaboration.

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The workshop will be held on: **13 October** from 14:00 to 18:00 at ISMAT - Instituto Superior Manuel Teixeira Gomes, R. Dr. Estevão de Vasconcelos 33a, 8500-590 Portimão, Portugal and on **14 October** from 8:30 to 13:00 at Tivoli Marina Hotel, Vilamoura, Faro, Portugal, 8125-901

13 October 2026

Location: ISMAT, R. Dr. Estevão de Vasconcelos 33a, 8500-590 Portimão, Portugal

14:00-14:15 **Welcome Address and Introductions | Prof. Alberto de Sá e Mello**
(ISMAT) & **Prof. Giulia Ballerini** (YANIL Chair)

14:15-16:15 **First Panel | Chair: Dr. Defne Tasman**

Speakers

- **Private Credit's State Backstop: How Private Equity Socializes Risk Through Insurers**
 - Pranjali Drall (Yale Law School)
- **Post-commencement Financing and Value Distribution in Liquidation Procedures of Enterprise Groups**
 - Stefano Covino (University of Pisa)
- **The New European Insolvency Directive of 2026 and Directors' Duties: Harmonising Existing Obligations or Addressing the Wrong Problem**
 - Thais Vitali Vieira (University of Barcelona)
- **From Facilitator to Gatekeeper: Reframing the Expert in the Italian Composizione Negoziata. A Comparative Perspective on Preventive Crisis Control**
 - Vincenzo Caterino (Universitas Mercatorum)

16:15-16:30 Break

16:30-18:00 **Second Panel | Chair: Dr. Fabian Kratzlmeier**

Speakers

- **Rethinking Insolvency Law for Entities with a Public Interest Component: Lessons from Special Insolvency and Resolution Regimes**
 - Noor Mendonck (Ghent University)
- **The Estate Still Owes the Atmosphere: Carbon Allowances, the Surrender Obligation, and the Blind Spots of EU Insolvency Law**
 - Lakshita Khurana (National Law University Delhi)
- **Good Faith and Fairness in Corporate Restructuring Law: A Comparative Analysis of Italian and English Law**
 - Eusebio Calcaro (University of Rome Tor Vergata)

From 18.00 **Trasfer from ISMAT to Villamoura and social dinner**

14 October 2026

Location: Tivoli Marina Hotel, Vilamoura, Faro, Portugal, 8125-901

8:30-9:00	Welcome coffee
9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks and Guest Senior Lecture (Morning Session) Prof. Eugenio Vaccari (Royal Holloway, University of London)
9:15-10:45	Third Panel Chair: Dr. Guillem Gabriel Pizarro <u>Speakers</u> • Beyond Sustainability: Environmental Obligations in Insolvency Proceedings ◦ Sara Scovotto (University of Salerno) • Reverse-engineering Universalism: Arbitrating Cross-border Insolvencies through the Convergence of National Insolvency Laws and the Tronc Commun Doctrine ◦ Oviya Nila Muralidharan (NYU School of Law) • Italy's Group Restructuring Plan as a Substantive Tool in a Europe of Mere Coordination Proceedings. A Step towards a Substantive EU Group Insolvency Law? ◦ Angela Aromolo De Rinaldis (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:00	Fourth Panel Chair: Prof. Jonatan Schytzer <u>Speakers</u> • Crisis and Insolvency of Third Sector Entities: Financial Management and Preventive Tools under Italian Law ◦ Giuseppina Pappalardo (Universitas Mercatorum) • Is the Czech Republic in Breach of EU Law? On the Possible Direct Effect of Article 21(1) of the Directive on Restructuring and Insolvency ◦ Radek Tesar (Masaryk University)
12:00-12:05	Closing remarks and introduction to the IEF Conference
12:05-13:00	Lunch (only for those who also attend the IEF Conference)

Presentations take 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute discussion.

Dress code: business attire.

The workshop is **free of charge**, and includes a dinner and a lunch. Transfers between Faro airport to Portimão, as well as from Vilamoura to Faro airport are at the participants' own expense. Participants may wish to coordinate to share a taxi/similar (Uber, Bolt) to reduce transportation costs by joining the [whatsapp group](#).

For any questions, please contact yanil@insol-europe.org.