Special Issue

Facilitating Sustainable Consumption through Private Law

Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we would like to focus on the discussion of rules, which would accommodate sustainable consumption, leading to a structural change of consumer lifestyles and allowing to fulfil global commitments. We refer here to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including specifically UN Sustainable Development Goal 12 (SDG-12), relating to sustainable production and consumption, as well as the European Commission's New Consumer Agenda prioritising the green transition. The contributions to this Special Issue may discuss various areas of private law that could either help empower consumers to reach for 'the green transition' or motivate producers and traders to use new materials, products or engage in new business practices. Any areas of private law that could help with the promotion of more sustainable consumption could be discussed in the contributions to this Special Issue. With this Special Issue we plan to further contribute to the growing body of academic work in this area, continuing the discussion on various regulatory and self-regulatory solutions. We especially welcome contributions with an interdisciplinary angle.

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