

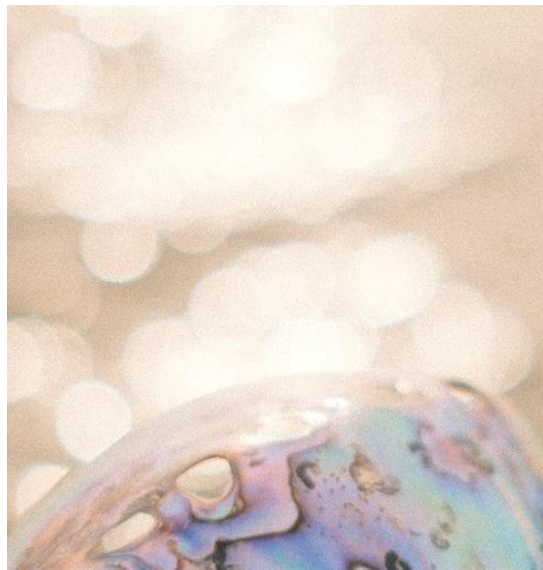


**Call for papers:**

***'Law & (De)Valuation Practices'***

10-11 October 2024

De Ceuvel, Amsterdam



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**Questions of value** are gaining renewed attention in various scholarly disciplines and policy debates. A certain sense of a crisis of value(s) is in the air. From central banks to grassroots collectives, the invocation of value is enabling new conversations over widespread inequalities, ecological crises, and the mechanisms at work in producing, entrenching, and challenging the status quo in various spheres of life. The role of law in these debates often features as a counterbalance to brut market forces by carrying the societal and moral values that are supposed to reign in 'too' excessive extractive practices and uphold a sense of social cohesion. At the same time, legal scholars have long argued that law is in fact a key enabler of such forces with its entrenched systems of property, contract, and international trade underpinning regimes of unequal exchange at local and global levels. Against this backdrop, the present conference asks: *How to understand the relationship between law and value? In what ways does law code, inscribe, or co-constitute prevalent modes of value underpinning (in)human relations? Can new modes of legal analysis contribute to rethinking value within or beyond the economic domain or does value need to be rescued from legal analysis?*



With this conference we want to sharpen the focus by foregrounding *(de)valuation practices* as modes, mechanisms, or technologies of indexing and accounting. The focus on practices rather than theories is an invitation to consider the material conditions and worlding effects of valuation processes. Valuation processes are techniques of remembering and futuring, of violent takings, risk allocations, and speculations over future potentials. We want to complexify understandings of value and go beyond the notions of exchange and transaction. Practices of (de)valuation feature in almost every mode of socio-economic ordering, ranging from reparation debates over unpayable debt, care work and gift economies, the financialisation of ecology and unequal ecological exchange, the governance of global (un-)commons, to token economics and the emergence of speculative communities. The list is endless and that is precisely the point.

We invite scholars to contribute to a better understanding of the relationship between law and practices of (de)valuation from a variety of perspectives including feminist scholarship, critical race theory, decoloniality, commoning, speculative legal thinking, capitalism studies, heterodox economics, political ecology, old and new materialisms as well as (post-)humanist approaches. What does legal scholarship have to offer to this emerging conversation? We invite you to join us in this (ad)venture.

The conference is convened by Dr. Andrea Leiter (Amsterdam Law School, Amsterdam Centre for International Law) and Dr. Rodrigo Vallejo (Copenhagen Law School, Centre for Private Governance) and it will be held on **10-11 October 2024** at De Ceuvel, Amsterdam. We invite abstracts of approximately 500 words that should be received no later than **9 June 2024**. We will ask accepted speakers to submit a draft text of approximately 5000 words by 27 September 2024, which will be considered for a Special Issue that has been agreed with the **Journal of Transnational Legal Theory**. Please send your abstracts to [acil-fdr@uva.nl](mailto:acil-fdr@uva.nl)

Dr. Andrea Leiter and Dr. Rodrigo Vallejo convene this conference as part of a collaborative research agenda and professional network based on their respective research projects ([\(Re-\)Coding \(VENI Grant, NWO\)](#) and [ReValue \(MSCA Grant, EU\)](#) for the experimental study and re-enactments of the complex relationship between modes of economic valuing and their material, legal, and philosophical infrastructures. We warmly invite you to join the event and become part of this network.