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MAIN DOMAINS OF RESEARCH

Economics of Law and Justice

Economics of Crime

Litigation, Product Liability, Tort Law

Regulation and Competition

EDUCATION

Habilitation to supervise PhD Thesis, obtained at University of Orléans (July 1993)

PhD in Economics, obtained at University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne (April 1992)

Master in Macroeconomics, obtained at University Paris 1 Sorbonne (September 1987)

CURRENT POSITIONS (since September 2010)

Professor of Economics / Law & Economics at University Paris Nanterre

Fellow of EconomiX, UMR 7235 National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and University Paris Nanterre

Visiting Professor, Georges Mason University School of Law, USA (October 2024)

CURRENT ACADEMIC RESPONSABILITIES AND INVOLVMENTS

Degrees and agreements

Director of the Master Programme *Law & Economics*, University Paris Nanterre.

Main Partner of the general agreement between the Universities Paris Nanterre and Piémont Orientale (since 2020).

Main Partner of the specific agreement between the Master Programme in « Law and Economics » of UPN and the Master Programme « Economics, Management, and Institutions » of UPO (since 2020).

Partner in the agreement with the Master Programme « Management » of the Hue College of Economics (Vietnam); Lead Partner: Professor Thi Kim Cuong PHAM, EconomiX and University Paris Nanterre (since 2023).

Research

Member of the Steering Committee of the International Doctoral Programme « Institutions, Economics, and Law », Collegio Carlo Alberto of the University of Torino (since 2018).

Main Investigator of the research project “Tort law, regulation, and robots”, funded by InSHS-CNRS (partnership UPN/University of Tel Aviv), 2020-2022.

Main Investigator of the research project “Ex ante regulation, ex post liability, for Artificial Intelligence”, funded by InSHS-CNRS (partnership UPN/University of Barcelona), 2023-2024.

Lead organizer of the European *Webinar TELE* – Theoretical European Law & Economics (since 2023) <https://economix.fr/fr/webinar-tele-theoretical-european-law-economics>

Lead organizer of the annual international workshop *IML&E* – International Meeting in Law & Economics (since 2014) <https://economix.fr/fr/colloques-et-workshops/12th-international-meeting-in-law-economics>

Associate Editor of *International Review of Law and Economics*

Associate Editor of *The Review of Finance and Banking*

Administration

Member of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Economics, UPN (since 2011).

Expert Economics-Management for HCERES (High Committee for the Assessment of Research and Higher Education)

Expert for ANR (French National Agency for Research)

SUPERVISION OF PHD AND HDR CANDIDATES (recent)

Maxime CHARREIRE, PhD thesis defended on November 30, 2021: « Responsabilité, concurrence imparfaite et partage des dommages » (funded thanks to a doctoral contract, Doctoral School EOS-UPN).

Luca Alberto ESPOSITO, PhD thesis defended on December 06, 2022: « Essays in Law and Economics: The role of tax accountants and the supplier induced demand » (funded by Carabinieri, Italy), European agreement of co-supervision with Alessandro Melcarne (Assistant Professor, EconomiX and University Paris Nanterre) and Giovanni Ramello (Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Torino).

Juan MORA-SANGUINETTI, HDR defended on February 2025: « The economic effects of institutions: the design of regulation and justice ».

Zoltan SZÜCS, PhD thesis started in February 2022 : « Le rôle de la police municipale dans la satisfaction des attentes de la population parisienne en termes de tranquillité publique » (funded thanks to a CIFRE agreement with Ville de Paris-Observatoire de la Police Municipale) ; co-supervision with Benjamin Monnery (Assistant Professor, EconomiX and University Paris Nanterre).

Sahil CHOPRA, PhD thesis started in September 2022: « Damages assessment in Class Actions litigations » (funded thanks to a doctoral contract, Doctoral School of the University Paris Nord); agreement of supervision with Béatrice Dumont (Professor at University Paris Nord and Research Director at Collège d'Europe, Bruges).

Nanxi LI, PhD thesis started in September 2023: « Combining tort law and product liability, in a world of Artificial Intelligence » (funded thanks to a doctoral contract, Doctoral School EOS-UPN); co-supervision with Andreea Cosnita (Assistant Professor HDR, EconomiX and University Paris Nanterre).

ACTIVITY OF REFEREE

Annals of Economics and Statistics, American Law and Economics Review, CESifo Economic Studies, Economie et Prévision, Economie et Statistiques, Economics of Governance, Environmental and Resource Economics, Geneva Risk and Insurance Review, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Mathematical Social Sciences, Public Choice, Revue d'Economie Politique, Review of Law and Economics, Revue Economique, Theory and Decision, Editions De Bœck Université

WORK EXPERIENCE AND PAST RESPONSABILITIES

Past positions

Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Orléans (Oct1992-Sept 2002)

Fellow of Institut Orléanais de Finance, UMR CNRS and University of Orléans (Oct 1992-Sept 2002)

Professor of Economics, University Nancy 2 (Oct 2002-Sept 2010)

Visiting Professor at Laboratoire d'Economie Forestière (UMR 356 INRA-AgroParisTech), Nancy (Sept 2008-Aug 2010)

Research

General Secretary of the *European Association of Law & Economics* (2015-2018)

Member of the Executive Board of the *Association Française d'Economie du Droit* (2016-2019)

Scientific Coordinator of the project « Research on judicial security in the European space », pluridisciplinary project labelled by the University *Paris Lumières*, consortium including the universities Paris 8-Vincennes-Saint Denis and Paris Nanterre (2014-2017)

Coordinator of the research programme « Law, Institutions, Regulation and Strategic Interactions » at EconomiX-Paris Nanterre (2013-2023)

Administration

Co-Director of the Master programme *Law and Economics* (two specialties: (Pro) Competition, Regulation, and Markets; (R) Economic Analysis of Law), co-accreditation UFR DSP/UFR SEGMI, University Paris Nanterre (2011-2024).

Member of the Board of the UFR « Sciences Economiques, Gestion, Mathématiques, Informatique », University Paris Nanterre (2014-2023)

Member of the Executive Board of EconomiX-Paris Nanterre (2013-2023)

Member of the Steering Committee of EconomiX-Paris Nanterre (2013-2023)

PUBLICATIONS

International journals:

Eric Langlais (1995), « A measure of the sensitivity of saving to interest rate uncertainty with non expected preferences », *Economics Letters*, No 3-4, June, pp 325-330.

Eric Langlais (2005), « Willingness to Pay for risk reduction and risk aversion without the expected utility assumption », *Theory and Decision*, vol. 59, August, pp 43-50.

Bruno Deffains and Eric Langlais (2006), « Incentives to cooperate and the discretionary power of courts in divorce law », *Review of Economics of the Household*, vol. 4, pp 423-439.

Eric Langlais (2007), « Heuristics and Biases in Bankruptcy Judges : comment », *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, vol. 163 (1), March, pp 199-202.

Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci, Eric Langlais, Bruno Lovat and Francesco Parisi (2007), « Crowding out in productive and redistributive rent seeking », *Public Choice*, vol. 133, No 1-2, October, pp 199-229.

Eric Langlais (2008), « Indemnisation des préjudices et fréquence des procès en présence d'une asymétrie d'information sur l'aversion au risque des parties », *Louvain Economic Review*, vol. 74, No 2, pp 191-218.

Eric Langlais (2008), « Detection avoidance and deterrence: some paradoxical results », *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, vol. 10, No 3, pp 371-382.

Eric Langlais (2008), « On insurance contract design for low probability events », *Journal of Applied Economic Sciences*, vol. 3, No 2, Summer, pp 113-120.

Eric Langlais (2009), « On the deterrence of a criminal team: how to rely on its members' shortcomings ? », *Journal of Applied Economic Sciences*, vol. 4, No 1, Spring, pp 97-114.

Bertrand Chopard, Thomas Cortade and Eric Langlais (2010), « Trial and settlement negotiations between asymmetrically skilled parties », *International Review of Law & Economics*, vol. 30, No 1, March, pp 18-27.

Eric Langlais (2010), « An analysis of bounded rationality in judicial litigations: the case with loss/disappointment averse plaintiffs », *Journal of Advanced Research in Law & Economics*, vol. 1, No 1, Summer 2010, pp 42-50.

Eric Langlais (2010), « On unilateral divorce law and the “selection of marriages” hypothesis », *Louvain Economic Review*, vol. 76 (3), Autumn, pp 229-256.

Bruno Deffains and Eric Langlais (2011), « Informational externalities and the incentives to settle in Mass Tort litigations », *European Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 32, No 2, October, pp 241-262.

Laetitia Hauret, Eric Langlais and Carine Sonntag (2011), « On the deterrent effect of individual versus collective liability in criminal organizations », *Journal of Advanced Research in Law & Economics*, vol. 2, No 2(4), Winter 2011.

Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci and Eric Langlais (2012), « Social wealth and optimal care », *International Review of Law & Economics*, Vol. 32, Issue 2, June 2012, pp 271–284.

Régis Blazy, Bertrand Chopard, Eric Langlais et Ydriss Ziane (2013), « Personal bankruptcy, fresh starts and judicial practice », *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, Vol. 169(4), December 2013, pp 680-702.

Tim Friehe and Eric Langlais (2015), On the political economy of public safety investments, *International Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 41, pp 7-16.

Alain Chateauneuf, Ghizlane Lakhnati, and Eric Langlais (2016), « On the precautionary motive for savings and prudence in the rank dependent utility framework », *Economic Theory*, 61, January, pp 169-182.

Eric Langlais and Marie Obidzinski (2017), Law enforcement with a democratic government, *American Law and Economics Review*, 19, Spring, pp 162-201.

Tim Friehe and Eric Langlais (2017), Prevention and Cleanup of Dynamic Harm Under Environmental Liability, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 83, May, pp 107-120.

Friehe Tim, Langlais Eric, and Schulte Elisabeth (2018), « On consumer preferences for (partial) products liability », *Economics Letters*, 173, pp 128-130.

Charreire Maxime and Langlais Eric (2021), Should Environment be a concern for competition policy when firms face environment liability ?, *International Review of Law and Economics*, 67, pp.1-16.

Friehe Tim, Langlais Eric, and Schulte Elisabeth, (2022), « Firm liability when third-parties and consumers incur cumulative harm », *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 81, pp.53-71.

Friehe Tim, Langlais Eric, and Schulte Elisabeth, (2022), «A Note on the Optimality of Domain-Specific Liability», *Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 18.

Andreea Cosnita and Eric Langlais (2024), «Cournot competition on the Hotelling's line yields at most three varieties», *Review of Industrial Organization*, vol. 65.

Andreea Cosnita and Eric Langlais (2024), «Environmental liability and product differentiation: strict liability vs negligence revisited», *International Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 79.

National Journals:

Eric Langlais (1993), «L'analyse géométrique de l'épargne de précaution: des résultats complémentaires », *Revue Economique*, vol. 44, No 1, janvier, pp 95-116.

Eric Langlais (1994), « Les déterminants de la prime de risque sur les marchés financiers: aversion pour le risque *versus* prudence », *Finance – Revue de l'AFFI*, vol. 15, juin, pp 35-53.

Eric Langlais (1995), « Aversion au risque et prudence: le cas d'un risque de taux d'intérêt », *Revue Economique*, vol. 46, No 4, juillet, pp 1099-1119.

Alexandra Dupuis and Eric Langlais (1997), « The basic analytics of insurance demand and the Rank-Dependent Expected Utility model », *Finance – Revue de l'AFFI*, vol. 48, juin, pp 47-76.

Eric Langlais (1999), « Les effets d'antisélection lorsque le Principal et les Agents ont des croyances différentes: une illustration dans le cas du marché du crédit », *La Revue d'Economie Politique*, vol. 109, No 4, juillet-août, pp 513-533.

Thibault Gajdos and Eric Langlais (2002), « Perception des probabilités et décision », *RISQUES - Les cahiers de l'assurance*, No 49, janvier-mars, pp 86-92.

Eric Langlais (2009), « On the ambiguous effects of repression », *Annales d'Economie et de Statistique*, vol 93/94, pp 349-362.

Eric Langlais (2010), « Les criminels aiment-ils le risque ? », *Revue Economique*, vol. 61, No 2, mars, pp 263-280.

Eric Langlais (2011), « Responsabilité civile et contrôle des activités représentant des risques mal connus », *Revue Economique*, vol 62, No 3 mai, pp 589-598.

Régis Blazy, Bertrand Chopard, Eric Langlais and Ydriss Ziane (2013), « L'effacement des dettes des particuliers surendettés : une étude empirique des décisions judiciaires », *Economie et Prévision*, No 202-203, pp 81-99.

Bertrand Chopard, Thomas Cortade, and Eric Langlais (2014), « Damage rules and the patent hold-up problem : Lost Profit versus Unjust Enrichment», *Revue d'Economie Politique*, vol. 124, July-August, pp 517-533.

Eric Langlais and Marie Obidzinski (2015), « The structure of fines in the light of political competition », *Revue d'Economie Politique*, volume 125, septembre-octobre, pp 719-731.

Eric Langlais and Nanxi Li (2025), «Which liability laws for Robots ? », forthcoming in *La Revue Economique*.

Research in progress:

« Product liability influences incentives for horizontal mergers », with Andreea Cosnita (EconomiX, U Paris Nanterre) and Tim Friehe (MACIE, University of Marburg); in the referee process.

« Market power, product liability, and product differentiation », with Andreea Cosnita (EconomiX, U Paris Nanterre) ; in the referee process.

« Law enforcement with unlawful investigations and enforcer's liability », with Ken Yahagi (University Seikei, Tokyo).

« Regulating IA: authorization, liability, and transparency », with Alessandro De Chiara and Ester Manna (University of Barcelona).

« On the duty to monitor robots », with Nanxi Li (EconomiX, U Paris Nanterre).

« Liability exemption for consumers' harm », with Andreea Cosnita (EconomiX, U Paris Nanterre).

« Criminal mental accounting ».

« Uncertainty in liability assignment: market and welfare consequences of unstable rules ».

« Apportioning indivisible environmental harms, and the Joint and Several Liability doctrine », with Maxime Charreire (EconomiX, U Paris Nanterre).

« "Notched" penalty schemes ».

« More prisons, more incarcerations. Costly punishments and the political market ».

« Enforcing weak patents: the role of litigation costs, and damage rules in patent disputes », with Bertrand Chopard and Thomas Cortade.

Books and chapters in collective books:

Bruno Deffains, Myriam Doriat-Duban and Eric Langlais, Economie des Actions Collectives, PUF, March 2008.

Bruno Deffains and Eric Langlais (Editors), Analyse Economique du Droit, Editions De Boeck-Université, collection *Ouverture Economique*, December 2009.

Bruno Deffains, Myriam Doriat-Duban and Eric Langlais (2008), « L'indemnisation des victimes de l'usine AZF : l'éclairage de l'économie du droit », in Les recherches en sciences humaines et sociales face à la catastrophe d'AZF : quelles analyses pour quels résultats ?, coordinators : Irène Gaillard and Gilbert de Terssac (Eds), Lavoisier, collection « Science du risque et du Danger », February 2008.

Eric Langlais and Nathalie Chappe (2009), « Analyse économique de la résolution des litiges », in Analyse Economique du Droit, Editions De Boeck-Université, Bruno Deffains and Eric Langlais (Eds).

Eric Langlais, Yannick Gabuthy and Nicolas Jacquemet (2009), « Analyse économique de la criminalité », in Analyse Economique du Droit, Editions De Boeck-Université, Bruno Deffains and Eric Langlais (Eds).

Bruno Deffains and Eric Langlais (2012), « Informational externalities and information sharing in class action suits », in Introducing Class Actions in Europe : a comparative Law & Economics perspective, Jürgen Backhaus, Alberto Cassone and Giovanni Ramello, Edward Elgar Publishing.

Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci, Eric Langlais, Bruno Lovat and Francesco Parisi (2015), « Asymmetries in rent-seeking », in Roger Congleton and Arye Hillman (Eds.), Companion to the Political Economy of Rent Seeking, Springer.

Eric Langlais, Alessandro Melcarne & Giovanni Ramello (2019), *Are Judges Harsher with Repeated Offenders? Evidence from the European Court of Human Rights*, chapitre 10 in Selection and Decision in the Judicial Process Around the World: Empirical Inquiries, Yun-chien Chang (Ed.), Cambridge University Press.

CONTRACTS AND REPORTS

Project « New developments in decision theory », Programme « Innovant Projects », grant from the French Ministry of Research (1997-1998).

Report for the GIP « Mission Recherche Droit et Justice » of Ministère de la Justice and MiRE of Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité : « Les obligations alimentaires vis-à-vis des enfants de parents divorcés : une analyse économique au service du droit », coordinators : Cécile Bourreau-Dubois and Bruno Deffains (November 2003).

Report for the GIP « Mission Recherche Droit et Justice », du Ministère de la Justice, « Analyse économique de la prise en charge des victimes d'accidents collectifs » coordinator : Myriam Doriat-Duban (December 2005).

Report for the Conseil Français de l'Energie, « Energie nucléaire : Gestion des risques et impacts socio-économiques », coordinators : Sandrine Spaeter and Jean-Alain Hérault (June 2007).

Report for the DARES, « Analyse économique du droit du travail », coordinators : Cécile Bourreau-Dubois and Bruno Deffains (January 2008).

Report for the Ministère de l'Ecologie, du Développement Durable et de l'Aménagement du Territoire - Programme « Risque-Décision-Territoire 2006 », project « iCrisis-Management of crisis »; scientific responsibility for the domain « Economic Analysis »; coordinator : Thierry Verdel (LAEGO, Ecole des Mines de Nancy et Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine); pluridisciplinary project, with 6 labs of Nancy University, December 2009.

CONFERENCES (since 2010)

59th Annual Conference of the French Economic Association, Nanterre, September 9-10, 2010.

27th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, Paris, September 23-24, 2010.

Southern Finance Association Meeting, Key West, Florida, November 16-19, 2011.

29th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, Stockholm, September 20-21, 2012.

8th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Law & Economics, Roma, December 13-15, 2012.

62th Annual Conference of the French Economic Association, Aix-en-Provence, June 24-26, 2013.

12th Meeting Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Aix-en-Provence, June 26-28, 2013.

8th Annual Conference of Association European Policy for Intellectual Property, Paris, September 5-6, 2013.

Annual Conference of the German Law & Economics Association (in partnership with the Free University of Bozen), Bolzano, September 13-14, 2013.

30th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, Warsaw, September 26-28, 2013.

EMLE Midterm workshop in Law & Economics, Bologna, February 13-14, 2014.

24th Annual Conference of the American Law & Economics Association, Chicago, May 8-9, 2014.

63rd Annual Conference of the French Economics Association, Lyon, June 26-28, 2014.

2d Meeting in Uncertainty and Public Policies, University Paris Lumières, Saint-Denis, September 11, 2014.

31st Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, Aix-en-Provence, September 18-20, 2014.

6th Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes, University of Sassari, Alghero (Sardinia), June 28-29, 2015.

32d Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, Vienna, September 17-19, 2015.

11th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Law & Economics, Napoli, December 18-19, 2015.

26th Annual Conference of the American Law & Economics Association, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, May 19-21, 2016.

14th Annual Conference of the German Law & Economics Association, Budapest, July 21-22, 2016.

33rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, Bologna, September 15-17, 2016.

1ère Conférence Annuelle de l'Association Française d'Economie du Droit, Paris, 24-25 novembre 2016.

12th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Law & Economics, Torino, December 16-17, 2016.

2017 Public Choice Society Meeting, New Orleans, 2-4 March, 2017.

CELS Asia Conference & the 4th International Conference on the Empirical Studies of Judicial System, Taipei, Taiwan, June, 13-15, 2017.

66th Annual Conference of the French Economics Association, Nice, June 19-21, 2017.

15th Annual Conference of the German Law & Economics Association, Marburg, July 21-22, 2017.

34th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, London, September 14-16, 2017.

2d Annual Conference of the Association Française d'Economie du Droit, Aix-en-Provence, November, 9-10 2017.

37th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, September 24-25, 2020, Paris.

5th Annual Conference of the Association Française d'Economie du Droit, October 15-16, 2020, Nanterre.

39th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, September 15-16, 2022, Lisbonne.

7th Annual Conference of the Association Française d'Economie du Droit, October 13-14, 2022, Montpellier.

40th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, September 21-22, 2023, Berlin.

8th Annual Conference of the Association Française d'Economie du Droit, October 19-20, 2023, Nice.

41th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law & Economics, September 11-12, 2024, Turin.

1st International Workshop in Law & Economics, Texas A&M University School of Law, October 10-11, 2024, Fort Worth, USA.