



Happy Holidays!

from the INTERTRAN Research Group



Dear Friends,

The [INTERTRAN Research Group for Sustainable Law and Business](#) would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season 2021 and a Prosperous New Year.

We would especially like to thank all that have contributed to our work in various ways by sharing your expertise with us through discussions, teaching or participating in seminars. Currently we provide three courses in Maritime Law for our master students at the University of Helsinki under the umbrella International Commercial Contracts: 1) Sale and Payment, 2) Carriage and Insurance 3) EU transport law and policy. In addition, University of Turku's Operations and Supply Chain Management Group provides, for example, a course in Principles of Shipping Economics.

External funding from [Varaustamosäätiö](#) and [Merenkulun säätiö](#) has given us the opportunity to employ young researchers at the University of Helsinki: *Maximilian Huemer* joined our team as a doctoral student in 2020 working mainly on passenger rights. This year *Tupuna Manner* will start her work within our group focusing on sustainability issues in international freight. We are proud to announce that INTERTRAN member *Suvi Hirvonen-Ere* successfully defended her thesis on *Contract Management modus operandi in the post-Enron world* in the spring. We are grateful for all support for the young researchers in our group.

Due to the pandemic most of our activities have been online. Professor *Lia I. Athanassiou* (Professor of Commercial Law, University of Athens) gave this year's [annual lecture on International and Maritime Law](#) on the topic of: *Legal implications of Covid 19 on international shipping*. Furthermore a webinar on the MS *Ever Given* casualty was arranged. Discussants were INTERTRAN members *Professor Lauri Ojala* and *Docent Lauri Railas*.

Our next event will be a one-and-a-half-day conference on 17-18 March on: *Implementing "Fit for 55" – The right logistic and transport infrastructure for a net zero carbon future – the Nordics at the Helm?* The seminar is arranged in collaboration with the [Finnish Swedish Chamber of Commerce](#), [The Swedish Cultural](#)

[foundation in Finland](#) and [Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science](#). Places are limited. If you would like to attend, please sign up here: <https://www2.helsinki.fi/en/node/110848>.



Our research group is currently working on questions related to the topic of the conference. Members of the group are however also working on a variety of other publications, such as a textbook on EU Commercial Transport Law.

Holiday greetings,

On behalf of the INTERTRAN research group

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If you would like to be updated on our lecture series and seminars, please contact us at intertran@helsinki.fi.