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We cordially invite you to visit us whenever you are in Vienna.

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# European Law Institute's Annual Conference and General Assembly 2017

Vienna,  
6-8 September

Agenda



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## Wednesday, 6 September

Venue: Vienna City Hall, Lichtenfelsgasse Entrance, 1010, Vienna

09:30 - 10:00 **Registration (Council Members Only)**  
10:00 - 11:00 **Registration (All Others)**

**ELI Council Meeting**  
(in its outgoing formation - Council Members only)

11:05 - 12:35 **ELI General Assembly (ELI Members only)**  
ELI Young Lawyers' Award - Winner's Presentation

12:35 - 14:00 Buffet Lunch  
**ELI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (FOR ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS)**

14:00 - 14:30 **Welcome Addresses and Introduction**  
*Diana Wallis, ELI President*  
*Heinz Werner Engl, Rector of the University of Vienna*  
*Paul Oberhammer, Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna*

14:30 - 16:00 **Plenary Session: Rescue of Business in Insolvency Law**  
(presentation of final results and voting on ELI Instrument)  
*Bob Wessels (Chair)*  
*Jenny Clift*  
*Tuula Linna*  
*Stephan Madaus*  
*Elsbeth de Vos*

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:00 **Detention of Asylum Seekers and Irregular Migrants and the Rule of Law**  
(presentation of final results)  
*Marc Clément (Chair)*  
*Fabrizio Cafaggi*  
*Michael Fordham*  
*Maria Teresa Gil-Bazo*  
*Adriano Silvestri*  
*Boštjan Zalar*  
*Edith Zeller*

**Common Constitutional Principles in Europe**  
*Jeffrey Jowell (Chair)*  
*Sabino Cassese*  
*Mario Comba*  
*Joerg Fedtke*  
*Ornella Porchia*  
*Jean-Marc Sauvé*

Venue: Palais Trautson, Museumsstraße 7, 1010 Vienna

19:00 - 22:00 **Evening Reception**  
*Wolfgang Brandstetter, Austrian Vice Chancellor and Minister of Justice*  
*Diana Wallis, ELI President*

## Thursday, 7 September

Venue: Vienna City Hall, Lichtenfelsgasse Entrance, 1010, Vienna

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:15 **From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure – Evidence, Provisional Measures and Service of Documents**  
*Anna Veneziano (Co-Chair)*  
*Diana Wallis (Co-Chair)*  
*Xandra Kramer*  
*John Sorabji*  
*Matthias Storme*  
*Rolf Stürner*

**Building a Data Economy**  
*John Thomas (Chair)*  
*Neil Cohen*  
*Radim Polčák*  
*Steven O Weise*  
*Christiane Wendehorst*  
*Mikolaj Zaleski*

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:00 **The Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution**  
*Diana Wallis (Chair)*  
*Tiina Astola*  
*Naomi Creutzfeldt*  
*Gregory Hunt*  
*Felicitas Paller*  
*Geoffrey Vos*

**Rules and Standards for Online Intermediary Platforms**  
*Fryderyk Zoll (Chair)*  
*Christoph Busch*  
*Hans Schulte-Nölke*  
*Agata Wejman*  
*Célia Zolynski*

12:05 - 13:00

13:00 - 14:00

14:00 - 15:15

**Keynote Lecture:** *Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights*

Buffet Lunch

**Business and Human Rights: Access to Justice**  
*Diana Wallis (Chair)*  
*Cees van Dam*  
*Daphné Gogou*  
*Jonas Grimheden*  
*Jacquelyn MacLennan*

**Internet of Things**  
*Christiane Wendehorst (Chair)*  
*Mady Delvaux*  
*Heike Schulze*  
*Hans Schulte-Nölke*  
*Mikolaj Zaleski*

15:15 - 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:00

**Third-Party Funding of Litigation**  
*Remo Caponi (Chair)*  
*Willem van Boom*  
*Alexander Klausner*  
*Peter Kolba*

**Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets**  
*Sjef van Erp (Chair)*  
*Mady Delvaux*  
*Christoph Grumböck*  
*Radim Polčák*

17:00 - 17:30

**Announcement of the Council Election Results**

17:30 - 19:00

**ELI Council Meeting** (in its new formation - Council Members only - Election of Executive Committee)

Venue: Palais Niederösterreich, Herrengasse 13, 1010 Vienna

19:30 - 22:00

**Conference Gala Dinner**

**Dinner Speech:** *Lance Liebman, former Director of the American Law Institute and Professor of Law at Columbia Law School*  
(announcement of the new Executive Committee)

## Friday, 8 September

Venue: Top Floor, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna

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09:30 - 10:45

**The Protection of Adults in International Situations**  
*Richard Frimston (Co-Chair)*  
*Pietro Franzina (Co-Chair)*  
*Robert Bray*  
*Maja Groff*

**Digital Law SIG (08:30-10:45)**  
*Juridicum, U21 (meeting open to all)*

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30

**Empowering European Families**  
*Elena Bargelli (Chair)*  
*Wendy Schrama*  
*Christiane Wendehorst*

**Business and Financial Law SIG (11:15 12:30)**  
*Juridicum, U14 (members only meeting)*  
**Contract, Tort and Property Law SIG (11:15-12:30)**  
*Juridicum, U21 (members only meeting)*  
**Dispute Resolution SIG (11:15-12:30)**  
*Juridicum, U12 (meeting open to all)*

12:30 - 14:00

Buffet Lunch

14:00 - 15:15

**R&D Tax Incentives**  
*Georges Cavalier (Co-Chair)*  
*Mehdy Ben Brahim (Co-Chair)*  
*Sabine Kirchmayr-Schliesselberger*  
*Jeffrey Owens*

**Administrative Law SIG meeting (14:00-15:15)**  
*Juridicum, U12 (members only meeting)*

15:20 - 16:35

**Conflict of Laws and Digitalisation**  
*Sjef van Erp (Chair)*  
*Vanessa Knapp*  
*Juliette Sénéchal*  
*John Sorabji*

**Civil Law SIG meeting (15:15-16:35)**  
*Juridicum, U21 (members only meeting)*  
**Family Law and Succession Law SIG (15:15-16:35)**  
*Juridicum, U14 (members only meeting)*

16:40 - 16:50

**Closing Remarks: Newly Elected President**

Venue: Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Pfarrplatz 2, 1190 Vienna

19:00 - 22:00

**Social Event**