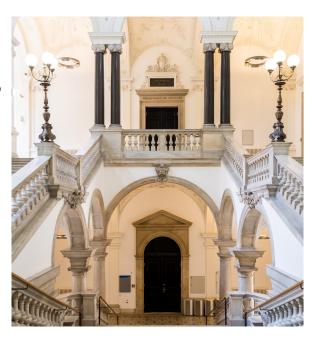
# 2023 ELI Annual Conference and Meetings

6–8 September, Vienna (Austria)



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#### **About ELI**



The law in Europe has a profound impact on the daily lives of European citizens, companies and organisations. As an independent organisation, ELI aims to improve the quality of law, support its development and contribute to its proper implementation both on a national and European level.

At the heart of ELI's activities are its projects, which can be either short to medium or long term: the former are usually projects that react to current developments, while the latter are proactive in nature and will often take several years of drafting. Alongside Hubs, which are national networks of ELI members, ELI has also established Special Interest Groups (SIGs), through which it aims to scrutinise the latest, cutting-edge developments in the different fields of law. Participation in ELI activities is encouraged amongst all members, and those members wishing to

play a particularly significant and decisive role in the functioning of the Institute can stand for election in the ELI Council. ELI members can also take part in various projects, for example, as Project Team members or as members of Members Consultative Committees (MCCs). ELI is proud of its diverse membership and values the variety of expertise and perspectives which it brings to the organisation.

The ELI is partly modelled on the American Law Institute (ALI), which was founded in 1923 and has since become a landmark institution in the American legal system. Like its American counterpart, ELI aims to unite jurists of the highest standing from all branches and professions of the law. The Institute operates on its own initiative but is also open for cooperation with other organisations that share its vision. Since its foundation, the Institute has established close work-

ing relations with EU Institutions and agencies such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, international organisations such as the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law, as well as organisations such as the Council of the Notariats of the European Union, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary, the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the Academy of European Law. ELI is also grateful for its long-standing successful cooperation with the University of Vienna, which generously hosts the ELI Secretariat (pictured above).

### **Executive Committee**



#### **Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)**

On every odd year, the ELI Annual Conference takes place in Vienna, seat of our Secretariat and of one of our important supporting institutions, the University of Vienna. During the 2023 Annual Conference, you are all welcome to disclose your positions on our main projects, with a special focus on the rule of law, but without omitting the projects under the Law and Governance for the Digital Age pillar of our project portfolio. Prominent speakers and outstanding experts and panellists will give us a unique opportunity to reflect on the future of European law, but also to reinforce the strong legal community we all aspire to build.



#### **Lord John Thomas (First Vice-President)**

The conference in Madrid in September 2022 showed how valuable it was to get together to discuss and exchange ideas about the many projects that ELI has under way. Since that conference, huge progress has been made on projects and we have had the opportunity to witness the influence that the projects are having on the development of the law in Europe and worldwide. I am confident that the conference in 2023 in Vienna will be another occasion to take forward more of the projects through discussion and reflection and thereby to strengthen the contribution ELI is making to the ever pressing need to keep the law in line with the ever developing and changing societies in which we live.



#### **Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (Second Vice-President)**

Things have to change as it gives us a chance to make them better. This year's conference will touch on some very timely and fundamental issues relevant not only to European countries but also beyond. The projects to be discussed will give ELI members a chance, from our different angles within the legal community, to discuss and contribute to improvement of the law and its needed development to make it even better for the future.



#### **Pietro Sirena (Treasurer)**

With so many challenges unfolding, both at European and global scale, one case remains the same: it is collective efforts that advance European law. Its legal architecture is assembled piece-by-piece by jurists of various vocations and organisations like ELI, which has and will continue to serve as a harbour for intellectual work. Ideas at ELI are encouraged, nurtured, and oft-times implemented, enabling ELI to contribute to the enrichment of European law. While the cogs are churning, the most recent developments are showcased at the upcoming Annual Conference, at which we look forward to welcoming you.

#### **Innominate Members**

In addition to the above, the Executive Committee consists of three innominate members: Prof Dr Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson (member of the *Conseil d'État*, General Administrator of the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (CNAM), France), Prof Dr Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell (Associate Professor at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain) and Dr Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska (Polish Academy of Sciences and Senior Researcher at the University of Osnabrück, Germany).







### **General Programme Overview**

#### WEDNESDAY | 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA | MAIN BUILDING | UNIVERSITÄTSRING 1 | 1010 VIENNA

08:30–09:30 CEST Registration (Council Members Only) (Oktogon)

09:30–13:15 CEST ELI Council Meeting (Senatsaal)

13:00 CEST Registration (All Others) (Oktogon)

13:15–14:15 CEST ELI Council Lunch (Garderobe Senatssaal)

14:25–14:30 CEST ELI Membership Meeting and Opening of the ELI Council Elections (Grosser Festsaal)

14:30–14:50 CEST Welcome Address (Grosser Festsaal)

ELI President, Prof Dr Pascal Pichonnaz

Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna, Prof Dr Ronald Maier

Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, Prof Dr Brigitta Zöchling-Jud

15:00–16:15 CEST Fundamental Constitutional Principles (Grosser Festsaal)

Lord John Thomas (Chair)

Elise Muir Marko Bošnjak

Marie-Hélène Boulanger

Helle Krunke

16:15–16:45 CEST Coffee Break (Kleiner Festssal)

16:45–18:15 CEST Ole Lando Memorial Lecture (Grosser Festsaal)

Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT; Prof, University of Teramo

19:30–22:00 CEST Opening Reception and Presentation of the ELI Young Lawyers and Hub and SIG of the Year Awards

Welcome Address: Austrian Minister of Justice, Dr Alma Zadić, LLM Venue: Austrian Ministry of Justice | Museumstraße 7 | 1070 Vienna

#### THURSDAY | 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

08:00–09:00 CEST Sustaining Members Networking Breakfast

Venue: Café Landtmann | Universitätsring 4 | 1010 Vienna

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09:30–11:00 CEST Guiding Principles and Model Rules on Algorithmic Contracts (Grosser Festsaal)

Pascal Pichonnaz (Chair) Christian Twigg-Flesner

Ursula Pachl Martins Prieditis Rania Wazir

11:00–11:30 CEST Coffee Break (Kleiner Festssal)

11:30–13:00 CEST ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence (Grosser Festsaal)

Lord John Thomas (Chair)

Fryderyk Zoll Đuro Sessa Dalia Vasarienė Eva Wendler

13:00–14:00 CEST Lunch | Membership Committee Meeting (Kleiner Festssal)

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#### THURSDAY | 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

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14:00 CEST Closing of the ELI Council Elections

14:00–14:45 CEST Keynote Speech: Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency, Věra Jourová

(Grosser Festsaal)

14:45–16:15 CEST Third Party Funding of Litigation (Grosser Festsaal)

Lord John Thomas (Chair) Susanne Augenhofer

Susan Dunn Harold H Kim Andreas Stein

16:15–16:45 CEST Coffee Break (Kleiner Festssal)

16:45–17:25 CEST ELI Membership Meeting and Announcement of the Council Election Results (Grosser Festsaal)

17:30–18:30 CEST ELI Council Meeting and Elections of the Innominate Members of the Executive Committee (Grosser

Festsaal)

19:30–22:30 CEST Gala Dinner

Venue: Austrian National Library | Josefsplatz 1 | 1010 Vienna

#### FRIDAY | 8 SEPTEMBER 2023

VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA | MAIN BUILDING | UNIVERSITÄTSRING 1 | 1010 VIENNA

09:30–11:00 CEST Guiding Principles on Implementing Workers' Right to Disconnect (Grosser Festsaal)

Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (Chair)

Karine Lempen Luca Ratti Tina Weber

11:00–11:30 CEST Coffee Break (Kleiner Festssal)

11:30–11:45 CEST Keynote Speech: Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography, Dubravka

Šuica (Grosser Festsaal)

12:00–13:30 CEST Access to Digital Assets (Grosser Festsaal)

Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska (Chair) Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell

Claire Harrop Louise Gullifer Mario Hössl-Neumann

13:30–13:35 CEST Closing Speech: ELI President Pascal Pichonnaz (Grosser Festsaal)

13:35–14:30 CEST Lunch | Fundraising Committee Meeting (Kleiner Festssal)

19:30 CEST Social Event

Venue: Fuhrgassl Huber | Neustift am Walde 68 | 1190 Vienna

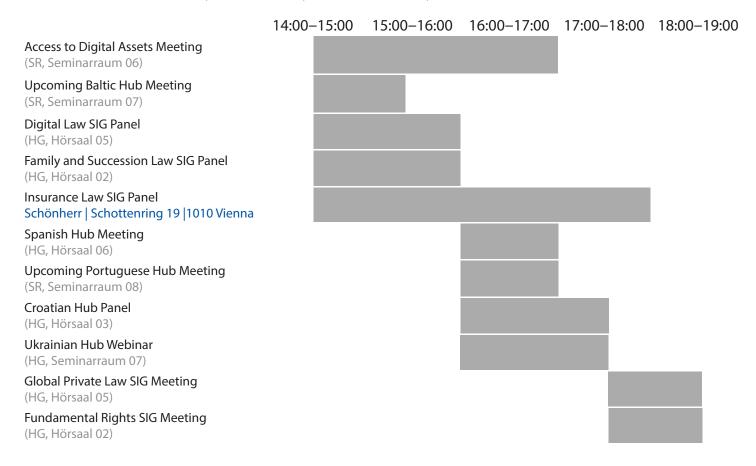


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### Project and Hub and SIG Events

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## Detailed Overview | Day 1 Wednesday, 6 September 2023

#### 14:30-14:50 (CEST) | Welcome Address

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal



#### **Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)**

Pascal Pichonnaz has been a Professor of Swiss contract law, Roman law, European consumer law and comparative contract law at the University of Fribourg since 2020. Pichonnaz was Dean of the Law Faculty from 2014–2017 and has published numerous books on various legal fields. He is a member of several boards of legal periodicals and is active as an international commercial arbitrator. From 2008–2009, he was the President of the European Law Faculties Association. Currently, he is Chair of the Swiss Federal Commission for Consumers. He was elected President of ELI in September 2021.



#### **Ronald Maier (Vice-Rector, University of Vienna)**

Ronald Maier has been Vice-Rector for Digitalisation and Knowledge Transfer at the University of Vienna since 1 October 2019. He is Professor of Information Systems and was head of the Department of Information Systems, Production and Logistics Management at the Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck from 2008–2019. Maier studied Business Informatics at the Johannes Kepler University of Linz and obtained his doctorate from the Otto Beisheim Graduate School of Management in Koblenz (WHU), in 1996. Following a Visiting Professor position at the Terry College of Business, University of Georgia in Athens, he received his habilitation degree from the University of Regensburg in 2001. From 2002–2007, Maier held a Chair in Management Information Systems at the Martin-Luther-University of Halle-Wittenberg.



#### Brigitta Zöchling-Jud (Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna)

Brigitta Zöchling-Jud has been Professor of Civil Law since 2007 and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Vienna since 2020. Previously, she was a Professor at the University of Salzburg and at the University of Bonn. Her research focuses on the law of obligations and succession as well as European private law.



## Panel Description | Day 1 Wednesday, 6 September 2023

#### 15:00–16:15 (CEST) | Fundamental Constitutional Principles

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal

This project aims at identifying and articulating the constitutional principles and standards which form the foundations of a European liberal democratic State. It further aims at identifying their content and providing guidance to public authorities, the courts and civil society. Given the recent unprecedented challenges that European and other Western democracies have faced, a statement of principles has practical value in that it serves as a reminder of constitutional fundamentals and governance ethos. Among the innovative aspects covered by the Report is that it seeks to also capture present-day challenges posed by populism and novel threats such as media manipulation and fake news. The panel will provide an opportunity to present and discuss the Report and its findings. More <a href="https://example.com/here-example.com/he

#### **Speakers**



**Lord John Thomas (Chair)** Project Assessor

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Marie-Hélène Boulanger

Marie-Hélène Boulanger joined the European Commission in 2009 and is currently the Acting Director of the Directorate for Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy. From 2009–2014, she headed the unit in charge of the reform

of the European data protection rules. Since 2014, Boulanger has headed the unit responsible for European citizenship and free movement of persons. Prior to joining the Commission, she worked at the Belgian Data Protection Authority as its Secretary.



**Elise Muir** Project Co-Reporter

Elise Muir is Professor of EU Law at KU Leuven. She has a particular interest in EU constitutional and fundamental rights law, as illustrated by her two monographs in the field (Kluwer, 2012; OUP, 2018). She is

the Principal Investigator of the RESHUFFLE project (European Research Council) which deals with the transformation of the institutional landscape for the protection of fundamental rights in Europe. She has recently published a handbook on an 'Introduction to the EU Legal Order' (CUP, 2023).



#### **Helle Krunke**

Helle Krunke is Professor of Constitutional Law and Head of the Centre for European and Comparative Legal Studies (CECS), Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen. She is President of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL). She received her

PhD degree in 2003 at the University of Copenhagen and was promoted Honorary Doctor at the University of Lund in 2023. Krunke has published extensively in the fields of constitutional law, comparative constitutional law and EU constitutional law.



Marko Bošnjak

Marko Bošnjak has held the position of Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) since November 2022. He has been a judge of the Court since May 2016. He is also an Associate Professor of Criminal Law and was Head of the Criminal

Law Department at the European Law Faculty in Nova Gorica. Bošnjak previously worked as an attorney specialised in criminal law, as an expert member of the Council for Criminal Law and the Ministry of Justice of Slovenia and as advisor for the Slovenian Constitutional Court.



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## Memorial Lecture | Day 1 Wednesday, 6 September 2023

#### 16:45-18:15 (CEST) | Ole Lando Memorial Lecture (OLML)

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal

The OLML series was launched in 2019 in memory of Danish Professor Ole Lando (1922–2019). Professor Lando was a Founding Member of ELI and a leading private international lawyer. Among many achievements of his long and varied career were the 'Principles of European Contract Law' which have been highly influential in the development of both EU and national contract laws.

This year's lecture on 'Developing Uniform Laws in Private and Commercial Law: Some Lessons Learned, and a Look Ahead' will be delivered by Prof Dr Anna Venziano. She was nominated by Prof Dr Christina Ramberg, last year's speaker.



#### **Anna Veneziano (Fifith OLML Speaker)**

Anna Veneziano (LLM, Yale Law School; PhD, University of Florence), is Deputy Secretary General of UNIDROIT. She is Professor of Comparative Law at Teramo University, with previous visiting and tenured positions at other academic institutions. Her fields of expertise include international contract and secured transactions law. Among others, she contributed to the Draft Common Frame of Reference (DCFR), acting as European Commission expert and participated in the development of various global uniform law treaties and other instruments.



#### **Christina Ramberg (Fourth OLML Speaker)**

Christina Ramberg has served as a Professor since 1998, presently at Stockholm University. She participated in the Coordinating Committee for the Study Group on a European Civil Code and in the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Signatures. Her research mainly covers contract law and electronic commerce. She created a restatement of Swedish contract law, available <a href="here">here</a>. Since 1998, Ramberg has frequently acted as an arbitrator. Her full CV is available <a href="here">here</a>.



## Award Presentations | Day 1 Wednesday, 6 September 2023

## 19:30–22:00 (CEST) | Opening Reception and Presentation of the ELI Young Lawyers and Hub and SIG of the Year Awards

Venue: Austrian Ministry of Justice | Museumstraße 7 | 1070 Vienna

#### **Welcome Address**



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#### Alma Zadić, Minister of Justice

Dr Alma Zadić, LL M is the Federal Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria. She was a member of the Austrian Parliament and previously worked as a lawyer in an international law firm in Vienna. Furthermore, she worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia and the International Organization for Migration and was a Research Scholar at the Harriman Institute (Columbia University). She completed her doctoral studies in law at the University of Vienna and a postgraduate degree (LLM) at Columbia University in New York, USA.

#### **ELI Young Lawyers Award (YLA)**



Walter Doralt Chair of the YLA Jury

Walter Doralt holds the Chair for Civil Law, European Private Law and Comparative Law at the University of Graz. He is a Founding Fellow of ELI. Previous positions: Université Paris II (Visiting Professor: 201–2023), Max

Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Senior Research Fellow: 2009–2017), Bucerius Law School (Lecturer: 2013–2017); Università Bocconi (Visiting Professor: 2008), University of Oxford (Law Faculty/IECL: 2007–2008), European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL): 2000–2003. Main areas of research: civil, company and comparative law, PIL.



**John North** Interleges Executive Committee

John North is a partner at the London office of RWK Goodman Solicitors. As Head of the Corporate Team, he has over 30 years of legal experience advising on corporate and commercial transactions,

working with clients in the UK and beyond. He specialises in M&A work and has particular expertise advising clients on the legal and business issues of entering the UK market. In addition, he is a former President of Interleges, the sponsor of the ELI's 2023 Young Lawyers Award.

#### **ELI Hub and SIG Awards**

ELI established Hubs and SIGs to facilitate dialogue, exchange legal updates, and encourage project proposals among its members. These entities play a crucial role in ELI's overall success. While Hubs focus on specific countries, SIGs revolve around particular topics. Through these groups, ELI members have the opportunity to regularly connect, share their expertise, and engage in interactive discussions. The Executive Committee would like to express its gratitude to members who have demonstrated an interest in, and contributed to, the establishment and activities of Hubs and SIGs. The Hubs and SIG Awards serve as recognition for the outstanding achievements of these groups in the past year.



## Detailed Overview | Day 2 Thursday, 7 September 2023

#### 14:00-14:45 (CEST) | Keynote Speech

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal



#### Věra Jourová, Vice-President of the European Commission

Věra Jourová is currently Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency and deals with democracy, rule of law, media pluralism and the fight against disinformation. From 2014–2019, she served as EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. In 2014, before taking up her position at the European Commission, Jourová held the position of Minister for Regional Development in the Czech Republic. Prior to this, from 2006–2013, she worked in her own company as an international consultant on European Union funding, and was also involved in consultancy activities in the Western Balkans relating to European Union Accession. She holds a degree in law (Mgr) and a Master's degree (Mgr) in the Theory of Culture from Charles University, Prague.

#### 19:30-22:30 (CEST) | Gala Dinner

Venue: Austrian National Library | Josefsplatz 1 | 1010 Vienna



#### Savvas S Papasavvas, Vice-President of the General Court of the EU

Savvas S Papasavvas has been a judge since 2004 and the Vice-President of the General Court since 2019 (elected twice). He is also a member of the Administrative Committee of the CJEU. He studied at the Law School of the University of Athens, holds a DEA in public law from the University of Paris II and a PhD in Law from the University of Aix-Marseille III. He has taught constitutional law and human rights at the University of Cyprus. He is a Founding Member of ELI.



## Panel Description | Day 2 Thursday, 7 September 2023

#### 09:30-11:00 CEST | Guiding Principles and Model Rules on Algorithmic Contracts

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal

A growing use of algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI) can be observed in all phases of contracts and different forms of transactions, which is drawing the attention of policy-makers, academia and practitioners around the globe. The ELI project, which focuses on the use of algorithmic decision-making (ADM) in the various stages of the contract life cycle, aims to assess, firstly, the adequacy of existing EU consumer law for the use of ADM in contracts and, subsequently, to identify gaps to fill and the necessary legal steps required to facilitate autonomous contracting in B2B, B2C, P2P and M2M transactions. This year's panel will focus on the first, interim output of the project – the Draft ELI Report on EU Consumer Law and ADM – which examines several key EU consumer law directives, with a view to assessing how well EU consumer law is prepared for the potential use of ADM. More <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Speakers**



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**Martins Prieditis** 

Martins Prieditis is Deputy Head of Unit responsible for the European Union's consumer law in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) of the European Commission. He has dealt with the last general review of EU consumer

protection instruments – the Modernisation Directive that entered into application in 2022. Currently, one of his main projects is a new evaluation (fitness check) of EU instruments as regards consumer protection in the digital environment.



**Christian Twigg-Flesner** Project Co-Reporter

Christian Twigg-Flesner is Professor of Contract and Consumer Law at the University of Warwick. He is a Fellow and Council member of ELI, an Associate Academic Fellow of the Honourable Society

of the Inner Temple, and an editor for the Journal of Consumer Policy. His research interests are in the areas of international, European, and English commercial, consumer and contract law. His current research focuses on the implications of the digital economy for these areas of law.



**Rania Wazir** 

Rania Wazir is co-founder and CTO of leiwand.ai – a startup supporting companies with developing and deploying Trustworthy Al. She is a mathematician (Brown University PhD) and data scientist focusing on Trustworthy Al and Natural

Language Processing. Wazir is tech lead in various projects investigating bias and fairness in algorithms, including for the EU Fundamental Rights Agency. She is a member of ISO/IEC and CEN/CLC committees on AI, and editor of an ISO/IEC AI transparency standards project.



**Ursula Pachl** 

Ursula Pachl is the Deputy Director General of BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation. She leads BEUC's work on digital policies, consumer rights, redress and enforcement. She is also responsible for horizontal and strategic policies, such as EU governance

and Better Regulation, and represents BEUC in High Level groups. Pachl is the author of several articles in consumer law and policy journals and regularly comments on consumer issues in the media.



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## Panel Description | Day 2 Thursday, 7 September 2023

#### 11:30-13:00 CEST | ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal

The ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence project builds upon the Mount Scopus International Standards of Judicial Independence, which were created to apply in a broad range of jurisdictions globally. Its Team aims to review, update and adjust those Standards to the reality of European jurisdictions as well as to current challenges to judicial independence in some European countries. The Standards will provide specific guidance for assessing judicial independence in European legal systems as well as suggestions for legislative change or for the adaptation of current practices. The panel will provide an opportunity to present and discuss the general part of the Report, dealing with fundamental principles relating to the judiciary, and the specific part focused on topics concerning the independence of the justice system. More <a href="here">here</a>.

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Dalia Vasarienė

Dalia Vasarienė, President of the European Network of Council for the Judiciary, is a judge of the Supreme Court of Lithuania and a member of the Lithuanian Judicial Council. She is a coordinator of the Committee for Judicial Training and International Relations.

Vasarienė has been a lecturer at the School of Law at Mykolas Romeris University since 1998 and is Vice-Dean at the School of Law. Vasarienė is also an elected member of the Notary Examination Commission and a trained court mediator.



**Fryderyk Zoll**Project Co-Reporter

Fryderyk Zoll is Professor at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków and the University of Osnabrück, doctor honoris causa at the West Ukrainian National University (WUNU) Ternopil and was a member of ELI Executive

Committee. Zoll has been a principal investigator of grants funded, eg by Deutsch-Polnische Wissenschaftsstiftung and the European Commission. He is Project Co-Reporter of ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence. He works on the approximation of Eastern and Western Europe.



**Eva Wendler** 

Eva Wendler is a judge at the Federal Administrative Court in Austria. She previously served as a member of the legal staff in the Federal Ministry of Health and the Federal Chancellery, and as an administrative judge at the Independent

Administrative Tribunal in Vienna. She is a board member of the Austrian Association of Federal Administrative Judges, Vice-President of the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) and Co-Chair of its working group 'Independence and Efficiency'.



**Đuro Sessa** 

Đuro Sessas is the First Vice-President of the International Association of Judges and President of European Association of Judges. From 2017–2019, he was the President of the Consultative Council of European Judges of the Council of Europe

(CCJE) and currently is a member of its Bureau. Sessa was the President of the Supreme Court of Republic of Croatia from 2017–2021 and the President of the Association of Croatian Judges from 2005–2017. Since 2018, he has been a member of the Advisory Board of Global Judicial Network.



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## Panel Description | Day 2 Thursday, 7 September 2023

#### 14:45–16:15 CEST | Third Party Funding of Litigation

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal

Financial barriers often hinder access to justice. Third Party Litigation Funding (TPLF) can help to overcome financial barriers and hence holds significant potential for access to justice. It can serve to democratise the justice system, allowing for claims to be pursued regardless of a claimant's financial standing. At the same time, TPLF has been criticised for potentially creating a conflict of interest by funders unduly influencing the outcome of trials, for encouraging frivolous litigation and commodifying justice. As a fact, the TPLF industry has grown substantially worldwide over the last couple of years. The ELI project aims at developing principles containing safeguards to provide an environment in which TPLF is allowed but balances the availability of the tool with the interests of claimants and defendants and a healthy litigation market. The principles may also serve as guidance for courts and national legislators. The panel will discuss the project's progress as well as its potential impact. More <a href="here">here</a>.

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**Harold H Kim** 

Harold H Kim was elected President of the US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR) in December 2019. Before joining ILR, Kim was Special Assistant to the President in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs, where he served as former President

George W Bush's liaison to the Senate. Prior to government service, Kim was a Senior Litigation Associate at Patton Boggs, LLP. Kim is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine, and earned a JD from the Catholic University of America.



**Susanne Augenhofer** Project Co-Reporter

Susanne Augenhofer has been a Full Professor of Law at the University of Innsbruck, Austria since 2020. In 2001, she was appointed as Senior Research Scholar in Law at Yale Law School where she also

graduated from the LLM programme. She currently serves as a member of the Council of ELI as well as a Co-Chair of the ELI Austrian Hub and as a member of the Advisory Group on Consumer Policy of the EC. Her research areas include European consumer law as well as questions of (aggregated) enforcement.



**Andreas Stein** 

Andreas Stein is Head of the Civil Justice Unit at the European Commission's Directorate General for Justice. He is a German lawyer holding a doctoral degree (University of Hamburg) and a postgraduate degree in International Relations (Johns

Hopkins University SAIS Bologna). After several years of practising as judge at a district court and at a labour tribunal, Stein joined the Commission in 2001 and has worked in the areas of private international law, contract law, equality and anti-discrimination law and competition law.



**Susan Dunn** 

A pioneer of litigation funding globally, Susan Dunn has been sourcing and investing in litigation and arbitration for almost 20 years. She has provided significant input to the development of public policy about funding in jurisdictions

globally. Dunn was a Founding Member of the Association of Litigation Funders and is the current Chair. She is also a Director of the International Legal Finance Association (ILFA) of which Harbour is a Founding Member. Harbour has over \$1bn in assets under management, funding claims in 17 jurisdictions.



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## Detailed Overview | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

#### 11:30-11:45 (CEST) | Keynote Speech

Venue: University of Vienna, Main Building, Grosser Festsaal



#### **Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission**

Since December 2019, Dubravka Šuica has been Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Democracy and Demography. Šuica, a Croatian politician from the city of Dubrovnik, where she served for two terms as its first female mayor, was awarded the 2006 World Mayor Award. Šuica entered politics in the 1990s as a member of the Croatian Democratic Union and served as a member of the Croatian Parliament and Vice-Chair of the EU Integration Committee. Between 2004–2009, she was a Board Member of the Union of the Association of Towns and Municipalities of the Republic of Croatia. For ten years she was the Vice-President of Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. From 2013–2019, Šuica served as a member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee. In June 2019, she was elected First Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the European Parliament. Since 2012, she has been the Vice-President of EPP Women.

#### 19:30 (CEST) | Social Event

Venue: Fuhrgassl Huber | Neustift am Walde 68 | 1190 Vienna







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## Panel Description | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

#### 09:30-11:00 CEST | Guiding Principles on Implementing Workers' Right to Disconnect

Venue: Main Building, University of Vienna, Grosser Festsaal

In the last decades, technological advances have created new opportunities for the world of work but also brought along some risks for workers. For instance, research shows that people working from home are more than doubly exposed to the risk of working longer than the admissible maximum weekly working hours. The EU does not yet explicitly regulate the Right to Disconnect, and its regulation across Europe varies widely: some countries have introduced legal provisions in their legal orders, others have relied mainly on collective bargaining, and the majority have not taken any action. The proposed Guiding Principles seek to outline the main building blocks of a common regulation of the right to disconnect across Europe, including at EU level. The Principles result from an analysis of existing regulations at national level. The panel will discuss the final output of the project as well as its potential impact. More here.

#### **Speakers**



**Anne Birgitte Gammeljord (Chair)**Project Assessor

Anne Birgitte Gammeljord is a lawyer at the Danish Supreme Court and an assistant lawyer in insolvency matters at the Maritime and Commercial Court. She has served on the Disciplinary Committee of the Danish

Bar and Law Society and as a member of both the Council of the Danish Bar and the Law Society. Gammeljord was President of the CCBE in 2009 and, since 2012, she has been a member of the ELI Council. She is ELI's Second Vice-President.



**Karine Lempen**Project Co-Reporter

Karine Lempen is a Full Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva where she co-directs the Pôle Berenstein for the Study of Labour and Social Security Law. Previously she worked several years in

the legal department of the Federal Office for Equality in Bern. In this function, Lempen represented Switzerland at the United Nations and the Council of Europe. Her areas of specialisation are labour law and anti-discrimination law.



**Luca Ratti** Project Co-Reporter

Luca Ratti is Associate Professor of European and Comparative Labour Law and Director of the Master in European Law (I year) at the University of Luxembourg. Previously, he was Senior Researcher and Adjunct

Professor of Labour law at the University of Bologna. Ratti currently holds a Jean Monnet Chair on the Sustainability of the European Social Model. He is Co-PI in the 'W@W' interdisciplinary project on wellbeing at work (IAS-University of Luxembourg). He has been PI of the 'Working, Yet Poor' project (Horizon 2020).



**Krisztina Boros** 

Krisztina Boros is Principle Administrator and Policy Officer at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Boros started her career at the European Commission in 2005 in EU consumer affairs,

later working on EU tourism policy, focusing on digitalisation and the collaborative economy as well COVID crisis-management. Since 2021, she has been part of the 'Future of Work' team at DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Her current responsibilities involve coordinating the Commission's follow-up to the European Parliament's 2021 Resolution on the right to disconnect, as well as pursuing telework-related topics in the larger context of the digitalisation of the world of work.



**Tina Weber** 

Tina Weber is Research Manager at the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound). Her recent research focussed on the right to disconnect and its implementation at company level.

Previously, Weber worked as a Research Director for private research institutes carrying out impact assessments and evaluations of the implementation of EU social legislation at Member State level. She also co-managed the European Centre of Expertise on Labour Law, Employment and Labour Market Policy of the EU Commission.









## Panel Description | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

#### 12:00–13:30 CEST | Access to Digital Assets

Venue: Main Building, University of Vienna, Grosser Festsaal

At present, uncertainty exists as to how digital assets, which cover a heterogeneous variety of assets such as crypto-currency tokens and social media profiles, could be accessed in enforcement proceedings due to their digital nature and other functional and structural characteristics. The second instalment of the ELI project on Access to Digital Assets is, therefore, developing ELI Principles on Enforcement of Digital Assets, with a view to providing guidance to courts, national lawmakers and international organisations. The Principles could also be used by judicial enforcement officers, public authorities, (civil law) notaries and commercial arbitrators faced with issues relating to the enforcement of digital assets. The panel will offer an opportunity to discuss the progress made on the ELI project and recent developments in the field, focusing in particular on various stages of digital enforcement: asset tracing, seizure/attachment, enforcement of judicial decisions and public sale/auction. More <a href="https://example.com/hete-en-outpet/">hete-en-outpet/<a href="https://example.com/hete-en-outpet/">hete-en-o

#### **Speakers**



Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska (Chair)

Project Assessor

Aneta Wiewiórowska-Domagalska is a member of the ELI Executive Committee and Polish Academy of Sciences. She is currently finalising her habilitation thesis

at Osnabrück University. As an EU consumer and private law expert, she has vast experience in national and EU legislative processes as well as transposition and implementation work. Wiewiórowska-Domagalska was involved in the work of the Study Group on a European Civil Code and acted as a Co-Reporter of ELI's project on Online Intermediary Platforms.



Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell

Project Co-Reporter

Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell is Associate Professor of Commercial Law at University Carlos III of Madrid. She is currently an Academic Visitor at the

University of Cambridge and was a Sir Roy Goode Scholar at UNIDROIT. She is a delegate of Spain at UNCITRAL (WG VI and WG IV), Expert for UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT on digital economy projects, arbitrator at the Spanish Court of Arbitration and a member of different EU Expert Groups, among others on Liability and New Technologies. She sits of ELI's Executive Committee.



**Louise Gullifer** 

Louise Gullifer QC (hon) FBA is Rouse Ball Professor of English Law at the University of Cambridge, and a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. She teaches and writes extensively in all areas of commercial and financial law. She is currently Co-

Director of a project on digital assets, based at the Commercial Law Centre, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and Chair of the drafting committee of the UNIDROIT Working Group on the private law relating to digital assets.



#### **Claire Harrop**

Claire Harrop is a Senior Associate at Freshfields. She advises on a wide variety of financial services regulatory matters and is one of the co-founders of the firm's global Fintech group. Harrop is keenly interested in developments in the Fintech

space – in particular payments, cryptoassets, CBDCs, DLT and the metaverse. In 2022, she was included as a 'rising star' on Law.com's annual list of the UK's best 25 up and coming women in law and as a 'rising star' in Euromoney's Rising Stars Expert Guide.



**Mario Hoessl-Neumann** 

Mario Hoessl-Neumann is General Counsel, heading the legal and regulatory functions at One Trading (formerly Bitpanda Pro), a leading European digital asset exchange for an institutional and sophisticated retail audience. Prior to his current role, he was

Assistant Professor (post doc) at the University of Vienna, where he still teaches Comparative Law. Hoessl-Neumann frequently talks about issues of European financial market regulation, particularly in a private law context.



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## Hub and SIG Panel Descriptions | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

14:30–16:00 CEST | ELI Digital Law SIG Panel on Digital Vulnerability in European Private Law

Venue: Main Building, University of Vienna, HG, Hörsaal 05

The rapid development of new digital business models is constantly creating new opportunities and challenges for consumers. At the same time, it is becoming increasingly difficult for regulators to keep pace with technological developments. Against this background, the panel will discuss whether the Al-driven chatbot economy requires a new concept of 'digital vulnerability' and whether current EU legislation, such as the Digital Services Act (DSA), Digital Markets Act (DMA), Al Act and Data Act, provides adequate starting points for dynamic data-driven regulation.

#### **Speakers**



Christoph Busch SIG Co-Chair

Christoph Busch is Professor of Law and Director of the European Legal Studies Institute at the University of Osnabrück. He is Co-Chair of ELI's Digital Law SIG and an Affiliated Fellow at the Yale Information

Society Project at the Yale Law School. He is a member of the European Commission's Consumer Policy Advisory Group and the EU Platform Observatory. Busch also advises the German Federal Government as a member of the German Advisory Council for Consumer Affairs.



**Alberto De Franceschi** SIG Co-Chair

Alberto De Franceschi is Professor of Private Law, Digital Law and Environmental Sustainability, and International Trade Law at the University of Ferrara. He is Co-Chair of ELI's Digital Law SIG and of ELI's

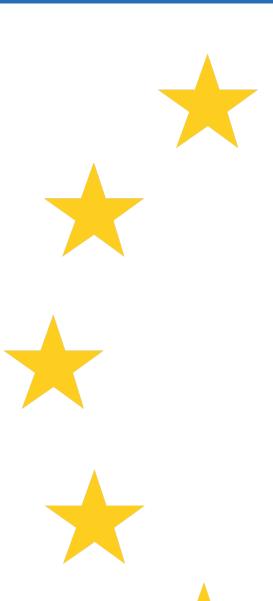
Sustainability and Environmental Law SIG. He is co-editor of the Journal of European Consumer and Market Law, a member of Academia Europaea and an expert appointed by the Italian Ministry of Justice at G7, HCCH, UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT.



**Ursula Pachl** 

Ursula Pachl is the Deputy Director General of BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, representing 45 independent national consumer associations from 31 European countries. Prior to this appointment, she held various positions

at BEUC. In her current role, Pachl leads BEUC's work on digital policies, consumer rights, redress and enforcement. She is also responsible for horizontal and strategic policy, such as EU governance and Better Regulation and represents BEUC in High Level Groups.



## Hub and SIG Panel Descriptions | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

## 14:30–16:00 CEST | ELI Family and Succession Law SIG Panel on the Recognition of Filiation in Europe: E Pluribus Unum

Venue: Main Building, University of Vienna, HG, Hörsaal 02

Family law is increasingly confronted with opposing views as regards civilisation and legal evolution, also within EU borders. The panel will be devoted to the consequences for children of the existing differences in the legal regulation of surrogacy, same-sex couples and queer families in Europe. Panelists will also consider whether traditional private international law tools can provide an appropriate balance between the universal rights of children and the respect for diversity, national identity and values.

#### **Speakers**



**Elena Bargelli** SIG Co-Chair

Elena Bargelli is currently a Full Professor of Private Law and European Private law at the University of Pisa, Law Department. She taught family law from 2005–2022. She is currently the coordinator of the UNIPI'Private

Law, Comparative Private Law, Labour Law and European Legal Traditions' PHD Programme. From 2015–2021 she was a member of the ELI Council; she is currently the Co-Chair of ELI's Family and Succession Law SIG.



#### **Cristina González Beilfuss**

Cristina González Beilfuss is a Full Professor of Private International Law at the University of Barcelona. She is a member of the 'Recognition of Parenthood between Member States' (E03765) Expert Group of the European Commission and of the

Experts Group on the Parentage/Surrogacy project of the Hague Conference of Private International Law.



**Ilaria Pretelli** SIG Co-Chair

Ilaria Pretelli is a Senior Research Fellow at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, editor of the Yearbook of Private International Law, Visiting Professor at the Jean Monnet Faculty (Paris Sud University),

former Director of the *Centre d'Études Juridiques Européennes* (Paris-Urbino) and a member of the 'Recognition of Parenthood between Member States' (E03765) Expert Group of the European Commission.



Jens Scherpe

Jens Scherpe is a Professor of Comparative Law at Aalborg University, Director of the Nordic Centre for Comparative and International Family Law (NorFam), Emeritus Fellow, Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge, England and a

member of 'Recognition of Parenthood between Member States' (E03765) Expert Group of the European Commission.



**Valentina Calderai** 

Valentina Calderai is Associate Professor of Private Law at the Department of Law of the University of Pisa. She holds a Masters Degree in Philosophy from the University of Urbino, a Masters Degree in Law from the University of Florence, and a PhD in

Private Law and Comparative Law from the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa.



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## Hub and SIG Panel Descriptions | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

14:30–18:00 CEST | ELI Insurance Law SIG Panel on From Vienna via London to Vegas: A Whistle Stop Tour of Current Issues in Insurance Law

Venue: Schönherr, Schottenring 19, 1010 Vienna

The seminar will delve into the far-reaching effects of recent CJEU case law on group insurance, analysing its repercussions on insurance intermediation, contract law, and private international law. Gain insights into the UK's post-Brexit insurance regulatory regime and its impact on the industry's future direction. Uncover the intriguing dual systems and divergent outcomes in US insurance law, discovering cautionary lessons for the EU.

#### **Speakers**



**Helmut Heiss** SIG Co-Chair

Helmut Heiss is a Professor of Private Law, Comparative Law and Private International Law at the University of Zurich. He also practices as an attorney at law in Zurich. Heiss is a Global Law Professor at Katholieke

Universiteit Leuven in 2023. He is Co-Chair of ELI's Insurance Law SIG, Co-Chair of the Project Group on 'Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL)' and has been the Chairman of the Project Group on 'Principles of European Insurance Contract Law (PEICL)'. Heiss has been a member of the EU Commission's Expert Group on 'European Insurance Contract Law' and acted as an expert to the European Economic and Social Committee twice. He also advised the European Parliament (Policy Department C: Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs).



**Jeffrey Stempel** 

Jeffrey Stempel is Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Stempel graduated from Yale Law School in 1981. He was an active editor of the Yale Law Journal and co-founded the Yale Law and Policy Review. After practical experience as a law clerk

and attorney, he entered academia, teaching at Brooklyn Law School and Florida State University College of Law. Stempel is affiliated with esteemed legal organisations, contributing expertise in civil procedure, evidence, professional responsibility, and insurance law.



Franziska Arnold-Dwyer

Franziska Arnold-Dwyer has been teaching Insurance Law LLM modules at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies since 2016. Since 2019, she has been the Director of the Insurance Law LLM Programme and, since 2022, she has been the Director of the

Insurance, Shipping and Aviation Law Institute. Prior to returning to academia, Arnold-Dwyer practised law in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department at Clifford Chance LLP, one of the world's leading law firms.



#### Manuela Zimmermann

Manuela Zimmermann is a partner at Schoenherr. With a background at an international law firm, she joined Schoenherr in 2010. Focused on insurance contracts and regulatory law, she assists national and international insurance firms in Austria and

Central Eastern Europe. Her proficiency extends to cross-border activities and representing clients in insurance-related disputes. Zimmermann, admitted to the bar in Austria and Germany, completed her legal education in Dresden, Germany, and obtained a specialist solicitor qualification in insurance law in 2015.



## Description of Hub and SIG Events | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

## 16:00–17:30 CEST | ELI Croatian Hub Panel on Ten Years in the EU: The Effects of EU Membership on the Croatian Private Law System

Venue: Main Building, University of Vienna, HG, Hörsaal 03

Following years of dedicated preparations and extensive reforms, Croatia joined the European Union as its 28th Member State on 1 July 2013. Accession to the EU has played a pivotal role in modernising Croatia's private law framework. While EU membership has undeniably brought about positive transformations, the process of transposing EU law has also accentuated fragmentation in the domestic private law system. Consequently, legal interpretation and application have become increasingly intricate, posing challenges for both practitioners and individuals attempting to navigate and comprehend the overall legal landscape. To mark Croatia's first decade in the EU, the Croatian Hub will host a panel on key developments and challenges in Croatia's private law system in the context of EU membership. The discussion will focus on consumer law, company law and corporate governance, capital markets law, family law, and the law of obligations.

#### **Speakers**



**Ivan Tot** Hub Co-Chair

Ivan Tot is an Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Business Law at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics & Business. He teaches courses in European contract law and banking law and is head of

the organising committee of the Zagreb International Conference on the Law of Obligations. Tot's research interests include comparative contract law, European private law, and banking law. He is a member of the ELI Council (2021–2025) and Co-Chair of the ELI Croatian Hub (since 2020).





Tatjana Josipović Hub Advisory Board

Tatjana Josipović, a tenured Professor of Civil Law at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law, is an accomplished author of numerous papers and several books on civil law and European private law. She has presented her

work at various national and international conferences. Notably, her recent publications include the following books: European Union Private Law: General part (*Narodne novine*, 2020) and European Union Private Law: Special Part (*Narodne novine*, 2022). Josipović serves as an ELI Council Member.



**Edita Čulinović Herc** Hub Advisory Board

Edita Čulinović Herc is head of the Chair of Commercial and Company Law, the Head of Department of Corporate and Financial Law and the Co-Director of the 'Corporate Finance Law' Postgraduate Specialist Study

Programme at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law. She is the author of many papers on capital markets and company law, with a recent focus on DLT topics and corporate sustainability. She has served as the principal researcher in several scientific research projects on corporate acquisitions, financial services markets, and company restructuring.



Sandra Winkler

Sandra Winkler is an Associate Professor at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law. She has participated in international as well as national seminars and conferences and has published scientific papers and articles, mainly in the field of family law

and European family law in Croatian, Italian, and English. Winkler's active participation in various research groups within European, Croatian, and Italian projects has enabled her to develop scientific skills in an international environment. Her professional engagements include membership in ELI and the Croatian Comparative Law Association.



**Hana Horak** Hub Advisory Board

Hana Horak is a tenured Professor at the Department of Business Law at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Economics & Business. She teaches several courses, including European company law, European

market law, commercial law, and the law of international trade. She conducts research in the areas of commercial law, company law, and corporate governance. Horak is a member of the ELI Business and Financial Law SIG.



**CROATIAN HUB** 

## Description of Hub and SIG Events | Day 3 Friday, 8 September 2023

## 16:00–17:30 CEST | ELI Ukrainian Hub Webinar on Information Security in Ukraine in the Context of the Russian-Ukrainian War, Hybrid

Venue: Main Building, University of Vienna, HG, Seminarraum 07

The Russian-Ukrainian war continues for the second year in a row. The information front is no less important than the one where real combat is taking place. Ukraine goes to great lengths, as far as information security of the State is concerned. The spread of fakes and propaganda is extremely dangerous because, with the help of these tools, it is easy to influence the public conscience and induce the commission of crimes. Cyber-attacks are particularly dangerous. There are many questions relating to finding a balance between such crimes and ensuring fundamental human rights are protected. This panel aims at exploring these and further challenges for the law and judges, with a focus on responsibility.

#### **Speakers**



**Svitlana Mazepa** Hub Co-Chair

Svitlana Mazepa (Chair of the ELI Ukrainian Hub) is an Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Law and Procedure, former Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law of the West Ukrainian National University and

international Guest Researcher at Osnabrück University. She is a Volkswagen scholarship winner for the 'On propaganda and misinformation as tools of the information war' 2022/2023 research project). She was a Visiting Professor at Jagiellonian University in 2022. In addition, Mazepa is a former Senior Inspector of the National Central Bureau of Interpol in Ukraine; a member of the International Police Association; a speaker at the Hugh School of Judges; a trainer in anti-corruption courses for civil servants and the author of several articles, book chapters, as well as a participant in numerous international research projects and internships.



**Tetiana Drakokhrust** 

Tetiana Drakokhrust (Co-Chair of the ELI Ukrainian Hub) is a professor at the Department of International Law and Migration Policy of the West Ukrainian National University. She is a member of the International Security and Cooperation

Centre WUNU. Drakokhrust is also a founder of the 'EDUCATIONAL START' NGO, a member of the Ukrainian Bar Association, the author of the monograph 'Legal support of the state migration policy of Ukraine' (2020), several articles, book chapters, as well as a participant in international research projects and internships (Marmara University, Turkey, Summer School on Migration, Azerbaijan, Comparative Research Platform 2023 project, Institute of Justice in Warsaw, among others). She was awarded the Scholarship of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for young scientists 2022–2024. Drakokhrust heads the section of the scientific community for the students of WUNU in 'Current legal challenges: international migration in the context of globalization' and teaches anti-corruption courses to civil servants.



**Stanislav Borys** 

Stanislav Borys is a founder and Managing Partner of the Attorneys' Association 'VIDAR'. He has been practising law since 2010. He is a member of the Ukrainian Bar Association Committee on Criminal and Criminal Procedure Law. Borys was

involved to the working group at the US Embassy to develop amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine, which were subsequently adopted in the current version of the Code. In 2020 and 2021 he was named, 'Lawyer of the Year in Anti-Raider Practice 2020' and 'Lawyer of the Year in Anti-Corruption Practice 2021' by the Ukrainian Advocates Association. As a member of the Commission, he participated in the re-certification of prosecutors of regional prosecutor's offices in Ukraine. Borys' main specialisations are business protection, white-collar crime, protection in the field of IT and cryptocurrency.



Anna Mostetska

Anna Mostetska has been a judge at the Ternopil City District Court of Ternopil Region since 2013, acting as a judge speaker that highlights the official position of the court and she has participated in public events since 2019. She is a certified trainer

on working with vulnerable categories of court users under the Model Courts Initiative of the EU Pravo-Justice Project as well as the National School of Judges of Ukraine. Mostetska initiated the 'Court Volunteer Service' programme at the Ternopil City District Court – the winner of the 'Model Court of the Year' competition in the 'Best Volunteer Service in Court' category.

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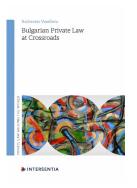
















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For some years now the German publishers CH BECK and NOMOS have joined forces with Oxford-based Hart Publishing to publish a series of legal books in English under the common brand 'Beck · Hart · Nomos'. The main focus of the joint programme are article-by-article commentaries on international and European law. This method of presentation suits the peculiarities of the largely codified European law and is increasingly appreciated by lawyers from common law countries as even there statutory law becomes more and more important. In addition to the commentaries, Beck · Hart · Nomos publish handbooks, monographs and textbooks.





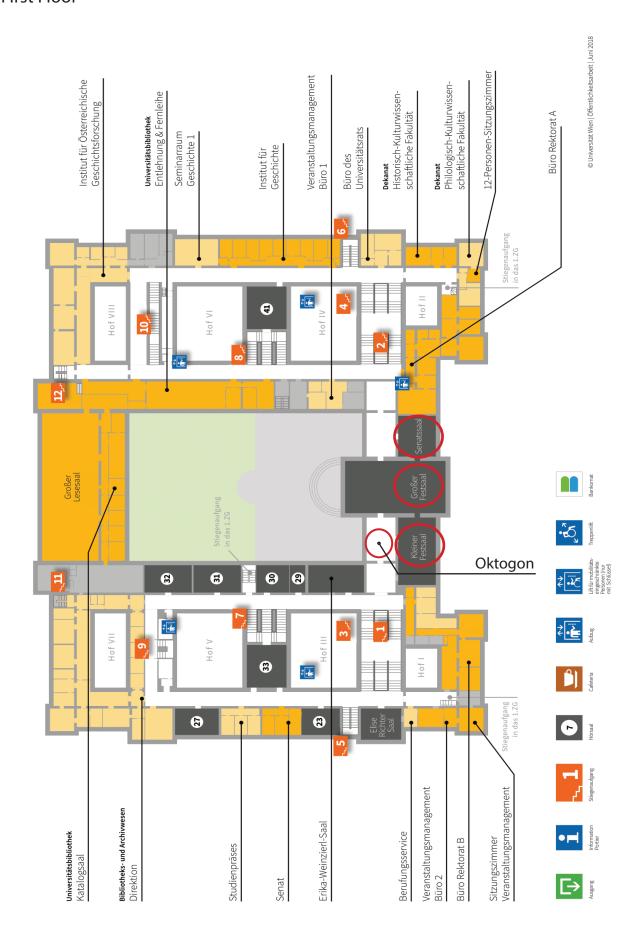
The **General Data Protection Regulation** has established a uniform European data protection law. The Member States must directly apply European law standards and question their own interpretation criteria. The new major commentary on the GDPR is written by leading European lawyers who have extensively analysed the European and transnational academic discourse. The commentaries take into account the existing approaches to interpretation at national level, place them in a European legal environment and thus impress with new arguments that also offer new possibilities in contentious proceedings.



**Harmonising Digital Law** has become a crucial task for European and national legislation in view of the challenges of the 'digital revolution' for the European Union and for its Member States. The implementation of the 2019 'Twin Directives' on the sale of goods and the supply of digital content and services represents one of the most important steps on this path so far. In addition to the harmonisation of Member State law, the emergence of a uniform law of the EU is becoming more and more important with regard to the challenges of digitisation, as recently shown in particular by the Internet Platform Regulations.

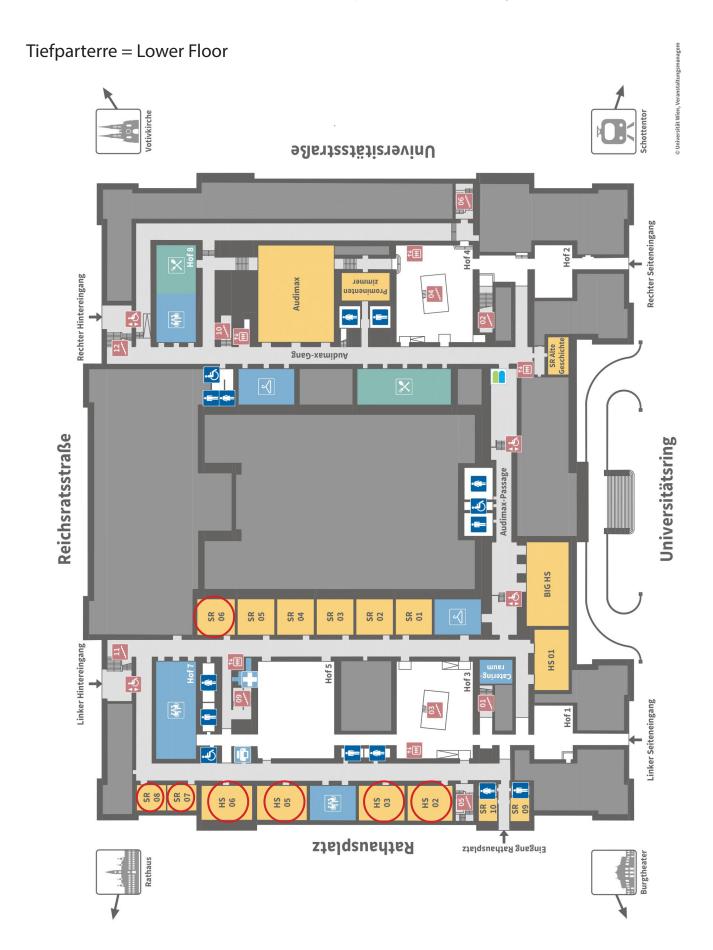
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