From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure
Trier, 26-27 November 2018

Key topics
- Status of the European Law Institute (ELI) & International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) project
- Structure of civil proceedings
- Collective redress
- Funding
- Challenges of modern technology for civil proceedings

Language
English

Event number
118DP09

Organisers
The Secretariat of ELI & UNIDROIT in cooperation with ERA
Monday, 26 November 2018

13:30 Arrival and registration of participants

14:00 Opening statements
   Angelika Fuchs
   Diana Wallis
   Anna Veneziano
   Robert Bray

14:30 Introduction to and status of the ELI-UNIDROIT project
   Chair: Anna Veneziano
   Round of short presentations by co-reporters:
      o Chiara Besso
      o Burkhard Hess
      o Christoph Kern
      o Eva Storskrubb
      o Michael Stürner
      o Alan Uzelac
   Lead discussant: Jan von Hein

   General discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Parties, collective redress and funding
   Chair: Diana Wallis
   Panellists:
      o Emmanuel Jeuland
      o Paul Oberhammer
      o Astrid Stadler
   Lead discussant: Tanja Domej

   General discussion

18:00 End of first conference day

19:30 Conference dinner at the restaurant “Brasserie” (Fleischstr. 12)

Evening programme

After a day’s intensive exchange, enjoy our joint dinner on 26 November at the restaurant “Brasserie” in the city centre.

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Travel

Shuttle services from the airports of Luxembourg (30 minutes) and Frankfurt Hahn (50 minutes) to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates at: era@finkelgruens-taxi.de
Tuesday, 27 November 2018

09:00 Civil procedure, the challenges of modern technology and artificial intelligence
Chair: Rolf Stürner
Panellist:
   o Clementina Barbaro
Discussants:
   o Torbjörn Andersson
   o John Sorabji

General discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Structure of civil proceedings – towards a coherent model law
Chair: Remo Caponi
Panellists:
   o Loïc Cadiet
   o Xandra Kramer
   o John Sorabji
   o Rolf Stürner
Discussants:
   o Paolo Biavati
   o Carlos Esplugues

General discussion

12:30 Concluding remarks
Diana Wallis
Anna Veneziano
Raffaele Sabato

13:00 Lunch and end of conference

For programme updates: www.era.int
Programme may be subject to amendment.

Background information about the ELI & UNIDROIT project

The project “From Transnational Principles to European Rules of Civil Procedure” has been undertaken in cooperation between the European Law Institute (ELI) and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) since February 2014.

The divergences between current national rules on civil procedure developed over a long period of time and the question of which rules are applicable in a situation when parties enter into a transaction involving more than one State, led to the conclusion that a certain degree of unification of the rules governing private international law would unequivocally contribute to the simplification of the resolution of civil disputes across Europe. Therefore, the ELI and UNIDROIT undertook a joint venture aimed at the analysis of different aspects of civil procedure rules and producing a draft set of unified regional rules. Greater harmony and homogeneity of such important legislation within Europe would also facilitate the free movement of citizens and businesses across borders.

Aim of the conference

As the work on the structure of the rules nears completion, this public conference aims at presenting the advanced results achieved by the project’s current and former working groups. Participants of the conference will have a chance to get a sense of the whole project as the work is drawing to an end. The members of the project as well as other esteemed experts in the field of civil procedure will present the achievements and challenges of the work of the respective working groups and stimulate a discussion on selected pressing legal issues in the area of civil procedure.
Speakers

**Torbjörn Andersson**, Professor at the University of Uppsala

**Clementina Barbaro**, Secretary of the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL, Strasbourg

**Chiara Besso**, Judge, Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome

**Paolo Biavati**, Professor at the University of Bologna

**Robert Bray**, Former Head of Unit, Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament, Brussels/Strasbourg

**Loïc Cadiet**, Professor at the University Panthéon-Sorbonne Paris 1

**Remo Caponi**, Professor at the University of Florence

**Tanja Domej**, Professor at the University of Zurich

**Carlos Esplugues**, Professor at the University of Valencia

**Jan von Hein**, Director of the Institute for Foreign and International Private Law at the University of Freiburg

**Burkhard Hess**, Executive Director of the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, Luxembourg

**Emmanuel Jeuland**, Professor at the University Panthéon-Sorbonne Paris 1

**Christoph Kern**, Director of the Institute for Comparative Law, the Conflict of Laws and International Business Law at the University of Heidelberg

**Xandra Kramer**, Professor at the Universities of Rotterdam and Utrecht

**Paul Oberhammer**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor at the University of Vienna

**Raffaele Sabato**, Justice at the Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome

**John Sorabji**, Principal Legal Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolls, London

**Astrid Stadler**, Professor at the University of Constance

**Eva Storskrubb**, Associate Professor at Uppsala University; Counsel, Roschier Attorneys, Stockholm

**Michael Stürner**, Professor at the University of Constance

**Rolf Stürner**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Freiburg

**Alan Uzelac**, Professor at the University of Zagreb

**Anna Veneziano**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT, Rome; Professor of Comparative Law, University of Teramo

**Diana Wallis**, Former President of ELI, Independent European Lawyer, Hull

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**Conference Location**

ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, Trier, Germany

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**Save the date**

**Novelties on Contract Law: Smart Contracts & Assignment of Claims**

Trier, 21-22 March 2019
Reference: 119D30

**Summer Course on Cross-Border Civil Litigation**

Trier, 24-28 June 2019
Reference: 119B03

**Intensive Course on Cross-Border Insolvency Proceedings Across Europe**

Trier, 8-10 July 2019
Reference: 119B04