

**The Impact of Foreign and International Law
on National Legal Systems**
Comparisons in Legal Development
26 – 27 April 2012

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0855 Welcome, *Swiss Institute of Comparative Law*

0900 - 0915 Opening Remarks by Political Representatives

0915 - 0945 **Opening Interventions**

- *Ergun Özsunay, Professor of Law, Istanbul University; Chairman of the International Association of Legal Science*
- *Swiss Association of International Law*
- *Swiss Society for Legislation*

Session One: International, Foreign and Comparative Law and Legal Reform

Chair *Sabino Cassese, Italian Constitutional Court*

0945 - 1045 **First Panel: National and Regional Perspectives: Methods of Dealing with International and Foreign Law**

- **European Union: The Impact of EU Law on National Legal Systems,** *Speaker to be confirmed*
- **Switzerland: The Impact of International, European and Comparative Law on Swiss Law,** *Speaker to be confirmed*
- **United Kingdom: The Impact of International, European and Comparative Law on English Law,** *John Bell, Professor, University of Cambridge, to be confirmed*
- **China: The Role of International and Comparative Law for Legal Development in China,** *Lihong Zhang, East China University of Politics and Law*

1045 - 1115 Break

1115 - 1230 **Second Panel: Comparative Perspectives: The Role of International Institutions and Aid Agencies in Legal Reforms**

- **South America : The Role of International and Foreign Institutions for Legal Reforms in South America,** *Jorge L. Esquirol, Professor of Law, Florida International University*
- **Africa: The Role of International Institutions and Aid Agencies in Legal Reforms in Africa,** *Mashood Baderin, SOAS, to be confirmed*
- **Portugal: Legal Reforms as a Condition for Allocating Funds in the Context of the Financial Crisis,** *Prof. Dario Moura Vicente, Lisboa, to be confirmed*
- **Institution: The Role of the World Bank,** *Hassane Cissé, Deputy General Counsel, World Bank Group*
- **EU: The European Union and Legal Reforms in European Member States,** *Speaker to be confirmed*

1230 - 1300 Debate

1300 - 1400 Lunch

Session Two Case Study 1: Human Rights and Environmental Standards

Chair *Christine Kaddous, University of Geneva*

1400 - 1530 Third Panel : Human Rights

- **Europe The Diversity of Human Rights Instruments and their Impact in Europe**, *Walter Kälin, University of Berne, to be confirmed*
- **India: Human Rights and Legal Development in India**, *Upendra Baxi, emeritus Professor of Law in Development, University of Warwick*
- **China: The Impact of International Human Rights Law in China**, *Harro von Senger, emeritus Professor, University of Freiburg i.Br., Swiss Institute of Comparative Law*
- **USA: Social and Economic Rights in the USA**, *Elisabetta Grande, Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale, to be confirmed*

1530 - 1600 Debate

1600 - 1630 Break

1630 – 1730 Fourth Panel : Environmental Standards

- **USA: International Environmental Standards and US Law**, *Michael Eric Herz, Cardozo School of Law, to be confirmed*
- **Africa: The Impact of International Environmental Standards in Africa**, *Patricia G. Kamari-Mbote, University of Nairobi*
- **Asia: The Implementation of International Environmental Standards in South Asia**, *Philippe Cullet, SOAS*
- **Europe: The Role of International Environmental Standards within the EU**, *Astrid Epiney, University of Fribourg, to be confirmed*

1730 – 1800 Debate

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Session Three: Case Study 2: International Business Law

0900 -1030 Fifth Panel: Contract Law

- **International Trade and Contract Law in Latin America**, *Alejandro Garro, Columbia University*
- **The Impact of International Trade Instruments on European Contract Law**, *Catherine Kessedjian, University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)*
- **The Impact of International and European Standards on Swiss Contract Law**, *Speaker to be confirmed*

1030 – 1100 Break

1100 - 1200 Sixth Panel: Company Law

- **The Impact of International Company Law Standards in Transitional Countries**, *Prof. Alexander Komarov*
- **International and European Company Law Standards**, *Speaker to be confirmed*
- **International Company Law Standards in Current Swiss Reform Debates**, *Walter Stoffel, University of Fribourg, to be confirmed*

1200 – 1300 Debate

1230 – 1330 Lunch

1330 – 1500 Seventh Panel: Public Procurement

- **International Public Procurement Standards**, *Michael Likosky, Director, Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU*
- **The Impact of International Public Procurement Standards on National Legal Systems– An Overview**, *Sue Arrowsmith, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham*
- **International and European Public Procurement Standards**, *Speaker to be confirmed*

Debate

1500– 1530 Break

Session Four: Conclusions

1530 – 1700 Panel Discussion: International and Foreign Factors in Legal Reform: Risks and Opportunities

Chair

Mauro Bussani, University of Trieste

Speaker

Patrick Glenn, McGill University

Michael Bogdan, University of Lund

Susan Sarcevic, University of Rieka, to be confirmed

Swiss Representative (Swiss Society of Legislation);

1700 – 1730

Concluding Remarks, *Mauro Bussani (IALS), Lukas Heckendorn Urscheler (SICL)*