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The Secretariat of the ELI, which is hosted by the University of Vienna, is located in the heart of the Austrian capital, close to the main building of the University, the representation of the European Commission in Austria as well as the information office of the European Parliament.

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

10:00 - 11:00 **Registration**

11:00 - 12:30 **ELI General Assembly (ELI Members only)**

ELI Young Lawyers Award - Winner's Presentation

12:30 - 14:00 **Buffet Lunch**

### **ELI ANNUAL CONFERENCE (FOR ALL 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  
Elsbeth de Vos  
Tuula Linna  
Stephan Madaus*

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 QC  
Adriano Silvestri  
Boštjan Zalar  
Edith Zeller*

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

**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*

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*

**Building a Data Economy**

*Lord John Thomas (Chair)  
Neil Cohen  
Radim Polčák  
Steven O Weise  
Christiane Wendehorst  
Mikolaj Zaleski*

**Rules and Standards for Online Intermediary Platforms**

*Fryderyk Zoll (Chair)  
Christoph Busch  
Hans Schulte-Nölke  
Agata Wejman  
Célia Zolynski*

12:00 - 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**

*Diana Wallis (Chair)  
Daphné Gogou  
Jonas Grimheden  
Jacquelyn MacLennan  
Cees van Dam*

**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)  
Alexander Klauser  
Peter Kolba  
Willem van Boom*

**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

Second Lower Level, U21, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna

08:00 - 09:30

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 Conference (08:30-10:45)**

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:30

**Empowering European Families**

*Elena Bargelli (Chair)  
Wendy Schrama  
Christiane Wendehorst*

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*

15:15 - 16:30

**Conflict of Laws and Digitalisation**

*Sjef van Erp (Chair)  
Vanessa Knapp  
Juliette Sénéchal  
John Sorabji*

16:30 - 16:40

**Closing Remarks:** *Newly Elected President*

Venue: Mayer am Pfarrplatz, Pfarrplatz 2, 1190 Vienna

19:00 - 22:00

**Social Event**