



# 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

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English

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**Organisers**  
The Secretariat of  
ELI & UNIDROIT  
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## 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:
- *Michael Stürner*
  - *Remco van Rhee*
  - *Alan Uzelac*
  - *Burkhard Hess*
  - *Eva Storskrubb*
  - *Chiara Besso*
  - *Christoph Kern*
- Lead discussant: *Jan von Hein*
- General discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 **Parties, collective redress and funding**  
Chair: *Diana Wallis*  
Panellists:
- *Astrid Stadler*
  - *Emmanuel Jeuland*
  - *Paul Oberhammer (tbc)*
- Lead discussant: *Tanja Domej*
- General discussion
- 18:00 End of first conference day
- 19:30 Conference dinner at the restaurant "Brasserie"

## Evening programme

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




## 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](mailto:era@finkelgruens-taxi.de)

## Accommodation

Accommodation at special rates

 Vienna House Easy Trier, from € 99  
[www.viennahouse.com](http://www.viennahouse.com)  
+49 (0)651-9377-0

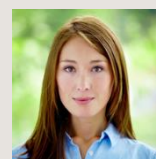
 Villa Hügel Trier, from € 114  
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 Park Plaza Trier, from € 111  
[www.parkplaza-trier.de](http://www.parkplaza-trier.de)  
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## Tuesday, 27 November 2018

### 09:00 **Civil procedure, the challenges of modern technology and artificial intelligence**

Chair: *Rolf Stürner*

Panellist:

- *Clementina Barbaro*

Discussants:

- *John Sorabji*
- *Torbjörn Andersson*

General discussion

### 10:30 Coffee break

### 11:00 **Structure of civil proceedings – towards a coherent model law**

Chair: *Remo Caponi*

Panellists:

- *Loïc Cadiet*
- *Xandra Kramer*
- *Rolf Stürner*
- *John Sorabji*

Discussants:

- *Paolo Biavati*
- *Carlos Esplugues*

General discussion

### 12:30 **Concluding remarks**

*Diana Wallis*

*Anna Veneziano*

*Raffaele Sabato*

### 13:00 Lunch and end of conference

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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 with an estimated date in spring 2019. 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 (tbc)

**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

**Remco van Rhee**, Professor at the University of Maastricht

**Anna Veneziano**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT, Rome

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



**Conference fee**  
190 Euro (incl. dinner)

**Registration**  
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