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# **Comparative Law and International Organisations: Cooperation, Competition and Connections**

**Thursday, 9 and Friday, 10 September 2010**

***In memory of Joseph Voyame\****

organised by the  
Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL), Lausanne, Switzerland

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## Thursday, 9 September 2010

13:30 **Welcome**  
**Lukas Heckendorn Urscheler**, Head of Legal Division, SICL, Lausanne

### **FIRST PART: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: HYBRID LEGAL SYSTEMS?**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **The International Legal Order's Mixed Heritage**

**Colin B. Picker**, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales, Australia

### **SESSION I: THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN DIFFERENT LEGAL TRADITIONS IN...**

14:00 **International Trade Law (WTO)**

**Gabrielle Marceau**, Counsellor, Legal Affairs Division, World Trade Organisation; Associate Professor of Law at Geneva University

14:30 **International Environmental Law**

**Markus W. Gehring**, Associate Professor, Vice Dean Research, University of Ottawa

15:00 **International Law of Human Rights**

**Daniel Rietiker**, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

15:30 *Coffee Break sponsored by the AiSDC*

### **SESSION II: DIFFERENT LEGAL TRADITIONS OF PROCEDURAL LAW IN INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTIONS**

16:00 **International Commercial Arbitration (ICC's)**

**Francesca Mazza**, ICC Commission on Arbitration

16:30 **The ECJ's Perspective**

**Daria Solenik**, ISDC Staff Legal Advisor, Lecturer at the European Humanities University, Vilnius

17:00 **The International Criminal Court**

(Expert of the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law of the Russian Federation Government)

17:30 **International organisations and different legal traditions – “mixed” systems or systems *sui generis*?**

**Lukas Heckendorn Urscheler**, Head of Legal Division, SICL, Lausanne

18:00 Presentation of the AiSDC Award 2010, followed by cocktails

19:30 *Dinner*

**Each presentation in Sessions I and II will be followed by a question and answer session.**

**Friday, 10 September 2010**

**SECOND PART: INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AS “CONSUMERS” AND “PRODUCERS” OF COMPARATIVE LAW**

**SESSION III: FINDING AND PROMOTING THE “MOST SUITABLE LAW”**

9:00 **The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice CEPEJ**  
**Julien Lhuillier**, Scientific expert for the CEPEJ, Council of Europe

9:20 **The World Bank**  
**Klaus Decker**, Legal Vice Presidency, World Bank, Washington

9:40 **The Experience of International Development Agencies: UNDP**  
**Ekaterina Kouznetsova**, Legal Assistant for the UNDP Project "Promotion of a wider application of international human rights standards in the administration of justice in Belarus", Lecturer at the European Humanities University, Vilnius

10:00 Discussion

10:30 *Coffee Break sponsored by the AiSDC*

**SESSION IV: CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS TO ERASING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE MAJOR LEGAL TRADITIONS: HARMONIZATION, UNIFICATION, APPROXIMATION**

11:00 **The European Union in the Field of Consumer Law**  
**Brigitta Lurger**, Professor, University of Graz

11:20 **The Hague Conference in the field of Civil Procedure Law**  
**Mayela Celis**, Legal Officer, Hague Conference on Private International Law

11:40 **Different Legal Traditions in Law Reform Proposals by International Organizations and their Impact on National Law: Corporate Law Reforms**  
**Cally Jordan**, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne

12:00 Discussion

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 **Keynote Speech: International Organizations and Islamic Law**  
**Naser Ghorbannia**, Mofid University, Iran

**THIRD PART: THE INTERACTIONS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL TRADITIONS AND THE ROLE OF COMPARATIVE LAW**

**INTRODUCTION**

14:00 **International Criminal Jurisdictions – “Mixed Jurisdictions”?**  
**Fabricio Guariglia**, Senior Appeals Counsel, International Criminal Court, The Hague

**SESSION V: ROUND TABLE “MOST SUITABLE LAW” OR “MOST OPPORTUNE SOLUTION”? INPUT AND OUTPUT OF THE COMPARATIVE PROCESS**

14:30 Discussion between Representatives of International Organisations, Academics and a Psychologist

*President:* **Lukas Heckendorn Urscheler**

*Panelists:* **Cally Jordan, Klaus Decker, Mayela Celis, Monika Egli-Alge**  
Forensic Institute of Eastern Switzerland (to be confirmed)

15:30 *Coffee Break sponsored by the AiSDC*

**SESSION VI: ROUND TABLE “COMPARATIVE LAW AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS – QUO VADIS?”**

16:00-17:00 Discussion between Representatives of International Organisations and International and Comparative Law Scholars

*President:* **Colin Picker**

*Panelists:* **Andreas Ziegler**, Professor, University of Lausanne **Christine Kaddous**, Professor, University of Geneva (to be confirmed),  
**Fabricio Guariglia, Markus Gehring**

## Scientific Organisation

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| • Assistants and students   | Free |                        | CHF                         | 70  |
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