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# The Role of Judicial Actors in Shaping Private International Law: A Comparative Perspective

35<sup>th</sup> Day of Private International Law at the SICL

**Wednesday, 19 November 2025**

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| <b>17:30</b> | Arrival and Registration                                     |
| <b>18:00</b> | <b>Nadjma YASSARI and Ilaria PRETELLI</b><br>Welcome Address |
| <b>18:30</b> | <b>Frank KLINKHAMMER</b><br>Keynote                          |
| <b>19:30</b> | End of the first day                                         |

## Thursday, 20 November 2025

- 09:00 – 11:00**     **Private International Law in Supranational Settings**  
**Chair: Lukas HECKENDORN URSCHALER**
- Henrik SAUGMANDSGAARD ØE**  
*The interpretation of Private International Law by the Court of Justice of the European Union, illustrated in recent judgments*
- Valesca R. B. MOSCHEN and Isabela T. C. DONDONE**  
*Conferences on Private International Law of the Organization of American States – CIDIPs: 50 years and their relevance in the Brazilian Legal System*
- Asya OSTROUKH**  
*The Role of the Caribbean Court of Justice in the Development of Private International Law in the Caribbean Region*
- 11:00 - 11:30**     **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 13:00**     **National Experiences of Judicial Innovation in Private International Law**  
**Chair: Michel HEINZMANN**
- Özlem BURDURLU AHLAT and Ezgi Fulya AKKUŞ**  
*Party Autonomy in International Employment Contracts vs. Constitutional Limits: A Twofold Criticism towards the Landmark Ruling of the Turkish Constitutional Court*
- Aygun MAMMADZADA**  
*Judicial Innovation and Property: The Role of English Courts in Reframing, Private International Law in the Age of Digital Assets*
- 13:00 – 14:00**     **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30**     **The role and engagement of legal practitioners**  
**Chair: Franz WERRO**
- Marie-Elodie ANCEL**  
*Le Palais et la Faculté, itinéraires français du droit international privé*
- Laura GUERCIO**  
*Between Advocacy and Interpretation: The Lawyer's Dual Responsibility to Clients and the Law*
- Ross ANDERSON**  
*Private international law in adversarial litigation: an advocate's perspective*
- 15:30 – 16:00**     **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 17:30**     **SLAPP and Strategic Litigation in Private International Law:  
Courts as Gatekeepers of Transnational Justice**  
**Chair: Ilaria PRETELLI**
- Harrith AL-DABBAGH**  
*La GPA transnationale dans l'ordre juridique québécois : La jurisprudence combattue par la loi*
- Caterina D'OSUALDO**  
*The EU Anti-SLAPP Directive: Scope, Challenges, and Judicial Implications*
- Xandra KRAMER**  
*Procedural Tools and Doctrinal Shifts in Cross-Border Strategic Litigation*
- 17:30**     **End of the Conference**

## Speakers and Chairs

**Ezgi Fulya AKKUŞ**, Afyon Kocatepe University, Turkey

**Harrith AL-DABBAGH**, University of Montreal, Quebec

**Marie-Elodie ANCEL**, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, France

**Ross ANDERSON**, Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh, Scotland

**Özlem BURDURLU AHLAT**, Afyon Kocatepe University, Turkey

**Isabela T. C. DONDONE**, Federal University of Espírito Santo, Brazil

**Caterina D'OSUALDO**, European Commission

**Laura GUERCIO**, University of Perugia, Italy

**Lukas HECKENDORN URSCHALER**, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland

**Michel HEINZMANN**, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

**Frank KLINKHAMMER**, German Federal Supreme Court

**Xandra KRAMER**, Erasmus University Rotterdam , Netherlands

**Aygun MAMMADZADA**, Swansea Law School, United Kingdom

**Valesca R. B. MOSCHEN**, Federal University of Espírito Santo, Brazil

**Asya OSTROUKH**, University of the West Indies, Barbados

**Ilaria PRETELLI**, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland

**Henrik SAUGMANDSGAARD ØE**, Gorrissen Federspiel, Denmark

**Franz WERRO**, University of Fribourg, Switzerland and Georgetown University, USA

**Nadjma YASSARI**, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland

The conference will take place at the Swiss Institute of Comparative in Lausanne

Interventions will be conducted in English and French

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