

Call for Papers

Conference: EU Civil Procedure Law and Third Countries: Which Way Forward?

On **2 – 3 February 2017**, the Institute of East European Law of Kiel University (Germany) will organize an **international conference** on **“EU Civil Procedure Law and Third Countries: Which Way Forward?”**

The purpose of the Conference is to develop concrete ideas about future steps to enhance judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters between the EU and third countries. The conference will deal both with relevant EU law on this subject (Brussels I bis Regulation and related regulations) and with international treaties or soft law relating to judicial cooperation. The conference will not address judicial cooperation in matters of family law and succession law.

The conference will take place in the city of Kiel/Northern Germany. The conference language is English. A number of eminent speakers from several countries have already agreed to participate, but we very much welcome additional speakers. Participation in the Conference is free for speakers, contributors of written papers and panel moderators. There is also a limited number of grants for accommodation available.

You are invited to **propose a paper** for oral presentation (ca. 15 minutes) at the Conference. We particularly encourage young scholars to send in proposals. *Accepted* papers will later be published. If you wish to participate in the conference as a speaker, we kindly ask you to submit an abstract of your paper and a short CV **by 19 December 2016** by email to office-eastlaw@law.uni-kiel.de. *Please indicate also whether you apply for a grant for accommodation.*

The length of the abstract should be limited to about 1 A4 page. The papers can address – from a policy-making perspective – any issues of judicial cooperation between the EU and third countries. This may include, for example,

- general aspects of the application of EU civil procedure law to third states: *e.g. determination of the sphere of application with regard to parties from third countries, choice of the best type of legal instrument (regulation, treaty, soft-law etc.), the relationship of EU law with treaties or other projects of the Hague Conference for Private International Law, proposals for the future of existing judicial/legal assistance treaties with third countries.*
- aspects of international jurisdiction: *e.g. should any such rules be amended with a view to relations with third countries?*
- aspects of recognition and enforcement of decisions between the EU and third countries;
- aspects of lis pendens between the EU and third countries;
- cooperation in the taking of evidence and service of documents between the EU and third countries;
- third country-aspects of EU regulations for specific procedures, *e.g. for small claims, uncontested claims, orders for payment procedures.*

Other proposals falling under the general topic of the conference are also welcome.

Contact: In case of further enquiries, please contact us at: office-eastlaw@law.uni-kiel.de

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