

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

Conference at Kiel University, 2 - 3 February 2017

The purpose of this academic conference is to explore and discuss possible future action by the EU to improve judicial cooperation with third states in the field of civil justice.

Draft Programme

Venue and time: Hermann Ehlers Akademie, Niemannsweg 78, D-24105 Kiel, 2 - 3 February 2017.
Conference language: English

Thursday, 2 February 2017

As from 8.00 Registration

9.00 – 09.15 Opening of the Conference

09.15 – 09.45 Welcome statements

09.45 – 10.00 Introduction: Present state and prospects for the future

Session 1: Jurisdiction and Recognition/Enforcement of Judgments in General: the Brussels I bis Regulation

10.00 – 11.30 Part 1: General aspects of the application of the Brussels I bis Regulation to third states and related issues

Examples of possible subtopics:

- 1) Relationship of the Brussels I bis Regulation to other international treaties, in particular Hague Conference treaties. Lugano Convention and bilateral judicial assistance treaties.
- 2) Relationship of the Brussels I bis Regulation to soft law in the field of international civil procedure, e.g. the proposed European Rules of Civil Procedure

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Part 2: Rules of international jurisdiction with particular regard to third states

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 **Part 3: Recognition and enforcement of court decisions between the EU and third states**

16.00 – 16.30 Discussion

18.00 – 19.30 *Opportunity to listen to a lecture of the Ambassador of Georgia in Germany, Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c. Lado Chanturia, at Kiel University (in German)*

20.00 *Joint dinner at Kieler Yacht Club*

Friday, 3 February 2017

09.00 – 10.30 Session 2: Lis pendens and effects of judgments

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.30 Session 2: Cooperation in the taking of evidence and service of documents

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 – 15.00 Session 4: EU Regulations for specific procedures and third states

Examples of possible subtopics:

- 1) Small claims
- 2) Uncontested claims
- 3) Orders for payment procedures

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 – 17.00 Session 5: Models for the future - a systematic approach

1 – 2 Kick-off presentations (from EU perspective and third-country perspective), then panel discussion

17.00 – 17.30 Wrap-up statement, possibly vote on joint declaration

19.00 *Joint dinner*

Saturday, 4 February 2017

Cultural programme