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**

Conference language: English

**Thursday, 2 February 2017**

As from 8.00 Registration

9.00 – 09.15 Opening of the Conference, *Prof. Alexander Trunk*, *University of Kiel*

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome statements

**Session 0: Keynote speech**

09.30 – 10.00 EU civil procedure law and third countries: the case of the EU Neighbourhood Initiative: *Prof. Jürgen Basedow*, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg
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

General presentation: Prof. Alexander Trunk, University of Kiel

Prof. Marta Pertegás, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law: The proposed draft Hague Convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments

Prof. Elina Moustaira, University of Athens: The role of bilateral judicial assistance treaties in the context of EU Civil Procedure Law and Third Countries

Prof. Vladimir Yarkov, Urals State Law University, Ekaterinburg: Recognition and enforcement of judgments between the EU and Russia: what possibilities for the future?

Prof. Kono Toshiyuki, Kyushu University, Fukuoka (topic tbc)

Dr. Dr. Nazar Panych, University of Kiel: Relationship of the Brussels I bis Regulation to soft law in the field of international civil procedure: the example of the proposed European Rules of Civil Procedure

Prof. Fryderyk Zoll, Universities of Cracow and of Osnabrueck: The proposed reforms of civil procedure law in Poland and the European context

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

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

General presentation: Prof. Thomas Pfeiffer, University of Heidelberg

Prof. Michael Stürner, University of Konstanz: Residual competences

Dr. Alberto Miglio, University of Turin: The Jurisdiction of the Unified Patent Court: A Model for the Application of the Brussels I Recast Regulation to non-EU Disputes?

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

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

General presentation: Prof. em. Dieter Martiny, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)

Dr. George Svanadze, Tbilisi State University: The Georgian perspective

Prof. Michael Stöber, University of Kiel: The perspective of Colombia

Doc. Dr. Svetlana Kroupko, Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: The Russian perspective

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

08.30 – 10.00 Session 2: Lis pendens and effects of judgments

Prof. Luboš Tichý, University of Prague: Lis pendens
Prof. Dimitris Tsikrikas, University of Athens: Effect of judgments

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee break

10.15 – 11.45 Session 3: Cooperation in the taking of evidence and service of documents

Ms. Merja Norros, Finnish Ministry of Justice, Helsinki: Taking evidence and service of documents – lessons from Russia’s accession to the Hague Conventions to effective implementation

11.45 – 12.15 Coffee break

12.15 – 13.30 Session 4: EU Regulations for specific procedures and third states

Introduction: N.N.

Dr. Azar Aliyev, University of Kiel: Orders for payment procedures

Doc. Dr. Michail Buruiana, Moldovan State University, Chisinau (topic tbc)

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 17.00 Session 4: Models for the future - a systematic approach

Kick-off presentations:
- Prof. Nikitas Hatzimichail, University of Cyprus, Nicosia
- Prof. Alexander Trunk, University of Kiel

Panel discussion

17.00 – 17.30 Wrap-up statement (N.N.), possibly vote on joint declaration
19.00 Joint dinner

Saturday, 4 February 2017

Cultural programme