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European Contract Law and (Legal) Nationalism

Program

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Lyon Catholic University
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Merieux Amphitheatre

10 place des Archives
69002 Lyon

SECOLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Information & registration



FRIDAY 20 JUNE

Opening

9:00 | Registration and Refreshments

9.30 | Welcome

- Grégory WOIMBEE (Rector, Université Catholique de Lyon)
- Michel CANNARSA (Dean of Law, Université Catholique de Lyon)
- Pietro SIRENA (Università Bocconi, Milano – President of SECOLA)
- Marjolaine MONOT-FOULETIER (HDR Professor, Université Catholique de Lyon)

10:00 | Key-note speech

« European Contract Law and Legal Nationalism – A Paradoxical Relationship »

Laurence USUNIER (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

10.30 | Panel I: Fairness, Digital Strategy, and National Identities

Chair: Michel CANNARSA (UCLy)

« The Various Fairness Tests for B2B Contracts in EU Law. Interaction, Competition and Conflict Between National and European Law »

Hans SCHULTE-NÖLKE (Universität Osnabrück)

« Digital Services Act and National Protection of Consumers Towards the Online Platforms »

Paraskevi PAPARSENIU (University of Athens)

Discussion

11.30 | Coffee Break

12.00 | Panel II: Constitutionalisation of Private Law, Fundamental Rights, and European Identity

Chair: Lucinda Miller (University College London – Executive Board of SECOLA)

« EU Fundamental Rights and Contract. The Missing Concept of 'Subjective Right' »

Dorota LECZYKIEWICZ (University of Oxford)

« Europeanisation and Constitutionalisation of Private Law as Determinants of the Evolution of Law in the 21st Century and its Revolutionary Changes »

Beata J. KOWALCZYK (Uniwersytet Gdański)

Discussion

13:30 | Lunch Break

14.30 | Panel III: Efficiency and Competitiveness in a Multi-levelled Legal System

Chair: Jacobien RUTGERS (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam – Executive Board of SECOLA)

« European Contract Law Between Harmonisation and Legal Nationalism. The Challenge of Competitiveness in an Enlarged Europe »

Silvia FERRERI and Andrea PILETTA MASSARO (Università di Torino)

« Law and Economics of Private Law: {Un} desirable Nationalism in European Contract Law »
Nikola ILIĆ (Univerzitet u Beogradu)

Discussion

16:00 | Coffee Break

16.30 | Panel IV: Balancing Legal Harmonization and Ethical Pluralism

Chair: Louis-Daniel MUKA TSHIBENDE (Université Catholique de Lyon)

« Reconciling Ethical Pluralism and Legal Unity: boni mores as a Reflection of National Identity in European Private Law »

António BARROSO RODRIGUES (Universidade de Lisboa)

« Legal Pluralism and the Integration of European Contract Law. Subsidiarity as a Balance Between National Identity and Normative Convergence Dynamics »

Alberto JACI (Università di Messina)

Discussion

19:30 | Conference dinner

SATURDAY 21 JUNE

9.00 | General Assembly

9.30 | Panel V: National Laws Between European Integration and Local Autonomy

Chair: Başak BAŞOĞLU (Piri Reis Üniversitesi – Executive Board of SECOLA)

« European Contract Law as Nation-building »

Guido Comparato (Birkbeck University of London)

« The Development of a Catalan Civil Code: Between Autonomy and European Harmonization »

Rosa M. GARCIA-TERUEL (Universitat de Barcelona)

Discussion

11.00 | Coffee Break

11.30 | Panel VI: National Legal Cultures and Professions, and Europeanization of the Law

Chair: Stefan GRUNDMANN (Humboldt Universität, Berlin – Honorary President of SECOLA)

« [Non-]Conforming Interpretation. Evasion Strategies of National Courts »

Bettina HEIDERHOFF (Universität Münster)

« Should we Have a Shared Contract Law? »

Bianca GARDELLA TEDESCHI (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara)

Discussion and conclusions

13.00 | End of conference

Scientific committee

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Practical information

Conference fee

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<https://www.secola.org/european-contract-law-and-legal-nationalism/>

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Conference bureau & information

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