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“The Interface of European and National Law”**SESSION ONE:**

Prof. Attila Menyhárd (ELTE Budapest)

Attila Menyhárd is a full professor of civil law and the head of the department at Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Civil Law Department (Budapest). His special research fields are: contract law, tort law, property law, company law, human rights and private law and economic analysis of law. He promoted with PhD degree in 2003 in ELTE Law Faculty, Budapest with the thesis on immoral contracts. He habilitated in 2007 with his book on property law and his thesis on human rights in private law. He is a full professor since 2012. He is the author of four books and more than eighty other publications in tort law, contract law, property law, company law, law and economics and human rights in private law in Hungarian, English and German language in Hungary as well as in abroad. He is teaching the whole range of private law and has special courses in contract law, tort law, property law, commercial law, law and economics, law and literature, human rights in private law, European business law and European company law. Upon the invitation of the Ministry of Justice he contributed the project for a new Hungarian Civil Code being liable for the provisions on property law and rent law. He is participant in several international research projects and programs. He is the Hungarian fellow of European Tort and Insurance Law (Wien). He participates in some of the Trento Common Core Projects in Tort Law. He is a listed member of the Arbitration Court attached to the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Budapest.

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Dr Esther van Schagen (Groningen)

Esther van Schagen is a postdoctoral researcher in Law with expertise in European Contract law and multilevel governance. She graduated in law from Leiden with a specialisation in private law. Her master thesis included a comparison between Dutch and English law on retention of title clauses. Esther defended her PhD thesis at Tilburg University in October 2013. Her PhD thesis analyses the development of European private law in the multilevel legal order. For her analysis, she used insights from multilevel governance and pluralism. Since 2013, Esther is a postdoctoral researcher for the Endowed Chair for Law and Governance at the University of Groningen. Esther is very interested in multidisciplinary approaches and comparative law, which is reflected in her current work. She examines the use of impact assessments in private law at the European level. These assessments, which precede legislation, show many defects. Arguably, improving these impact assessments could also help to address problems generally recognized in European private law.

Prof. Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi (Groningen)

Prof. Dr. Dr. Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi has held the Endowed Chair “Law and Governance” at Groningen University since October 2010. She is also one of the two Academic Directors of the Groningen Centre for Law and Governance, and one of the four Directors of the Netherlands Institute for Law and Governance (NILG). She graduated in law at the University of Trieste (1994) and Kiel (1997). She received her first PhD (Bergamo, 1998) for a thesis on environmental liability claims by private environmental associations in Germany, Italy and the USA, and her second PhD (Bucerius Law School Hamburg, 2004, *summa cum laude*) for a thesis on standards of care set by private actors in the German and Italian law of criminal negligence. She was a research fellow at the universities of Kiel and Bremen and a Marie Curie Fellow at the University of Oxford. She has taught comparative law and European and international private law at the University of Bremen and the Hanse Law School.

Her current research mainly deals with the balancing of conflicting interests in the regulation and governance of private relationships. She has focused in particular on an interdisciplinary approach of the horizontal operation of fundamental rights and social justice in contract law. She is widely renowned for her expertise in the field of internal and external comparative law. Her numerous publications embrace a broad spectrum of subjects, among which a major role is played by the horizontal effect of fundamental and/or human rights in the adjudication of private litigation in Europe. She has (co-) edited six books in the field of comparative and European private law, of which three were published by Cambridge University Press and one by Oxford University Press. She is an experienced leader of international research networks and collaborates with excellent scholars from 25 European countries. She has set up (or helped to set up) various large-scale EU-funded projects, including the Transfer of Knowledge project ‘Protection from Unfair Suretyships in the European Union’, within the framework of which she worked as a Marie Curie Fellow at the Institute of European and Comparative Law of the University of Oxford.

SESSION TWO:

Ass. Prof. Heleen Weyers (Groningen)

Heleen Weyers (1952) studied both philosophy and history at the University of Groningen (1989-2005). She wrote a dissertation on the creation of The Dutch law on euthanasia (2002). Since 2000 she is an associate professor at the Department of Legal Theory of the University of Groningen. She teaches courses on sociology of law, philosophy and political science. Her research interests regard the coming into being and the effectiveness of law, and its relation.

Willem Bantema (Groningen)

Willem Bantema is a PhD-student at the University of Groningen, at the department of Sociology of Law. He studied sociology, also in Groningen. He is in the final stage of his PhD-research. The aim his PhD-project is to explain (non-) compliance with the smoking ban by bar owners. His research is focused on two explanations, motivational postures (Braithwaite, 1995, 2007) and legitimacy (Hertogh, Winter & Schudde, 2012). This research shows (among other things) that compliance with the smoking ban is around 60 percent. To estimate the significance of this finding, an international comparison is necessary. That will hopefully be the next step in his research career.

SESSION THREE:

Dr Akis Psygkas (Bristol)

Athanasios (Akis) Psygkas joined the University of Bristol as lecturer in law in 2013. He received a J.S.D. (Doctor of the Science of Law) degree from Yale Law School; his doctoral dissertation, entitled “From the ‘Democratic Deficit’ to a ‘Democratic Surplus’: Constructing Administrative Democracy in Europe,” examined the impact of European Union law on the adoption of participatory regulatory processes at the member state level. Akis also holds an LL.B. and an LL.M. in Public Law and Political Science from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as well as an LL.M. from Yale Law School where he was a Fulbright scholar.

Akis has held visiting positions at the European University Institute in Florence (Max Weber Fellowship, 2013-2014) and the Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris (Fox International Fellowship, 2010-2011). From January to July 2009, he was the Oscar M. Ruebhausen visiting research fellow at Yale Law School and was involved in the Comparative Administrative Law Initiative, where he has been managing the Comparative Administrative Law Blog over the past five years.

Akis has published in the areas of comparative public law, policy and governance. He has advised international NGOs on these issues, and been invited to give talks in Europe, Canada and the United States. His current research and teaching interests include public law, regulation, law of democracy and global governance.

Prof. Jane Reichel (Uppsala)

Jane Reichel received her Masters degree in Law in 1997 from Stockholm University. She worked as a clerk at the Administrative Court in Stockholm from 1998-2001. Jane defended her doctoral thesis at Stockholm University in 2006 on European administrative law. In 2006, she worked as a project manager at the Swedish Agency for Public Management. In 2009, she was appointed associate professor in public law. Since 2011, she is a senior lecturer in administrative law at the Faculty of Law, Uppsala University. Since 2001, she is also connected to the Centre for Research Ethics and Bioethics, Uppsala University. In 2014, she was appointed Professor of Administrative Law at Uppsala University. She is currently the chairman of the research committee at the Faculty of Law and the vice dean. Jane’s current research focuses on processes of globalization and Europeanisation of administrative law, especially within the area of administrative cooperation within research and biobanking, transparency and data protection.

SESSION FOUR:

Prof. Miklós Király (ELTE Budapest)

Professor Miklós Király has been Head of the Department of Private International Law and European Economic Relations at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest since 1999. He is also Director of ELTE European Research and Documentation Centre and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence since 2003 and Dean of ELTE, Faculty of Law since 2008. He was President of the Hungarian Association of FIDE (Fédération internationale pour le droit européen) from 2006-9 and a member of the EU Expert Group on a Common Frame of Reference in the area of European Contract Law from 2006. He is also a member of the European Law Institute and of the Governing Council of UNIDROIT. His publications are numerous and include some 60 studies on European law, civil law and private international law. His latest monograph was published in English in 2011 under the title, *Unity and diversity. The impact of the law of the European Union on Culture* (Eötvös University Press, Budapest 2011, ISBN: 978-963-312-045-3). His current research

examines the harmonization of private law, the role of the Court of Justice in the development of EU law (with a special regard to the impact of the internal market on culture) and the nature of a European framework for private international law.

Isabelle Van Hiel (Ghent)

Isabelle Van Hiel is teaching assistant and PhD researcher at the Social Law Department of the University of Ghent. She is the author of many contributions on individual and collective labour law and complementary pensions. Currently, she is writing a PhD thesis on the negative freedom of association.

Dr Sujitha Subramanian (Bristol)

Sujitha joined Bristol Law School in August 2012. Prior to that, she was a Lecturer in the Department of Law & Criminology, Aberystwyth University. She has worked as a Visiting Lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge and has taught at Wroclaw University, Masaryk University, University of East Anglia and Norfolk County Council.

Sujitha obtained her law degree from the University of Madras in India, and her LLM in International Trade and Finance Law from the University of Aberdeen. She was awarded her PhD degree by the University of East Anglia. She was based at the ESRC Centre for Competition Policy whilst she wrote her doctoral thesis. Before coming to the UK, Sujitha had worked in India as a legal associate for Thomson Multimedia India P Ltd, a French MNC. She also practiced law at the Madras High Court for a brief period and worked as a local journalist in the same city during various periods between 1996-1999.

Sujitha's research interests include intellectual property and its interaction with innovation policy, international trade law and competition law in the EU and US. She has also conducted research in the area of public procurement and corruption issues particularly within the Indian context. Sujitha has published in the *International Journal of Economic Law* (public procurement issues), *European Journal of International Law* (EU Microsoft Case and EU Obligation to the TRIPS Agreement), *Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice* (CFI Judgment on EU Microsoft case; US Bayh Dole Act and 'March-in Rights'); *International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law*, as well as in the *European Intellectual Property Review* (US E-Bay Case; Patent Trolls; US Obligation to the TRIPS Agreement).

SESSION FIVE:

Dr Myriam Mailly (Lille)

Current Positions:

September 2013 – present: CID & Associés (French judicial Administrators), Collaborator – Paris (France)

December 2009 – present: INSOL Europe, Co-technical officer, Nottingham (UK)

October 2006 – present: ULCO, Assistant Lecturer, Boulogne Sur Mer (France)

Relevant Experience/Career History:

2006 – 2014: Doctorat de droit (Université de Lille II); PhD in Law (University of Kent)

2005 – 2006: MASTER II 'European and Comparative Law' at ULCO

2004 – 2005: DEA 'Business Law' at Paris Dauphine (Paris IX)

March-June 2005: Professional training at the Representation of the European Commission in Paris

Other Information:

July 2011 - present: French National correspondent of the European Insolvency Regulation Case Register (<http://www.insolvencycases.eu>)

September 2011 – September 2013: Co-Chair of the Younger Academic Network on Comparative and International Insolvency Law and Finance (YAN)

September 2010 - present: Member of the Managerial Board of the INSOL Europe Academic Forum (IEAF)

November 2008 - present: Secretary of the Younger Academic Network on Comparative and International Insolvency Law and Finance (YAN)

Publications of Interest:

- ‘Les perspectives offertes par la réforme du droit des procédures collectives’, *Revue Lamy Droit des Affaires*, n°92, April 2014, p. 92.

- ‘Insolvency of groups of companies within the European Union’, *11th International Conference of the School of Public Administration*,

Lomonosov Moscow State University, 28-30 May 2013, Moscou (Russie), *forthcoming*.

- ‘The rules regarding the insolvency of companies within corporate groups in France’, **In** « Insolvency and Groups of Companies », *Technical Series INSOL Europe Academic Forum*, ISBN 978-0-9558364-7-3, pp. 27-36.

- « Resolution and Insolvency in Cross-border Banking Cases », **In** « Cross-Border Crisis Management in the Banking Sector », *Technical Series INSOL Europe Academic Forum*, ISBN 978-0-9558364-6-6, pp.81-84.

- « State Aid and insolvency proceedings: a French overview », **In** « Public Administration in the 21st century, Traditions and innovations », Moscow: Moscow University Press, pp. 628-635.

- « The Application of the European Insolvency Regulation in France », **In** « The European Insolvency Regulation: An update », *Technical Series*

INSOL Europe Academic Forum, ISBN 978-0-9558364-5-9, pp. 35-63.

- Co-Contributor to the INSOL Europe report ‘Harmonisation of Insolvency Law at EU Level’, available at <http://www.insoleurope.org/eu-research/harmonisation-of-insolvency-law-at-eu-level/>

- ‘Which convergences in the treatment of business in difficulty in the European Union’, *Les Petites Affiches*, 2009, no. 237, pp. 49-56

Dr Konstantinos Sergakis (Bristol)

Dr. Konstantinos Sergakis holds an LL.B from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, an LL.M in International Business Law from University College London and a Ph.D from the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. He is currently Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol. He has previously taught at the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense (2006-2010) and the University of Bedfordshire where he also became the Director of the LLM in International Commercial Law (2011-2013).

He is the author of *The Transparency of Listed Companies in EU Law* (Bibliothèque de l'Institut de Recherche Juridique de la Sorbonne- IRJS Éditions, 2013). His book has already received the prestigious prize Prix Solennel André Isoré by the Chancellerie des Universités de Paris under the Presidency of the French Prime Minister as well as the 2011-2012 Special Grant from the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation. In 2013, he was appointed Affiliated Scholar of the Centre for the Law of Business and International Trade (CDACI) of the University of Montreal, Canada.

His research interests are related to Corporate Law, EU Financial Law and Corporate Governance. He has participated in numerous international conferences and publishes regularly articles in English and French journals.

Dr Tamás Kende (ELTE Budapest)

- Diploma, ELTE ÁJK (1990)
- Université Paris II (1988-1989)
- Exeter College, Oxford (1991)
- Balliol College, Oxford (1992-1993)
- Jogi szakvizsga (1995)
- PhD, ELTE ÁJK (2007)

SESSION SIX:

Dr János Fazekas (ELTE Budapest)

János Fazekas is a senior lecturer at the Department of Administrative Law, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest. He is a graduate of ELTE Faculty of Law (jurist, 2004; Lawyer specialized in codification, 2008; PhD in Administrative Law, 2012). Between 2004 and 2008 he worked as a legal advisor at the Ministry of Justice (Hungary). Since 2008 he is a lecturer at the Department of Administrative Law, ELTE (2008-2012: assistant lecturer, 2012-present: senior lecturer). He delivers courses in administrative law. He also delivers courses at the Institute of Postgraduate Legal Studies, ELTE and the Bibó István College of Law.

His research interests are central government organization, impact of the EU law on the structure and personnel of Hungarian public administration, status of agencies and the governmental decision-making process.

M.J. van Wolferen (Groningen)

Matthijs van Wolferen is a PhD Candidate at the University of Groningen from the Department of European and Economic Law. He holds a LL.B. and LL.M. in International and European Law from the University of Groningen. His research focusses on the role of Public Interest groups in the European Union. His thesis uses the European Union's signing of the Aarhus Convention as a mirror to reflect on the EU's attitude towards the Public Interest. His areas of expertise are Judicial Protection in the European Union and EU Environmental law, but he his hobby is Gambling Regulation in the Union.

Prof. Bart Krans (Groningen)

Prof. Dr. Bart Krans has held a Chair in Private law at the University of Groningen since 2005. He is a recognised expert in civil procedure law and contract law. He graduated in Law at the University of Leiden (1990) and was an assistant professor in Leiden. He received his PhD at that same university in 1999 for a thesis on damages for breach of contract. He was a lawyer in The Hague. Since 2005, he has been a full professor in Groningen where he teaches both civil procedure law and substantive private law. In 2011-2012, he was visiting professor at the University of Gent at the TPR-Chair. He has also lectured abroad, at universities in Hungary (Budapest and Pécs), Finland (Vaasa), Belgium (Gent) and Germany (Bremen). His research covers both civil procedure law and substantive private law. The European influence on national private law is one of the topics of his research. He also serves as a deputy judge in the Court of Appeal in Arnhem-Leeuwarden.

The Chairs:

Dr Ardavan Arzandeh, Bristol

Ardavan Arzandeh was appointed as a lecturer in law in August 2012. He received his LLB in 2006 and LLM in 2007 from the University of Bristol. In 2011, Ardavan completed his doctoral thesis and was awarded a PhD degree from the University of Bristol. In the course of his doctoral research, Ardavan was a tutor at the Bristol Law School. He has received Lord Hardwicke and Lord Denning scholarships from the Lincoln's Inn and was called to the Bar of England and Wales (Lincoln's Inn) in July 2012.

Ardavan's teaching and research interest are in (international) commercial law.

Prof. Paula Giliker, Bristol

Professor Paula Giliker joined the School as Reader in Comparative Law in 2006 and was promoted to a Chair in Comparative Law in 2008. She is a graduate of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge (BA 1989, BCL 1990, PhD, 1994) and a qualified Barrister and Solicitor. She has taught at Queen Mary, University of London and was Senior Law Fellow at St Hilda's College, Oxford and CUF Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Oxford. She is also a Visiting Lecturer at the Universities of Hong Kong and Valencia.

Paula teaches and researches in the law of contract and tort, in particular the comparative law of obligations and has published widely in all these fields, including the popular textbook, *Tort*. She is currently researching in the field of European contract law and tort law, with a particular focus on the impact of European law on the English law of tort. Her recent publications include *Vicarious Liability in Tort: A Comparative Perspective* (CUP, 2010) and *The Europeanisation of English Tort Law* (Hart, 2014). She is additionally editing a volume for the Trento Common Core Project on Contractual Remedies.

Paula is President of the British Association of Comparative Law, Member of the Editorial Board of the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* and the *Common Law World Review*, and a member of the executive committee of the British Association for Canadian Studies Legal Group. She is also the former Convenor of the SLS Comparative Law Subject Section.

Prof. Tonia Novitz, Bristol

Professor Tonia Novitz is Professor of Labour Law at the University of Bristol. She first studied law at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and qualified there as a Barrister and Solicitor, specialising in employment law and civil litigation. She then studied at Balliol College, Oxford, where she was awarded the BCL and completed her doctorate. She has been a visiting fellow at the International Institute for Labour Studies (Geneva), a Jean Monnet Fellow and a Marie Curie Fellow at the European University Institute (Florence) and a senior visiting fellow at the University of Melbourne. She is a member of the editorial board of the UK Industrial Law Journal, with special responsibility for the Recent Legislation section. She has written on UK labour law, international labour standards, EU social policy, EU external relations, and mechanisms for the protection of human rights. She was author of *International and European Protection of the Right to Strike* (Oxford University Press, 2003), and has been co-editor of a number of edited collections, including *Human Rights at Work* (with Colin Fenwick, Hart Publishing, 2010), *The Role of Labour Standards in Development* (with David Mangan, British Academy Series, Oxford University Press, 2011) and *Voices at Work* (with Alan Bogg, Oxford University Press, 2014).

Prof. Ken Oliphant, Bristol

Ken Oliphant joined the University of Bristol Law School in 2006 and was appointed Professor of Tort Law in 2008. From 2009 to 2013, while on extended leave from the Law School, he

was Director of the Institute for European Tort Law in the Austrian Academy of Sciences. He previously held faculty positions at King's College London (1988-99) and Cardiff University (1999-2006). He has written extensively on English, European and comparative tort law, and compensation for incapacity. He is the joint author of *Tort Law: Text & Materials*, 5th edn, Oxford University Press, 2013 (with Mark Lunney) and *Torts*, 4th edn, Palgrave MacMillan, 2011 (with Alastair Mullis), general editor of the practitioners' reference work *Tort Law* (2nd edn, 2007, Butterworths Common Law Series), and editor of several books in the series *Tort and Insurance Law*. He also undertook the revision and updating of the title on Tort for Halsbury's *Laws of England*, 5th edn, 2010. His association with learned journals includes the *Journal of European Tort Law* (founding General Editor), the *Torts Law Journal* (UK correspondent), the *Journal of Professional Negligence* and the *Journal of Law and Society* (editorial advisory board). He is a member of the European Group on Tort Law (and leading its current project on public authority liability), the European Law Institute, and the American Law Institute (for which he is currently an Adviser on the Restatement Third of Torts: Economic Harm).