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A European Optional Contract Law
Policy Choices

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Invitation to a Conference

Leuven, 14 and 15 January 2011

Friday, 14 January 2011

- 9.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Prof. Stefan Grundmann, Berlin / Prof. Ole Lando, Copenhagen / Prof. Jules Stuyck, Leuven
- 9.30 **I. Due Process, Legitimacy and Competence**
Chair: Prof. Ole Lando / Prof. Jules Stuyck
1. **A Competitive Approach to EU Contract Law**
Prof. Karl Riesenhuber, Bochum
- 10.15 **2. More Choice: Less Certainty. How Questions do not give us the Answers**
Prof. Ruth Sefton-Green, Paris
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 **3. The Green Paper: Reflections on Union Competence in Light of the Proposed Options**
Prof. Kathleen Gutman, Leuven
- 12.15 **II. Between Business Law and Consumer Law Due Process, Legitimacy and Competence**
Chair: Prof. Hugh Collins
1. **European Contract Law Reform and European Consumer Law – Two Related but Distinct Regimes**
Prof. Geraint Howells, Manchester
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 **2. B2C, B2B and General Contract Law**
Prof. Vincenzo Roppo, Genoa
- 14.45 **3. A European Civil Law – for whom and what should it include? - Reflections on the Scope of Application**
Prof. Susanne Augenhöfer, Berlin
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **4. The Relationship between National and European Law and its Impact on Market Functioning**
Prof. Giuseppe Conte/ Prof. Maria Rosaria Maugeri/ Prof. Marisa Meli, Catania
- 16.45 **III. Consumer Contract Law First**
Chair: Prof. Jacobien Rutgers
1. **Good Bye Harmonization by Directives, Hello Cross-Border Only Regulation? - The Way forward for EU Consumer Contract Law**
Prof. Christian Twigg-Flesner, Hull

- 17.30 **2. Policy Choices in European Consumer Law: Regulation through 'Targeted Differentiation'**
Prof. Vanessa Mak, Tilburg

18.15 Secola General Assembly

20.00 Conference Dinner

Saturday, 15 January 2011

- 9.00 **IV. The Optional Code and its Philosophy - Pros and Cons**
Chair: Prof. Stefan Grundmann
1. **An Economic Analysis of Harmonization Regimes: Full Harmonization, Minimum Harmonization or Optional Instrument?**
Prof. Fernando Gómez / Juan José Ganuza, Barcelona
- 9.45 **2. Who's afraid of the Optional Instrument?**
Prof. Martijn Hesselink, Amsterdam
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Chair: Prof. Fernando Gómez
- 3. European Contract Law: What do we want?**
Prof. Assunção Cristas, Lisbon
- 11.45 **4. "Choice is good". Really?**
Prof. John Cartwright, Oxford
- 12.30 **5. Optional Instrument and Social Dumping Revisited**
Prof. Jacobien Rutgers, Amsterdam
- 13.15 **V. Conclusions**
Chair: Prof. Massimo Bianca

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