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COMMON CORE OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE LAW

Sustainability and its Narratives

GRONINGEN, 24-26 MAY 2023

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023

17h00 – 19h00  Small Working Groups
Venue: Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in ‘t Jatstraat 26

19h00  CITY HIKE & DINNER (for own account)
Meeting point: Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in ‘t Jatstraat 26
Join the group that follows the trail to your favourite flavour:
- The Rijsttafel group
- The Pizzeria group
- The Stamppot group
- The Thai curry group

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2023

09h00 – 09h30  REGISTRATION AND TEA
Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1

OPENING  Welcome & Fundamentals
Chair: Prof Ugo Mattei (Hastings College of the Law, University of Turin)

09h30 – 10h00  Introductions & Housekeeping: Prof Björn Hoops (University of Turin, University of Groningen), Dr Leonieke Tigelaar & Dr Katja Zimmermann (University of Groningen)

Welcome: Prof Wilbert Kolkman (Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen)

Opening speech: Prof Ugo Mattei (Hastings College of the Law, University of Turin)

10h00 – 10h30  FIRST KEYNOTE
Prof Franz Werro (University of Fribourg, Georgetown Law School)

10h30 – 10h45  TEA

Plenary Keynotes 1  Foundations of Law and Sustainability
Chair: Prof Mauro Bussani (University of Trieste)

10h45 – 12h30  Speaker: Prof Felix Ekardt (University of Rostock),
Topic: Sustainability and the Law
Speaker: **Prof Marija Bartl** (University of Amsterdam)
Topic: **Shared Prosperity: Towards a New Imaginary of Political Economy in the EU**

Speaker: **Prof Bram Akkermans** (Maastricht University)
Topic: **Foundations for Sustainable Private Law**

Discussion

12h30 – 14h00
**LUNCH**
Venue: The Market Hotel, Grote Markt 31

**WORKING GROUPS**

14h00 – 15h45
**PROPERTY, led by Prof Filippo Valguarnera** (University of Stockholm)
Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1

**CONTRACT, led by Prof Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi** (University of Groningen)
**TORT, led by Prof Marta Infantino** (University of Trieste)
Venue: The Market Hotel, Grote Markt 31

15h45 – 16h00
**TEA**
Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1

**Plenary Keynotes 2  Private Law and Sustainability**

Venue: Forum, Nieuwe Markt 1
Chair: **Prof Charlotte Pavillon** (University of Groningen)

16h00 – 17h30
Speaker: **Prof Evelyne Terryn** (University of Leuven)
Topic: **Can Consumer Law Become Sustainable?**

Speaker: **Dr Jill Robbie** (University of Glasgow)
Topic: **The Politics of Propertisation**

Speaker: **Prof Elbert De Jong** (University of Utrecht)
Topic: **Autonomous Tort Law and Corporate Climate Change Liability: Legality and Effectiveness Defences**

Discussion
17h30 – 19h30  **BORREL** (after-work drinks and snacks)
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19h30  **CONFERENCE DINNER**
Venue: Martinikerk (Martin’s Church), Martinikerkhof 3

**FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023**

08h00 – 10h30  **Small Working Groups**
Venue: Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in ‘t Jatstraat 26

10h45 – 11h00  **TEA**
Venue: DOT, Vrydemalaan 2

**Plenary Keynotes 3**  **Sustainable Forms of Collaboration**
Venue: DOT, Vrydemalaan 2
Chair: **Prof Leon Verstappen** (University of Groningen)

11h00 – 12h30  **Speaker:** **Prof Alessandra Quarta** (University of Turin)
**Topic:** **The Right to a City**

Speaker: **Prof Julien Bétaille** (University of Toulouse 1 Capitole)
**Topic:** **Rights of Nature in the European Context: from Questionable Foundations to the Lack of Legal Justification**

Speaker: **Prof Lee Breckenridge** (Northeastern University)
**Topic:** **Rights and Liabilities of Animals at the Urban-Wild Interface**

**Discussion**

**CLOSING SESSION**

12h30 – 13h00  **Reports by Chairs, Reflections and Closing Remarks:**
Chair: **Prof Ugo Mattei** (Hastings College of the Law, University of Turin)

**Prof Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi** (University of Groningen)
**Prof Marta Infantino** (University of Trieste)
**Prof Filippo Valguarnera** (University of Stockholm)

13h00  **FAREWELL LUNCH**
Venue: DOT, Vrydemalaan 2