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The Role of Judicial Actors in Shaping Private International Law: A Comparative Perspective

35th Day of Private International Law at the SICL

Wednesday, 19 November 2025

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| 17:30 | Arrival and Registration |
| 18:00 | Nadjma YASSARI and Ilaria PRETELLI
Welcome Address |
| 18:30 | Frank KLINKHAMMER
Keynote |
| 19:30 | End of the first day |

Thursday, 20 November 2025

- 09:00 – 11:00** **Private International Law in Supranational Settings**
Chair: Lukas HECKENDORN URSCHALER
- Henrik SAUGMANDSGAARD ØE**
The interpretation of Private International Law by the Court of Justice of the European Union, illustrated in recent judgments
- Valesca R. B. MOSCHEN and Isabela T. C. DONDONE**
Conferences on Private International Law of the Organization of American States – CIDIPs: 50 years and their relevance in the Brazilian Legal System
- Asya OSTROUKH**
The Role of the Caribbean Court of Justice in the Development of Private International Law in the Caribbean Region
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 13:00** **National Experiences of Judicial Innovation in Private International Law**
Chair: Michel HEINZMANN
- Özlem BURDURLU AHLAT and Ezgi Fulya AKKUŞ**
Party Autonomy in International Employment Contracts vs. Constitutional Limits: A Twofold Criticism towards the Landmark Ruling of the Turkish Constitutional Court
- Aygun MAMMADZADA**
Judicial Innovation and Property: The Role of English Courts in Reframing Private International Law in the Age of Digital Assets
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:30** **The role and engagement of legal practitioners**
Chair: Franz WERRO
- Marie-Elodie ANCEL**
Le Palais et la Faculté, itinéraires français du droit international privé
- Laura GUERCIO**
Between Advocacy and Interpretation: The Lawyer's Dual Responsibility to Clients and the Law
- Ross ANDERSON**
Private international law in adversarial litigation: an advocate's perspective
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 17:30** **SLAPP and Strategic Litigation in Private International Law: Courts as Gatekeepers of Transnational Justice**
Chair: Ilaria PRETELLI
- Harrith AL-DABBAGH**
La GPA transnationale dans l'ordre juridique québécois : La jurisprudence combattue par la loi
- Caterina D'OSUALDO**
The EU Anti-SLAPP Directive: Scope, Challenges, and Judicial Implications
- Xandra KRAMER**
Procedural Tools and Doctrinal Shifts in Cross-Border Strategic Litigation
- 17:30** **End of the Conference**

Speakers and Chairs

Ezgi Fulya AKKUŞ, Afyon Kocatepe University, Turkey

Harrith AL-DABBAGH, University of Montreal, Quebec

Marie-Elodie ANCEL, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas, France

Ross ANDERSON, Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh, Scotland

Özlem BURDURLU AHLAT, Afyon Kocatepe University, Turkey

Isabela T. C. DONDONE, Federal University of Espírito Santo, Brazil

Caterina D'OSUALDO, European Commission

Laura GUERCIO, University of Perugia, Italy

Lukas HECKENDORN URSCHALER, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland

Michel HEINZMANN, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Frank KLINKHAMMER, German Federal Supreme Court

Xandra KRAMER, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Aygun MAMMADZADA, Swansea Law School, United Kingdom

Valesca R. B. MOSCHEN, Federal University of Espírito Santo, Brazil

Asya OSTROUKH, University of the West Indies, Barbados

Ilaria PRETELLI, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland

Henrik SAUGMANDSGAARD ØE, Gorrissen Federspiel, Denmark

Franz WERRO, University of Fribourg, Switzerland and Georgetown University, USA

Nadjma YASSARI, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland

The conference will take place at the Swiss Institute of Comparative in Lausanne

Interventions will be conducted in English and French

Registration is free but mandatory: events.isdc@unil.ch

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