The Impact of EU Law on National Private Law
Competition, Internal Market, Directives, Ex Officio Application

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The conference will address, in particular, the developments relating to primary EU law and their influence on national private law. Experts from both academia and practice will discuss instances where EU primary law has already directly or indirectly influenced case law in the Member States, or where it is expected to do so soon. Compared to the well-known impact of EU directives on private law, little attention has been paid in legal practice to developments concerning the effects of primary EU law on private law, and perhaps these aspects are not sufficiently explained by EU law scholars.

The conference finds its immediate cause in the publication of the Ius Commune Casebook on European Law and Private Law, which highlights developments in the areas of competition law, fundamental freedoms, non-discrimination, general principles of EU law, ex officio application of provisions of EU law and implementation of directives, including harmonious interpretation and Francovich liability. It presents national caselaw of ten Member States.

In its analysis of the ways in which EU law interacts with private law, the book will be an invaluable resource to practitioners, academics and students of EU private law.

The areas to be discussed during the conference are competition law, fundamental freedoms and the implementation of directives in relation with ex officio application. The presentations pursue three aims: presenting important results, making clear how to find thought provoking caselaw, and engaging the audience in a discussion on the state of the art and future developments.

Due to limited seating, you are kindly requested to register by e-mail with the UNIDROIT Secretariat at info@unidroit.org
Programme

14.30 Welcome tea/coffee

Welcome and Introduction

15.00 Alberto Mazzoni, President of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, Emeritus Professor, Catholic University of Milan

Arthur Hartkamp, Professor of European Private Law at Radboud University Nijmegen, chairman of the international research group for the Casebook, editor and author

Introduction to the Casebook along the lines of Non-discrimination

15.15 Carla Sieburgh, Professor of Private Law, in particular the influences of European Law on national private law at Radboud University Nijmegen, editor and author.

Fundamental Freedoms

15.35 Roel van Leuken, Assistant professor of civil law at Radboud University Nijmegen, secretary of the international research group for the Casebook, author.

Overview of findings, further developments and agenda for future research

15.55 Andrea Zoppini, Professor of Private Law, University Roma Tre.

Perspectives from practice and academia

16.15 Discussion

16.30 Coffee break

Implementation of Directives/Ex Officio Application

16.45 Anna Maria Mancaleoni, Associate Professor of Private Comparative Law, University of Cagliari, author.

Overview of findings, further developments and agenda for future research

17.05 Raffaele Sabato, Justice, Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome.

Perspectives from practice and academia

Competition law

17.25 Wouter Devroe, Professor of EU and Economic Law at KU Leuven and Professor of competition Law at Maastricht University, editor and author.

Overview of findings, further developments and agenda for future research

17.45 Vincenzo Valentini, Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato, Chief of Chairman’s Staff, Professor of Labour law and Competition law University Guglielmo Marconi, Rome

Perspectives from practice and academia

18.05 Discussion

18.20 Closing