

PANEL ON REINSURANCE CONTRACT LAW

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- 11.30 - 11.40 Welcome and Introduction
Professor Arthur Hartkamp (Vice - President of the UNIDROIT Governing Council)
Professor Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT)
- 11.40 - 12.00 Introduction to the Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law and their Relationship with the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts – Professor Helmut Heiss (University of Zurich)
- 12.00 - 12.20 “Duties” and “Remedies” in the Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law as compared with the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts – Professor Diana Cerini (Milano Bicocca University)
- 12.20 - 12.40 A Direct Insurer’s View – Mr Lari Kuitunen (If P&C Insurance)
- 12.40 - 13.00 A Reinsurer’s View – Dr Eberhard Witthoff (Munich Re Group)
- 13.00 - 13.30 Discussion



Professor Dr. Helmut Heiss, LL.M. is full professor at the University of Zurich and attorney-at-law. He has in-depth knowledge and considerable experience in various areas of private law, in particular insurance and reinsurance contract law as well as private international law. Helmut Heiss also acts as Chairman of the Working Group on the Principles of European Insurance Contract Law (PEICL) and of the Working Group on the Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL).



Professor Diana Cerini is Full Professor of Comparative Private Law at the School of Law of Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca. She is the author of several books and papers regarding, among others, insurance law, financial services and tort law. She has conducted researches at national and international level and has been visiting professor in various foreign universities. She has been a member of the Arbitration Committee of the Bank of Italy – Arbitro Bancario Finanziario in charge of resolution of conflicts between banks and other financial intermediaries and clients and has long experience in legal counselling and arbitration. She has been the Italian member of the PEICL (Principles of European Insurance Contract Law) and actually of the PRICL Group (on Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law).



Mr Lari Kuitunen has been a Reinsurance manager at If P&C Insurance Ltd, for close to 10 years. If P&C is one of the largest insurance companies in the Nordics (in fact the largest if you look at Nordic countries as a combined entity). He obtained a Master of Economics at the University of Helsinki in 2007, and a Master of Laws at the University of Helsinki in 2010, his Master's thesis concerning the liability of reinsurers to compensate losses in certain special circumstances, awarded for excellence. His industry expertise has seen him in charge of the negotiation, contract drafting, operation and overseeing of long tail reinsurance contracts. He is a Member of the advisory panel of insurers of the PRICL project



Dr Eberhard Witthoff has been Head of Claims Munich Re since 2016 for Global Clients and the Asia-Pacific region. He has the worldwide responsibility for Cyber claims, Casualty, Credit risk and Agro. Eberhard began his career as an insurance and contract lawyer in a law firm in Munich serving clients nation-wide, and joined Munich Re as a primary (fire/industrial) insurance specialist in 1997. From 2001 to 2005, he was Senior Claims Lawyer for the German market. In 2005 he became Head of Claims for Central Eastern Europe. From 2007 to 2016 he has been Head of Claims in the Germany, Asia-Pacific, and Africa Division.