9th Cape Town Convention Conference 2020

10-11 September 2020, Rome and ZOOM

We are very sorry to have to let you know that it won’t be possible to hold the conference in Cambridge this year, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on meetings and travel that are currently in place in the UK, and which may still apply in September.

While it is a great shame not to be able to welcome you to Cambridge in 2020, we are delighted to let you know that the conference will go ahead on the same dates (Thursday 10th and Friday 11th of September 2020) at the headquarters of UNIDROIT in Rome and also on ZOOM. While the content of the papers and discussion will remain the same, the format will take account of the fact that many will be attending virtually, and every attempt will be made to make attending the conference the same stimulating and interactive experience as it has been for the past 8 years.

The draft programme for the conference follows. The topics covered include an in-depth discussion of the impact of COVID-19 on the operation of the CTC, particularly in the context of insolvency law, as well as papers on subjects with great topical relevance, such as the interaction between the EU insolvency regulation and the CTC, and judicial breach of the CTC. There are two papers relating to the Pretoria Protocol on mining, agricultural and construction equipment: one considering the amendment provisions and another on the features and challenges of developing the MAC International Registry. There will also be a discussion of the judicial guide to the CTC.

The programme is still in draft. Not all the speakers are yet confirmed, given the current circumstances, and the timings may change. We would very much like to be able to accommodate everyone attending virtually, although this will not be possible for everyone, so we may adjust the timing of sessions nearer the date.

Given the circumstances, there will be no charge for the conference this year. If you would like to attend the conference, please fill in the online booking form http://ctcap.org/cape-town-convention-academic-conference/9th-cape-town-convention-academic-conference-registration/. Full joining instructions will be sent out nearer the time.
On the two days immediately preceding the conference, there will be two workshops for two projects which are part of the Cape Town Convention Academic Project: the project on the Economic Assessment of International Commercial Law Reform and the project on Best Practices in the Field of Electronic Registry Design and Operation. These projects examine important aspects of transnational law and practice which are of great relevance to the development and operation of the CTC.

Full participation in these workshops is restricted to the members of the respective project groups. However, this year attendees at the CTC conference are invited to observe one or both of these workshops. Please indicate whether you would like to do this on the online booking form.

We look forward to welcoming you, in Rome or virtually, for what promises to be yet another excellent and inspiring conference this year. We also look forward to welcoming you in Cambridge for the 10th conference in 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

Professor Louise Gullifer Q.C. (hon) FBA

Professor Ignacio Tirado

Professor Jeffrey Wool
Cape Town Convention Academic Project – 9th Conference
10th and 11th September 2020

UNIDROIT AND VIA ZOOM

PROGRAMME

Thursday 10th September

10.30am Delegate registration and tea/coffee

11.15am EU insolvency regulation and the CTC
Professor Ignacio Tirado (UNIDROIT)
Commentator: Dr Felix Steffek (University of Cambridge)

12.45pm Lunch

2.00pm The Cape Town Convention and the Aircraft Protocol, the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act of the United Kingdom and other restructuring laws. Key questions on ensuring conformity
Kenneth Gray and Mark Craggs, Norton Rose Fulbright
Commentators: Professor Louise Gullifer (University of Cambridge) and TBA

3.30pm Tea/coffee

4pm MAC International Registry – features, issues, challenges and importance
Panel including: Ole Boeger (Ministry of Justice (Germany)) Rob Cowan (Aviereto)

5.30pm Summary of day

Friday 11th September

9am Tea/coffee

9.30am Compliance with the CTC in the context of COVID 19
(1) Public and private law
(2) Insolvency law and insolvencies
Jeffrey Wool (Harris Manchester College, Oxford), Jasmine Jin (Blake, Cassels & Graydon, Toronto)

11.30am  Tea/coffee

12 noon  **Update on CTC Compliance Index**
Panel led by Jeffrey Wool (Harris Manchester College, Oxford)

1.00pm  Lunch

2.00pm  **Judicial Breach of the CTC**
Jeffrey Wool (Harris Manchester College, Oxford), Miguel Ruelas, (Abogados Sierra, Mexico City)
Commentator: Dr Rumiana Yotova (University of Cambridge).

3.30pm.  **Judicial guide to the CTC**
Peter Watson (Allen & Overy).

5pm  Closing remarks