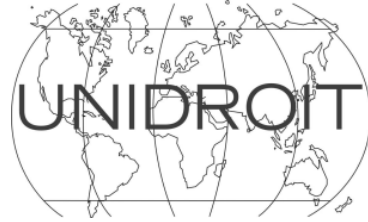




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## International workshop The ELI- UNIDROIT Model European Rules of Civil Procedure

**(Closing event of the 99<sup>th</sup> session of the UNIDROIT Governing Council)**

**Rome/remote, Friday 25 September 2020**

Register [here](#)

13:00-13:15 **Opening addresses:**

Professor Maria Chiara Malaguti (*UNIDROIT President*)

Professor Ignacio Tirado (*UNIDROIT Secretary-General*)

Professor Christiane Wendehorst (*ELI President*)

13:15-14:30 *Chair: Professor Jorge Sanchez Cordero Dávila (UNIDROIT Governing Council member, Mexico)*

**History of the project and general presentation:**

*Diana Wallis (former ELI President, University of Hull)*

*Anna Veneziano (UNIDROIT Deputy Secretary-General, University of Teramo)*

**From the ALI-UNIDROIT Principles to the ELI-UNIDROIT Rules:**

*Rolf Stürner (University of Freiburg, former Co-Reporter ALI-UNIDROIT Principles)*

*Discussion*

*Break: 14:30 – 14:45*

14:45-16:15 Co-Chairs: Anna Veneziano & Diana Wallis

**Party Disposition and Case Management: The Approach of the ELI-UNIDROIT Rules**

*John Sorabji (former Principal Legal Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls; University College London)*

External discussants (views from the judiciary):

*Sir Geoffrey Vos (Chancellor of the High Court of England and Wales)*

*Raffaele Sabato (former Italian Supreme Court judge, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights)*

*Roundtable discussion with invited Co-Reporters*

*Further discussion with Governing Council members and other participants*

*Break: 16:15– 16:30*

16.30 -17.30 Chair: *Remo Caponi (University of Florence)*

**The Rules as a model for supranational and national legislators:**

*Frédérique Ferrand (University Jean Moulin Lyon 3)*

*Xandra Kramer (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)*

External discussant:

*Norel Rosner (DG-JUST, European Commission)*

**Closing of the workshop and of the Governing Council Session:**

*Maria Chiara Malaguti, UNIDROIT President*



**Jorge Sanchez Cordero** - German bachelor's diploma (Deutsches Abitur). Gabino Barreda Silver Medal awarded by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Gold Medal awarded by the Government of Mexico as the best University Student in the years of 1969/1974. Magna cum laude in his Juris Doctor dissertation. PhD awarded by Pantheon-Assas University. Doctoral dissertation conferred the mention *tres honorable avec la félicitation du jury*. Silver medal awarded by the Henri Capitant association (where he now chairs the Mexican branch). Practitioner and public notary in Mexico City. Judge at the electoral federal court. Representative of the government of Mexico in several diplomatic conference (serving as Vice President for the DC of the UNIDROIT 1995 Convention). Recently nominated as an emeritus consultant of the Mexican ministry of foreign affairs. Among his numerous roles and memberships including the ICLAFI, ICOMOS, IACL, and IALS, we mention his role as

Member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council and Permanent Committee, of the ALI and fellow of the ELI. An Honorary member of the royal Spanish academy of legislation and jurisprudence and the director of the Mexican centre of uniform law, he is also the author and editor of numerous books and articles translated into different languages and sits on several editorial boards.

**Diana Wallis** is a Senior Fellow at the University of Hull Law School, a member of the Law Society's EU Committee, a Trustee of the ERA in Trier and the Board of Trustees of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and an Honorary Associate of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University. After time as a litigation lawyer, she was a member of the European Parliament before acting as its Vice-President. Between 2013 and 2017 she was President of the ELI. She is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



**Anna Veneziano** is Deputy Secretary-General of UNIDROIT. She is Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Teramo in Italy (on leave). From 2013–2018 she was Professor of European Property law at the University of Amsterdam. She holds an LLM from Yale Law School and a PhD from the University of Florence. Her research areas are international, comparative and European secured transactions and contract law. She is on the Steering Committee of the ELI-UNIDROIT Civil Procedure project.

**Rolf Stürner** is Professor of Law at the University of Freiburg. As a Visiting Professor at Harvard, New York University and many others he has taught international civil litigation and comparative civil procedure. He was a judge of the State Courts of Appeal of Karlsruhe and Stuttgart, President of the Association of German and Austrian Proceduralists, Co-Reporter of the ALI-UNIDROIT Project on Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure and now on the Steering Committee and Structure Group of the ELI-UNIDROIT Civil Procedure project.



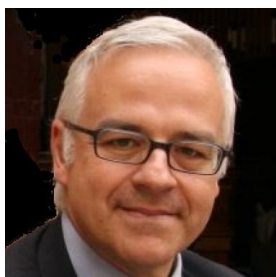


**John Sorabji** is a barrister, Senior Judicial Institute Fellow at University College London's Judicial Institute, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Paris-II. He was formerly the Principal Legal Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolls. He is the General Editor of the White Book. He was a Founding Member of the ELI, served on its Executive Committee, and is a member of the Steering Committee and Working Groups of the ELI-UNIDROIT Civil Procedure project.

**Sir Geoffrey Vos** has been Chancellor of the High Court since October 2016. He has responsibility for the conduct of business in the Business and Property Courts. Prior to that, he was a Lord Justice of Appeal from 2013 and was President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary from January 2015 to June 2016. He was appointed as a High Court Judge in October 2009. He sat in the Courts of Appeal of Jersey and Guernsey between 2005 and 2009, and in the Court of Appeal of the Cayman Islands between 2008 and 2009, having begun his judicial career as a deputy High Court Judge in 1999. Sir Geoffrey has been appointed to succeed Sir Terence Etherton as Master of the Rolls with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020.



Sir Geoffrey was the Chairman of the Chancery Bar Association from 1999 to 2001 and Chairman of the Bar Council in 2007. He took silk in 1993, and practised at the Chancery and Commercial bar from 1979 to 2009, both domestically and internationally. He was Chairman of the Social Mobility Foundation from 2008-2011. He was elected as an Honorary Fellow of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge in November 2015. Sir Geoffrey is Editor-in-Chief of the White Book. He is a member of the Lawtech UK Panel and chairman of its UK Jurisdiction Taskforce. He is Dean of Chapel and Keeper of the Black Books for Lincoln's inn for 2020.



**Raffaele Sabato** Raffaele Sabato holds a degree in law from the University of Naples and one in political sciences from the University of Macerata. He has been an Italian magistrate since 1991. He was assigned to the Italian Court of Cassation as a Counsellor in 2012.

He was a member of the scientific committee of the Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura (CSM) (1998-2001) and an expert reporter to the United Nations, European Union and Council of Europe, participating in numerous missions and initiatives in programmes aimed at the promotion of judicial reform, magistrate training and the protection of human rights in general. He sat on the board of the Scuola Superiore di Magistratura as head of the International Section. He has taught at various schools of specialisation for the legal professions of Italian universities on civil law, European Union law and the judiciary. He was a member of the Consultative Council of European Judges of the Council of Europe and was elected Vice President and then President of his Working Group. In its session of 22 January 2019, the Assembly of the Council of Europe appointed him as sixth Italian judge at the European Court of Human Rights.



**Xandra Kramer** ([www.xandrakramer.eu](http://www.xandrakramer.eu)) is Professor of civil justice at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and of private international law at Utrecht University. Her research focuses on access to justice and justice innovation, the functioning of civil justice systems, international contracts, and transnational complex litigation. She has been involved in multiple studies for the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the Dutch Ministry of Justice, and was reporter and a co-reporter of working groups of the ELI-UNIDROIT project on European Rules of Civil Procedure. She is Principal Investigator of the European Research Council consolidator project 'Building EU civil justice' ([www.euciviljustice.eu](http://www.euciviljustice.eu)) and elected member of the Dutch Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Frédérique Ferrand** is a tenured Professor University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, an Honorary Member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF) and at the Law Faculty of the University of Augsburg, Germany. Licence in Private law (1980), University Diploma in German law (1980), Diplôme d'études supérieures (DEA) in Private law (1982), Diplôme d'études supérieures International and European Studies (1984), Doctorat d'État (Ph. D) in Law, Lyon (1990) in comparative civil procedure. She is a French correspondent of many German law reviews, of the English law review Child and Family Law Quarterly, a Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Procedural Law and Member of the Scientific Board of the Montesquieu Law Review. She sits on many international academic boards and committees, and directs several research programmes. Among her many other accolades one must mention her role as expert for UNIDROIT in the drafting of Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure (1999-2003), as French correspondent of UNIDROIT (since 2004), and the fact that she was a member of three Working Groups of the ELI-UNIDROIT Project Model Rules of European Civil Procedure.



**Remo Caponi** (1960) is full Professor of Civil Procedure at the University of Florence since 2001. He is a Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, a Fernand Braudel Fellow at the European University Institute (2016), a Senior Hauser Global Research Fellow at the New York University (2014-2015), a visiting professor at the University of Heidelberg (2014-2015), a fellow of the DAAD at the Humboldt University of Berlin (2014). Remo is currently member of the International Scientific Advisory Board (Fachbeirat) of the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, of the Presidium of the International Association of Procedural Law, of the Steering Committee supervising the ELI-UNIDROIT joint project on European Rules of Civil Procedure. He is co-founder of the joint law degree *Giurisprudenza italiana e tedesca*, University of Florence and University of Cologne. He is founding member of the European Law Institute and was member of its Executive Committee (2013-2017). He was a member the Board of the Trustees of the Academy of European Law (2007-2015). Remo has authored 4 books and about 200 papers in Italian, English and German. Some of his works have been translated in foreign languages. His main research interests are in the field of civil procedure, comparative civil procedure and constitutional law.

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**Norel Rosner** was involved in the ELI-UNIDROIT project on civil procedure from its inception, as an observer on behalf of the European Commission. He currently works at the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers at the European Commission. Civil procedure is among his areas of expertise, both at the level of the EU and also in relation with third countries. In this context his work currently focuses on the international aspects of cooperation in the area of civil justice. He previously worked at the Court of Justice of the European Union, as well as in academia (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) and private practice (De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, The Netherlands). Norel holds a PhD degree in Law from the University of Groningen and has been a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg and NYU School of Law.

