



Centre for Nordic Studies and Transnational Private Law

Workshop on *Contra Proferentem* in Nordic Contract Law



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Welcome & Tour of Nordic Law Centre: 14:00 CET Workshop: 14:30 - 17:00 CET



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Please register here by 3 December 2023

**Opening remarks** 

Ignacio Tirado (UNIDROIT Secretary-General)

Peter Arnt Nielsen (Copenhagen Business School)

Giuditta Cordero-Moss (University of Oslo)

## Speakers

Yuliya Chernykh Rasmus Kamstrup Bogetoft Eyvindur Gunnarsson Julianne Meling Habberstad Jonas Rosengren Anna-Maria Tamminen

## Moderator

Yuliya Chernykh

# Workshop on Contra Proferentem in Nordic Contract Law

Welcome to a workshop on *Contra Proferentem* in Nordic Contract Law organized by the UNIDROIT Nordic Law Centre.

The workshop aims to provide a comparative law perspective on the *contra proferentem* principle in the Nordic countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Speakers will (i) share their insights on the interpretation and application of the principle in these jurisdictions, and (ii) discuss the idea behind comparing *contra proferentem* in Nordic contract laws. The discussion will include observations drawn from a questionnaire, contributing to a deeper understanding of Nordic contract law tradition(s).

Questions and comments from the audience will be welcome after the panel discussion.

#### About the Speakers

**Yuliya Chernykh** is Associate Professor at the Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences and Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Oslo. Yuliya works in the field of contract law, international arbitration and public international law. Her recent monograph 'Contract Interpretation in Investment Treaty Arbitration: A Theory of the Incidental Issue' (Brill 2022) is available as an Open Access book. Yuliya has acted as arbitrator in numerous international arbitration proceedings and appeared as expert in Ukrainian and international law in investment treaty arbitration and before foreign courts.

**Rasmus A.K. Bogetoft** is a tenure track Assistant Professor of law at the University of Copenhagen. He earned his Ph.D. from Copenhagen Business School and formerly worked as an attorney at Plesner Law Firm in Denmark. He has been a visiting researcher at UC Berkeley School of Law and a visiting student at Yale University. His primary interests are in Private Law and Law & Economics.

**Eyvindur G. Gunnarsson** is a Professor of law at the University of Iceland. He is the author of numerous law review articles on law of obligations, law of property, company law and private international law, as well as leading textbooks. Over time he has advised public authorities on legal issues and acted as arbitrator. Currently, he sits on the Court of Reopening Cases, he is the Chairman of the Central Bank of Iceland Financial Supervisory Authority Advisory Committee on the eligibility and qualifications of board members of financial enterprises, and the Chairman of the board of the Disciplinary Committee Nasdaq Iceland Stock Exchange.

### **UNIDROIT Nordic Law Centre**

This workshop is the first in a series of workshops to be organized as part of the activities of the recentlyfounded <u>UNIDROIT Centre for Nordic Studies and</u> <u>Transnational Private Law (UNIDROIT Nordic Law</u> <u>Centre)</u>. The UNIDROIT Nordic Law Centre is a research centre hosted under the umbrella of the UNIDROIT Academy with the participation of institutions from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

The UNIDROIT Nordic Law Centre focuses on Nordic law and comparative law in relation to private law and Nordic law and supports research in these areas. It also seeks to increase international awareness of Nordic law and enhance the dissemination and knowledge of UNIDROIT's work in the region. Julianne Meling Habberstad is Associate Professor at Inland University of Applied Sciences. Prior to joining academia, Julianne worked as a commercial attorney for more than 15 years in private practice. Her areas of expertise encompass employment, privacy, welfare law, and contract law. Julianne participates in legal and interdisciplinary research projects that bridges academic discipline and legal practice. She leads the Research Group on Legal Application in Practice tied to the cooperation between the Inland University of Applied Sciences the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration.

**Jonas Rosengren** is partner at Werks Advokater, where he is active as counsel and arbitrator in Swedish and international commercial disputes. In addition, he is pursuing a part-time PhD in comparative contract law at the University of Oslo.

Anna-Maria Tamminen is a Partner in Hannes Snellman's Dispute Resolution Group specialising in resolving complex international disputes. Her past work as counsel includes high-stakes commercial and investment cases requiring the application of general contract and commercial law (including franchise, agency and shareholder disputes), tort law, international sales, post M&A, competition and procurement law. Anna-Maria has also acted as arbitrator in 30 international arbitrations under different arbitration institutions and governing laws. Anna-Maria is a graduate of the University of Turku and New York University. Anna-Maria is admitted as attorney in Finland and New York. She regularly publishes articles, presents at conferences and lectures on dispute resolution topics.