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30 Years of UPICC Past, Present and Future Relevance

6 -7 MAY 2024
UNIDROIT Headquarters
Villa Aldobrandini,
Via Panisperna 28, 00184 Rome, Italy
and online via Zoom

Please join us for a celebratory conference to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (UPICC). UNIDROIT Governing Council Members, academic experts, and practitioners will gather in Rome to discuss the various ways in which this successful instrument has been used over the past thirty years, as well as its possible role in shaping new frontiers of contract law.

After illustrating the historical roots of the UPICC and their synergies with other uniform law instruments, the conference will focus on the use of the UPICC in contract drafting and in arbitration. Furthermore, the conference will address the use of the UPICC as general contract law in the development of new UNIDROIT instruments, and the fundamental role they play in shaping national legislation as well as domestic case law. The final panel will take stock of the previous discussions to collect ideas and impulses for ways forward.

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6 MAY

13:00 Arrival/Seating

13:30 Welcome and introduction
Maria Chiara Malaguti and Ignacio Tirado

13:45 Keynote speech
Michael Joachim Bonell

14:15 Panel 1: The UPICC in context: historical roots and synergies with other international instruments
Chair: Don Wallace

The influence of the CISG on the development of the UPICC
Pilar Perales Viscasillas

Synergies among instruments developed by HCCH, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT in the field of contract law and the Tripartite Legal Guide
Stefan Vogenauer

The UPICC and the ICC Model Clauses
Fabio Bortolotti

Q&A

15:30 Coffee break

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15:45 Panel 2: The use of the UPICC in contract drafting
Chair: Giuditta Cordero-Moss

Roundtable:
Christopher Seppälä
Michele Ius
Pietro Galizzi (TBC)
Eckart Brödermann

Q&A

17:15 Panel 3: Practical perspectives on the role of the UPICC in arbitration
Chair: Maria Chiara Malaguti

The application of the UPICC in arbitration
Lauro Gama Jr

The use of the UPICC by experts on the applicable domestic law in international arbitration
Christina Ramberg

Recent developments of the doctrine of good faith in English law and their possible implications for UNIDROIT arbitrations
Dominic Spenser Underhill

Q&A

18:45 Conclusion of the first day

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7 MAY

9:00 Welcome Coffee

9:30 Panel 4: The UPICC's influence on the development of new UNIDROIT instruments
Chair: Henry Gabriel

The Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL)
Helmut Heiss

The UPICC and international investment contracts
José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez

Using the UPICC to Draft Sustainable Development Clauses in International Commercial Contracts
Ekaterina Pannebakker
Q&A

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Panel 5: The role of the UPICC in shaping, and interacting with, national legislation, and in fostering regional integration
Chair: Philine Wehling

The influence of the UNIDROIT principles on regional and national law reforms:
OHADA, France, Belgium
Marcel Fontaine

The influence of the UPICC on the Chinese Civil Code
Wenhua JI

The UPICC's interaction with recent regional and national ESG supply chain regulation
Ulrich Schroeter

The UPICC and Islamic Law
Nisreen Mahasneh

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Q&A

13:00 Lunch break

14:15 Panel 6: The UPICC as applicable law or background law: applications by national courts

Chair: Anna Veneziano

Overview of the use of the UPICC by judges as background law
Alejandro Garro

The choice of the UPICC as the proper law of international commercial contracts in Latin American Conflict laws
Maria Ignacia Vial Undurruga

The UPICC and English Courts
Rupert Reece
Q&A

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00 Panel 7: Shaping the future: ideas and impulses for ways forward
Chair: Ignacio Tirado

Chairs of the previous panels and general discussion with participants

17:30 Concluding remarks
Arthur Hartkamp

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