

Conference: The Policy of the French Cour de Cassation in Private International Law: Economics of Justice in International Litigation

Professor Muir-Watt is hosting a conference on the "**The Policy of the French Cour de Cassation in Private International Law: Economics of Justice in International Litigation.**"

During this conference organized by the French *Cour de Cassation*, Professor Horatia Muir-Watt will discuss the economy of judicial means as a policy factor in the recently decided private international law cases. Traditionally, the analysis of the *Cour de Cassation* includes this policy factor in the field of asserting and proof of foreign law where it seeks to achieve a balance between the proper application of the private international law rules and the risk of long and complex litigation. Presently, as the conditions for a free choice of forum are much more liberal and the circulation of foreign judgments and arbitral awards is simplified, a true world market of judicial services is starting to emerge. Thus the economy of judicial means as an economic criterion permits to evaluate the competitiveness of the judicial services offered by the French court. Beyond this national aspect, Professor Horatia Muir-Watt will examine the need of global regulation of court access in an international context. *[translated]*

The conference will be in French, and will take place on Monday, September 18, 2006, 18.00-20.00, at the Grande Chambre of the *Cour de Cassation*, on place Dauphine, rue de Harlay, Paris 1er.

A programme of the conference will be posted on the website (the website is not yet online.)