


# Conference: Arbitration and EC Law

The Heidelberg Centre for International Dispute Resolution at the Institute for Private International and Comparative Law will host a conference with the topic

**“Arbitration and EC Law - Current Issues and Trends”.**



 The conference will focus on the relations between European civil procedure and arbitration which have been an intensely debated topic among legal scholars and practitioners for a long time. Lately the debate has been fuelled in particular by:

- the upcoming decision of the European Court of Justice which will decide on the availability of anti-suit injunctions for the protection of arbitral agreements (case C-185/07) - on September 4, 2008 GA Kokott proposed in her conclusions not to permit such remedies in the European Judicial Area,
- recent case law in several EC Member States addressing the arbitrability of EC antitrust law,
- the publication of a report, commonly known as the Heidelberg Report, analyzing - in view of the European Commission's upcoming proposals on possible improvements of the Brussels I Regulation in 2009 - the application of the Regulation in 25 Member States, which proposes to delete the arbitration exception in article 1 no. 2d in order to bring ancillary proceedings relating to arbitration under the scope of the Brussels I Regulation

**The conference will take place from 5th to 6th December 2008 in Heidelberg.** Here is the **conference program**:

**Friday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.**

1. Free movement of arbitral awards: European challenges

*Prof. Gomez Jene, Madrid*

2. West Tankers Litigation - the present state of affairs

*Att. Prof. H. Raeschke-Kessler, Karlsruhe*

3. Articles 81 and 82 EC-Treaty and arbitration

*Prof. P. Schlosser, Munich*

4. The Regulations Rome I and Rome II: Their impact on arbitration

*Prof. T. Pfeiffer, Heidelberg*

Dinner

**Saturday, Dec. 6, 9.30 a.m.**

5. Roundtable: The Brussels I Regulation and arbitration

(Chair: *Prof. H. Kronke*)

5.1 Findings and proposals of the Heidelberg Report on the Regulation (EC) 44/01

*Prof. B. Hess, Heidelberg*

5.2 A French reaction

*Att. Alexis Mourre, Paris*

5.3 An English reaction

*Att. VV. Veeder, London*

5.4 A Belgian perspective

*Prof. H. van Houtte, Leuven*

5.5 An Italian reaction

*Prof. C. Consolo, Verona.*

The conference will end at 12.00.

***Further information, in particular on registration and accomodation, can be found at the website of the Institute for Private International and Comparative Law Heidelberg.***