Italian Conference on the Rome I Reg.: “La nuova disciplina comunitaria della legge applicabile alle obbligazioni contrattuali”

A very interesting conference on the Rome I Regulation will be hosted by the University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari” on Friday 28 November 2008: “**La nuova disciplina comunitaria della legge applicabile alle obbligazioni contrattuali**” (The new EC regime on the law applicable to contractual obligations). The symposium is organised in the frame of a research project carried on by several Italian universities (Milan, LUISS-Guido Carli of Rome, Cagliari, Venice and Macerata) and cofinanced by the Italian Ministry of Research and University (MIUR). Here’s an excerpt of the programme (*our translation; the sessions will be held in Italian, except otherwise specified*):

Welcome and opening remarks: *Pierfrancesco Ghetti* (Rector, University “Ca’ Foscari” of Venice); *Carmelita Camardi*, (Director, Department of Law, University “Ca’ Foscari” of Venice); *Mauro Pizzigati* (President of the Bar Council of Triveneto).

PROBLEMI GENERALI (GENERAL PROBLEMS) (9:30 – 13:00)
Chair: *Nerina Boschiero* (University of Milan)

- *Paul Lagarde* (University of Paris I – Sorbonne): Introduction. Considérations de méthode *(in French)*;
- *Fabrizio Marrella* (University “Ca’ Foscari” of Venice): Funzione ed oggetto dell’autonomia della volontà: il problema della mancata “delocalizzazione” (Function and Object of Party Autonomy: the Issue of “delocalization”);
- *Nerina Boschiero* (University of Milan): I limiti al principio di autonomia derivanti dalle norme imperative, dall’ordine pubblico e dal diritto comunitario derivato (Limits to Party Autonomy: Mandatory Provisions,

Public Policy and Secondary EC Law);
- *Ugo Villani* (University LUISS-Guido Carli of Rome): La legge applicabile in mancanza di scelta dei contraenti (Applicable Law in the Absence of Choice);
- *Andrea Bonomi* (University of Lausanne): Le norme di applicazione necessaria (Overriding Mandatory Provisions);
- *James Fawcett* (University of Nottingham): UK Perspective on Rome I Regulation *(in English)*.

Debate.

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QUESTIONI SPECIFICHE (SPECIFIC ISSUES) (14:30 – 16:00)
Chair: *Laura Picchio Forlati* (University of Padova)

- *Paolo Bertoli* (University of Insubria): Ambito di applicazione e materie escluse: in particolare, la responsabilità precontrattuale (Scope of Application and Excluded Matters: in particular, Precontractual Liability);
- *Paola Piroddi* (University of Cagliari): I contratti di assicurazione (Insurance Contracts);
- *Francesco Seatzu* (University of Cagliari): I contratti conclusi con i consumatori e i contratti individuali di lavoro (Consumer Contracts and Individual Employment Contracts);
- *Gianluca Contaldi* (University of Macerata): I contratti di trasporto (Contracts of Carriage);
- *Angelica Bonfanti* (University of Milan): Le relazioni con le convenzioni internazionali in vigore (Relationships with Existing International Conventions).

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SHORTER REPORTS (16:10 – 16:50)

- *Francesca Villata* (University of Milan): I contratti relativi a strumenti finanziari (Contracts on Financial Instruments);
- *Zeno Crespi Reghizzi* (University of Milan): Le conseguenze della nullità del contratto (Consequences of Nullity of the Contract);
- *Nerina Boschiero* (University of Milan): I contratti di proprietà

intellettuale tra Roma I e Roma II (Contracts on Intellectual Property Rights between Rome I and Rome II Regulations).

Debate.

Concluding remarks: *Tullio Treves* (University of Milan; Judge, ITLOS).

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Due to organisational issues, participation to the conference is restricted to a limited number of invited scholars. Anyway, **the sessions will be recorded and made available afterwards on the website of the Italian Society of International Law** (SIDI), so that interested parties unable to attend may follow the conference. In addition, **the papers presented at the colloquium will be published both in English and Italian edition**. Further information will be provided on our site as soon as available.

(Many thanks to Prof. Nerina Boschiero)