


# Symposium on Chinese - EU Private International Law

Tsinghua University School of Law, Strasbourg University and China-EU School of Law will co-organize an International Symposium on *The Law applicable to International Contracts: A Comparison between Chinese New Private International Law and EU Private International Law* on 28 -29 March 2011 at Tsinghua University in Beijing. 

## Programme:

First Day, 28 March 2011

8h45 Registration

9h00 Opening Ceremony

Chairperson, CHEN Weizuo, Director of the Research Centre for Private International Law and Comparative Law, Tsinghua University School of Law

9h-9h15 Welcome Address by Professor WANG Zhenmin, Dean of Tsinghua University School of Law (to be confirmed)

9h15-9h30 Speech by Professor HUANG Jin, President of China University of Political Science and Law (to be confirmed)

9h30-9h40 Speech by Professor Ninon Colneric, Co-Dean of China EU School of Law

9h40-9h45 Speech by Mrs. Danièle Alexandre, Emeritus Professor at University of Strasbourg

9h45-9h55 Photo Session for All Participants, Mingli Building, Tsinghua University

## *Section I - The Chinese New PIL Statute and its Innovations*

9h55-10h25 An Overview of the New Chinese PIL, Professor HUANG Jin, President of China University of Political Science and Law (to be confirmed)

10h25-10h40 Coffee/Tea Break

10h40-11h10 Enactment of the Chinese New PIL Statute, Report by a Member of the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (Department Chief Mrs. YAO Hong or Her Deputies)

11h10-11h40 The New Chinese PIL and Foreign-Related Trials of Chinese Courts,

Ms. Judge WANG Yun, Deputy Chief Judge of the Fourth Civil Division of the Supreme People's Court of the PRC

11h40-12h10 Discussions

12h20 Lunch

14h Chairperson: (to be determined)

14h-14h40 China's New PIL and International Commercial Arbitration, Ms. DONG Jingjing, Ph.D. Candidate at University of Strasbourg

14h40-15h20 The Role of the Principle of Party Autonomy and the Principle of the Closest Connection in China's New PIL, CHEN Weizuo, Director of the Research Centre for Private International Law and Comparative Law, Tsinghua University School of Law

15h20-16h Comments on the Chinese New PIL Statute: A European Perspective, Mr. Nicolas Nord, University of Strasbourg

16h-16h30 Discussions

16h30-16h45 Coffee/Tea Break

*Section II - Conflicts of Law Rules of Chinese PIL and EU PIL in Contractual Matters, Comparative Perspectives*

16h45 Chairperson: DU Huangfang, Professor at Renmin University Law School

16h45-17h25 The Notion of Contract in Chinese and EU PIL, Gustavo Vieira da Costa Cerqueira, University of Strasbourg

17h25-18h05 The Principle of Party Autonomy in EU PIL: impact and significance, Ms. Delphine Porcheron, University of Strasbourg

18h05-18h25 Discussions

Second Day, 29 March 2011

9h Chairperson: CHEN Weizuo, Director of the Research Centre for Private International Law and Comparative Law, Tsinghua University School of Law

9h-9h40 The Law Applicable to a Contract in the Absence of a Choice by the Parties in Chinese New PIL and EU PIL, (to be determined).

9h40-10h20 Conflicts of Law Rules and the Protection of the Weaker Party in EU PIL and Chinese New PIL, Mrs. Danièle Alexandre, Emeritus Professor at University of Strasbourg

10h20-11h Exceptions Based on Public Policy and Overriding Mandatory Provisions in EU PIL and Chinese New PIL, Mr. Nicolas Nord, University of Strasbourg

11h-11h30 Discussions

11h30 -11h45 Coffee/Tea Break

11h45-11h55 Closing Address, One of the Leaders of Tsinghua University School of Law

12h End of the Symposium

12h10 Lunch

*Location:* Law School of Tsinghua University, Mingli Building, Tsinghua University, HaidianDistrict, Beijing, P.R. China

No registration fee required.