

Brussels Conference on Cross Border Class Actions

On Friday 27 April 2012, an international symposium will be held in Brussels on “Cross-Border Class Actions: The European Way”. The symposium is part of an inter-university research project on judicial cooperation in regulatory matters and consumer protection. The event will be held at the Stanhope hotel, within a walking distance from the European Commission headquarters. Full details and registration form can be found online.

The programme is as follows:

9:00- 9:15: **Welcome Speech**

Andrée Puttemans, Dean of the Law Faculty of Université Libre de Bruxelles

Introduction to the conference

Arnaud Nuyts, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Part I - Aggregate Litigation as a New Regulatory Technique

Chair: George Arestis, Judge, European Court of Justice

9:15- 9:40: **A Model Typology of Class Actions**

Michael Karayanni, Hebrew University

9:40- 10:20: **Introducing a EU Regime for Collective Redress Litigation - The State of Play**

- *Maciej Szpunar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PL), University of Silesia,*
- *Lukasz Gorywoda, Université Libre de Bruxelles*

10:20-10:45: **Collective Redress in the Post-Regulatory State**

Horatia Muir Watt, Science-Po Paris

Part II - EU Cross-Border Collective Redress Litigation

Chair: Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street, London

11:25-11:50: Collective Redress and the Brussels I Jurisdictional Model

Burkhard Hess, University of Heidelberg

11:50-12:15: The Consolidation of Collective Claims under Brussels I

Arnaud Nuyts, Université Libre de Bruxelles

12:15-12:40: Recognition, Enforcement and Collective Judgments

Richard Fentiman, University of Cambridge

Lunch time: Keynote Speech

Salla Saastamoinen, European Commission

14:10-14:50: The Worldwide Reach of US Class Actions

- *Ralf Michaels, Duke University*
- *Louise Ellen Teitz, Roger Williams University, Hague Conference*

14:50-15:10: Collective Redress and Arbitration

Luca Radicati di Brozolo, Catholic University of Milano

Part III - Cross-Border Collective Redress in Specific Fields

Chair: Hakim Boularbah, Université Libre de Bruxelles

15:30-16:10: Collective Redress and Competition Policy

- *Michael Hellner, University of Stockholm*
- *Lia Athanassiou, University of Athens*

16:10-16:50: Collective Redress and Consumer Protection

- *Cristina González Beilfuss, University of Barcelona*
- *Malgorzata Posnow, Université Libre de Bruxelles*

16:50-17:30: Collective Redress and Financial Markets

- *Anna Gardella, Catholic University of Milano*
- *Charalambos Savvides, University of Cyprus*

18:00: Conclusions - Collective Redress and Global Governance

Nikitas Hatzimihail, University of Cyprus,