

# 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,*