

# Common European Sales Law Meets Reality - A European Debate on the Commission's Proposal

On 14 and 15 June 2013, the annual conference of the European Private Law Review (GPR) will take place in Halle (Saale), Germany. Renowned officials, politicians, judges, and academics from various EU Member States are going to discuss the Commission's Proposal for a Common European Sales Law. Speakers include Diana Wallis, the former Vice President of the European Parliament; Verica Trstenjak, formerly Advocate General of the European Court of Justice and now professor at the University of Vienna; Denis Mazeaud, Université Panthéon-Assas; Paul Varul, University of Tartu; Pascal Ancel, Université de Luxembourg; Loukas Mistelis, Queen Mary, University of London, and Martin Schmidt-Kessel, University of Bayreuth. A unique feature of the conference is that it is not restricted to the legal aspects of the proposal, but also includes other perspectives, such as anthropology, the role of the media in judging the instrument and the place of the new sales law in academic education. The registration form is available [here](#).

The programme reads as follows:

## Friday, 14 June 2013

- 1:00 to 1:30 pm Registration
- 1:30 to 2:00 pm Introduction
  - 1. Welcome Address,  
*Prof. Dr. Matthias Lehmann*, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg
  - 2. Greetings,  
*Thomas Wunsch*, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Equal Treatment, Saxony-Anhalt
- 2:00 to 3:45 pm CESL in Politics
  - 1. Making European Sales Law I: Insights from Brussels  
*Mikolaj Zaleski*, European Commission, DG Justice, Unit A2 - Contract Law

- 2. Making European Sales Law II: Particularities in a Federal System  
*Dr. Frank Warnecke, Ministry of Justice and Equal Treatment, Saxony-Anhalt*
- 3. Droit commun européen de la vente et la France: Je t'aime, moi non plus  
*Prof. Dr. Denis Mazeaud, Université Panthéon-Assas*
- 4. Benefits and Drawbacks of CESL for Smaller Member States  
*Prof. Dr. Paul Varul, University of Tartu, Estonia*
- 5. Is the UK Afraid of European Private Law and Should It Be?  
*His Hon Judge David Mackie CBE, QC, High Court of Justice, England and Wales*
- 3:45 to 4:15 pm Coffee break
- 4:15 to 6:00 pm CESL in Society
  - 1. CESL and the Media: Reduction of Complexity or Scaremongering?  
*Diana Wallis, Former Vice President of the European Parliament*
  - 2. Civil Law Codifications as Symbols of National Sovereignty  
*Prof. Dr. Marie-Claire Foblets, Max-Planck-Institute for Anthropological Research, Halle*
  - 3. Hitting That Blue Button Down There: Does the Consumer Have a Real Choice?  
*Alice Wagner, Vienna Chamber of Labour*
- 6:00 PM Cocktail Reception

## **Saturday, 15 June 2013**

- 9:00 to 10:45 am CESL in Court
  - 1. The Challenge Faced by the ECJ and Possible Responses  
*Prof. Dr. Verica Trstenjak, Universität Wien, Former Advocate General, European Court of Justice*
  - 2. National Courts: How Can They Keep Track?  
*Prof. Dr. Luz María Martínez Velencoso, Universidad de Valencia*
  - 3. Taking CESL to ADR: The Solution?  
*Prof. Dr. Loukas Mistelis, Queen Mary University of London*
- 10:45 to 11:15 am Coffee break
- 11:15 AM to 1:00 pm CESL in University

- 1. Good and Bad Timing: The Place in the Curriculum  
*Prof. Dr. Pascal Ancel*, Université de Luxembourg
- 2. The Language in Which CESL Shall be Taught  
*Prof. Dr. Christoph Busch*, EBS Law School, Wiesbaden
- 3. Civil Sales Law, Commercial Sales Law, Consumer Sales Directive, CISG, CESL - Enough is Enough?  
*Prof. Dr. Martin Schmidt-Kessel*, Universität Bayreuth
- 1:00 pm Conclusion