

# **Munich's Institute of Comparative Law celebrates its 100th Anniversary: Conference on 'Sales Law and Conflict of Laws from Ernst Rabel until Today', 16-17 June 2016, LMU Munich**

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It was in 1916 that Ernst Rabel founded the 'Institute of Comparative Law' at Munich University - the first of its kind in Germany. The 100th Anniversary of the Institute, which still persists as a department of the Institute of International Law at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, gives reason to review the influence of Ernst Rabel on both, sales law and conflict of laws and to take a current view on recent developments in these fields. As is well-known, Rabel's work on sales law was highly influential for the development of the Hague Uniform Sales Law of 1964, the precursor of the CISG of 1980. The latter had a formative impact on EU consumer sales law and subsequently on the proposal for a Common European Sales Law (CESL). But also the current contractual conflict of laws of the EU as the Rome I-Regulation would not exist in its current form without the fundamental contributions of Ernst Rabel. The presentations of the conference cover the entire range of these topics from the beginnings of comparative law and its early years until its most recent developments:

- Dean's Greeting, *Prof. Dr. Martin Franzen*
- Introductory Speech, *Prof. Dr. Peter Kindler*
- The History of the Institute of Comparative Law, *Prof. Dr. Dagmar Coester-Waltjen, München/Göttingen*
- Welcome and Introduction, *Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hans Jürgen Sonnenberger, München*
- Ernst Rabel - The Munich Years, *Archivdirektor a.D. Hans-Joachim*

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- Karl Neumeyer as a Pioneer of Comparative Law in the field of Public Law, *Prof. Dr. Peter Huber, Judge at the Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht), München*
- Rabel's Influence on the CISG and the Development of European Sales Law, *Prof. Dr. Ulrich Magnus, Hamburg*
- The Distinction between Digital and Analogous Goods - How fit for the Future are the Commission's Proposals for a Law of Contracts in the Digital Interior Market?, *Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christiane Wendehorst, LL.M. (Cambridge), Wien*
- International Contract Law and CISG, *Prof. Dr. Andreas Spickhoff, München*
- Transaction-like Party Autonomy, *Prof. Dr. Marc-Philippe Weller, Heidelberg*
- Conclusions, *Prof. Dr. Stephan Lorenz, München*

Participation in the Conference requires prior registration [here](#).