

# **Invitation: The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Prospects for Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters between the EU and Third Countries – Pre- Conference Video Roundtable University of Bonn / HCCH on 29 October 2020**



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**Prospects for Judicial Cooperation in Civil and  
Commercial Matters between the EU and Third Countries**

**Pre-Conference Video Roundtable  
University of Bonn / HCCH**

**Thursday, 29 October 2020, 6.30 p.m. (UTC+1) (via Zoom)**

**Speakers:**

**Dr Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General of the HCCH**

**Colin Brown, Unit Dispute Settlement and Legal Aspects of Trade Policy,  
DG Trade, European Commission**

**Dr Alexandra Diehl, White & Case LLP, Frankfurt, Chair of the  
Arbitration/Litigation/Mediation (“ALM”) Working Group of the German-  
American Lawyers Association (DAJV)**

**Dr Veronika Efremova, Senior Project Manager GIZ, Open Regional Funds  
for South East Europe-Legal Reform**

**Andreas Stein, Head of Unit, DG JUST - A1 “Civil Justice”, European  
Commission**

**Dr Jan Teubel, German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer  
Protection**

**Moderators:**

**Dr João Ribeiro-Bidaoui, First Secretary, HCCH**

**Prof Dr Matthias Weller, University of Bonn**

The largest proportion of EU economic growth in the 21st century is expected to arise in trade with third countries. This is why the EU is building up trade relations with many states and other regional integration communities in all parts of the world. The latest example is the EU-MERCOSUR Association Agreement concluded on 28 June 2019. With the United Kingdom's exit of the Union on 31 January 2020, extra-EU trade with neighbouring countries will further increase in importance. Another challenge for the EU is China's "Belt and Road Initiative", a powerful global development strategy that includes overland as well as sea routes in more than 100 states around the globe. The USA are currently the largest trade partner of the EU. The increasing volume of trade with third states will inevitably lead to a rise in the number and importance of commercial disputes. This makes mechanisms for their orderly and efficient resolution indispensable. China is already setting up infrastructures for commercial dispute resolution alongside its belts and roads. In contrast, the EU still seems to be in search of a strategy for judicial cooperation in civil matters with countries outside the Union. The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention may be a valuable tool to establish and implement such a strategy, in particular alongside the EU's external trade relations. These prospects will be discussed by the speakers and a global audience in this Pre-Conference Video Roundtable.

**We warmly invite you to participate and discuss with us. In order to do so, please register with [sekretariat.weller@jura.uni-bonn.de](mailto:sekretariat.weller@jura.uni-bonn.de). You will receive the access data for the video conference via zoom per email, including our data protection concept, the day before the event.**

If you have already registered and received a confirmation from our office (please allow us a couple of days for sending it back to you), your registration is valid and you do not need to re-register.

Please do not hesitate to forward our invitation to friends and colleagues if you wish.

**Main Conference "The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention", 13 and 14 September 2021**

Our event intends to prepare the main conference on the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention at the University of Bonn (Professors Moritz Brinkmann, Nina Dethloff, Matthias Lehmann, Wulf-Henning Roth, Philipp Reuss, Matthias Weller), co-hosted by the HCCH (Dr Christophe Bernasconi, Dr João Ribeiro-Bidaoui), on 13 and 14 September 2021 (originally scheduled for 25 and 26 September 2020, but rescheduled to avoid Covid-19 risks). At this conference on the campus of the University of Bonn, leading experts will present on the legal concepts and techniques of the Convention, and policy issues will be further developed.

Speakers will include (listed chronologically):

Hans van Loon (key note), Former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague;

Prof Dr Xandra Kramer, Erasmus University Rotterdam;

Prof Dr Wolfgang Hau, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich;

Prof Dr Pietro Franzina, Catholic University of Milan;

Prof Dr Francisco Garcimartín Alférez, Autonomous University of Madrid;

Dr Ning Zhao, Senior Legal Officer, HCCH;

Prof Paul Beaumont, University of Stirling;

Prof Dr Marie-Elodie Ancel, University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas;

Dr Pippa Rogerson, Reader in Private International Law, Faculty of Law, Cambridge;

Ass. Prof Dr Ilija Rumenov, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia;

Dr Veronica Ruiz Abou-Nigm, Director of Internationalisation, Senior Lecturer in International Private Law, School of Law, University of Edinburgh;

Prof Zheng (Sophia) Tang, University of Newcastle;

Jose Angelo Estrella-Faria, Principal Legal Officer and Head, Legislative Branch International Trade Law Division, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, Former

Secretary General of UNIDROIT.

For the full programme see <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/professur-prof-dr-weller/conference-on-the-hcch-2019-judgments-convention-on-13-and-14-september-2021/>. You will receive an invitation for registration in due time. A registration fee of € 100.- will be asked for participating.