

Cross-Border Litigation in Europe: Private International Law Legislative Framework,
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**Cross-Border Litigation in Europe:
European and British Perspectives on the Private International Law
Legislative Framework, Juridical Experience and Practice**

Venue: University of Aberdeen, King's College Conference Centre

Date: 17 April 2015

Provisional Programme

9.00-9.10 Reception/registration of participants

9.10-9.15 Welcome and setting the scene by Professor Paul Beaumont (Director of the Centre for Private International Law, Aberdeen)

Morning Panels – European Perspectives on the Current EU PIL Framework in Civil, Commercial and Family Law Matters: Gaps, Challenges and Solutions

9.15-10.15 Panel I- Perspectives from the EU Institutions

Chair and Moderator- Professor Paul Beaumont, University of Aberdeen

1. Dr Karen Vandekerckhove, EU Commission, DG Justice -“A Perspective from the EU Commission”
2. Raquel Ferreira Correia, Formerly of the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU- “A Perspective from the Council of the EU”
3. Robert Bray, Legal Affairs Committee Secretariat of the European Parliament- “A Perspective from the EU Parliament”

Discussion

10.15 – 10.30 Tea/coffee break

10.30-12.00 Panel II- Perspectives on the EU PIL Instruments: Negotiators' Intent

Chair and Moderator- Professor Iaria Viarengo, University of Milan

1. Professor Peter Nielsen, Copenhagen Business School - "A Perspective on Brussels I"
2. Professor Francisco J. Garcimartín Alférez, Autonomous University of Madrid- "A Perspective on Rome I"
3. Oliver Parker, formerly Legal Adviser, UK Ministry of Justice - "A Perspective on Rome II"
4. Emma Burgess, Legal Adviser, UK Ministry of Justice - "A Perspective on the Maintenance Regulation"
5. Peter Beaton, Expert/Consultant, formerly of the Scottish Government and EU Commission - "A Perspective on the Brussels IIA Regulation"

Discussion

12.00-13.00 Panel III- First Thoughts on Judicial Interpretation of PIL Instruments at the EU Level

Chair and Moderator- Professor Jan von Hein, University of Freiburg

1. Professor Camelia Toader, Judge at the Court of Justice of the EU - "A Judge's Perspective from the Court of Justice of the EU"
2. Lord Mance and Tom Leary, Supreme Court of the UK – "Perspective of a Judge in a Member State's Highest Court on how the CJEU is interpreting PIL Instruments"
3. Katherina Paraschas, Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice of the EU – "A Referendaire's Perspective from the Court of Justice of the EU"

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Workshop lunch

Afternoon Panels – British Perspectives on the Current EU PIL Framework in Civil, Commercial and Family Law Matters: Gaps, Challenges and Solutions

14.00-15.15 Panel IV- British Experience on the Brussels I Regulation

Chair and Moderator- Professor Carmen Otero, Complutense University Madrid

1. Lord Eassie, Inner House, Court of Session- "Judicial Perspective on Brussels I"
2. Dr Mihail Danov, University of Brunel- "British Case Law on Brussels I"
3. Hugh Mercer QC, Essex Court Chambers- "English Practice on Brussels I"
4. Dr Jonathan Fitchen, University of Aberdeen- "Civil Procedure and Access to Justice"

Discussion

15.15– 15.30 Tea/coffee break

15.30-16.30 Panel V- British Experience on the Rome I and Rome II Regulations

Chair and Moderator- Professor Jonathan Harris, King's College London

1. Professor Paul Beaumont and Dr Burcu Yüksel, University of Aberdeen- "British Case Law on Rome I"
2. Dr Alex Mills, University College London - "British Case Law on Rome II"

3. Alexander Layton QC, 20 Essex Street- “English Practice on Rome I and Rome II”

Discussion

16.30-17.45 Panel VI- British Experience on Family Law Matters

Chair and Moderator- Dr Lara Walker, University of Sussex

1. Dr Katarina Trimmings, University of Aberdeen- “British Case Law on Brussels IIa and Maintenance Regulations”
2. William Healing, Kingsley Napley- “English Practice on Family Law Matters”
3. Dr Ruth Lamont, University of Manchester- “Debating Mediation in EU Family Law: Limits and Possibilities”
4. Dr Maebh Harding, University of Warwick- “A very British idea of fairness: the refusal to apply foreign law in family cases”

Discussion

17.45-17.50 Closing words by Professor Paul Beaumont (Director of the Centre for Private International Law, Aberdeen)

Pre-registration is required via email to b.yuksel@abdn.ac.uk. Please include your name and affiliation.