

# Arbitration and Private International Law Conference

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**ECCI, High School Yards, Infirmary Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LZ**

## **PROGRAMME**

**8:45            Registration**

**9:00            Welcome**

*Prof. Richard Sparks, Head of the School of Law, University of Edinburgh*

**Presentation of the British Academy funded project** “Private International Law and the Development of Integrated Markets: A Cross-Regional Collaboration”

*Dr. Veronica Ruiz Abou-Nigm, University of Edinburgh*

**9:30            Session 1 - Arbitration and Applicable Law**

*Dr. Simone Lamont-Black, University of Edinburgh*

“Choosing the Applicable Law: Trends in International Commercial Arbitration”

*Prof. Sophia Tang, University of Newcastle*

“Mandatory Rules in Arbitration”

*Prof. Christian Berger, University of Leipzig*

“Conflict of Laws in Intellectual Property Arbitrations”

*Rt Hon Lord Hamilton, Former Lord President of the Court of Session and Lord Justice General of Scotland*

“The Ascertainment of the Contents of the Applicable Law in Litigation and Arbitration – a Comparison”

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**11:00**      **Coffee break**

**11:30**      **Session 2 – Arbitration and National Courts**

*Prof. Ivonne Baatz, University of Southampton*

“Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 on Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (Recast) and its interface with the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards”

*David Holloway, University of East Anglia*

“The Role of Courts: Mutual Trust, Public Policy and Party Autonomy”

*Reyadh Seyadi, University of Sheffield*

“Public Policy as a Ground for Refusal to Enforce Foreign Arbitral Awards in the Arab Gulf States”

*Sebastián Paredes, University of Buenos Aires*

“Public Policy as a Ground for Refusal to Enforce Foreign Arbitral Awards in Latin America”

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**13:00**      **Lunch break**

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**14:00      Session 3 – Arbitration and Private International Law –  
Views from Arbitration Practice**

**Panelists:**

Lindy Patterson, Q.C., *CMS Cameron McKenna LLP* (UK)

Dr. Kyriaki Noussia, *Attorney at Law* (Greece)

Dr. Laura Capalbo, *Posadas, Posadas & Vecino* (Uruguay)

Rabab Yasseen, *Mentha Avocats* (Switzerland)

Prof. Maria Blanca Noodt Taquela, *University of Buenos Aires* (Argentina)

Chair: *Prof. Cecilia Fresnedo de Aguirre, Catholic University and UDELAR*  
(Uruguay)

**15:30      Coffee break**

**16:00      Session 4 - KEYNOTE DEBATE**

**The Role of Private International Law in Arbitration**

*Prof. Diego Fernandez Arroyo, Sciences Po, Paris*

*Prof. Guiditta Cordero Moss, University of Oslo*

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**17:30      Closing remarks**

*Dr. Veronica Ruiz Abou-Nigm, University of Edinburgh*