

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
6/7 June 2024



# Unifying the Commercial World – 30th Birthday of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, the German Greek Lawyers' Association cordially invites to an international conference in cooperation with the inter-governmental and global organisations



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# About the Conference

## Unifying the Commercial World – 30th Birthday of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the German-Greek Lawyers' association "DGJV", this conference seeks to bundle multiple international and bilateral legal and commercial organisations on a topic of joint interest:

The congress will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, i.e. general principles and rules of international contract law which were first adopted in 1994. We want to look at the enormous growth in the importance of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts for international contract drafting and arbitration in recent years. At the same time, the conference will also provide an understanding of the contents and usability of the UNIDROIT Principles as a tool to reduce costs and risks in international trade.

The conference is addressed to companies, inhouse counsels, lawyers and arbitrators. The conference language will be English and German (partially with translations).

Thursday, 6 June 2024

Unifying the Commercial World

**Part I - Arbitration Conference: UNIDROIT Principles in Arbitration**

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## Thursday, 6 June 2024

Venue: Bucerius Law School, Jungiusstraße 6, 20355 Hamburg

- 14.00 Registration and Coffee  
14.30 **Welcome Remarks**  
Prof. Dr. Eckart Brödermann (Vice President DGVJ)  
Dean Prof. Dr. Tilman Repgen (Hamburg University)

### Overview

- 14.45 **The Unidroit Principles in a Nutshell**  
Prof. Pedro Mendoza Montano  
(Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala)
- 15.05 **Overview of the Use of the Unidroit Principles in Arbitrations in the Past**  
Prof. Dr. Antje Baumann, University of Osnabrück
- 15.30 **Unidroit Principles – A Tool For Vulnerable Partners?**  
Dean Prof. Petra Butler (Canterbury, New Zealand)
- 15.45 - *Coffee break* –
- 16.15 **Panel Discussion**  
Moderation/Interview: Prof. Dr. Anna Veneziano (Rome), Johanna Wirth (Frankfurt)  
**Options for Arbitrators and Counsels offered by the Unidroit Principles**  
Stefanie Efstathiou (Munich, Germany); Prof. Dr. Christiana Fountoulakis (Switzerland);  
Prof. Sundra Rajoo (Malaysia), Justice Gupta or Anish Wadia (India, IIAC Delhi); Prof. Dr. Gerhard Wegen, University of Tübingen

### Unidroit Principles in Action

- 17.50 **Case Study: Unidroit Principles in the Sulu Case (a State related Arbitration)**  
Paul Cohen, San Francisco, Barrister and Attorney-at-Law (NY)
- 18.15 **Closing Remarks: Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll (Bucerius Law School)**
- 18.30 **Reception** at the Bucerius Law School
- 20.00 *Dinner will be organized on cash-bar basis.*

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Venue: Handelskammer Hamburg, Adolphsplatz 1, 20457 Hamburg (Seat of ASEAC, elarb)

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### Part II - Main DGJV 40th Birthday Conference

#### Unidroit Principles as Substantive Principles and Rules of Law

- 09.00 Welcome by Stavros Konas, Chairperson DGJV
- 09.05 Welcome from the Chamber of Commerce
- 09.10 Welcome from the City of Hamburg
- 09.15 Opening Remarks by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Vasilios Skouris, former President of the European Court of Justice: **40 years of German Greek Lawyers' Association**
- 09.30 **Words of Greetings**
- Local Words of Greetings
- ❖ Dr. Marc Tully, President of the Hanseatic Appellate Court
  - ❖ German Federal Bar
- Greek Words of Greetings
- ❖ Greek Ambassador Maria Marinaki
  - ❖ Prof. Dr. Constantin Iliopoulos, former Judge at the European Court of Justice
  - ❖ Vicky Athanassoglou, Board Member of the German Lawyers' Association Greece
- Greetings from sister organisations
- ❖ Christina Griebeler (DNJV)
  - ❖ Dr. Joachim Glatter (Dt. Chin. Juristenvereinigung)
- 10.00 **Panel Discussion**  
(Moderation: Prof. Dr. Julia Iliopoulos-Strangas, Kapodistrian University of Athens):  
**The special German-Greek relationship from a civil law perspective**
- For Germany: Dean Tilmann Repgen, University of Hamburg;  
For Greece: Greek Ambassador Maria Marinaki
- 10.30 - *Break* -



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- 11.00      Opening Remarks by Prof. Dr. Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary General of UNIDROIT:  
**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts**
- 11.15      UNIDROIT Principles: Overview of the Essentials (such as Party Autonomy) and Trends (Prof. Dr. Eckart Brödermann)
- 11.45      UNIDROIT Principles: Preamble – Young ICCA: Shehabeldine Ismail (Cairo, Egypt)
- 12.00      UNIDROIT Principles in Daily Contract Practice  
Moderation/Interview: Dean Prof. Petra Butler (Canterbury, New Zealand)  
Panelists: Florian Bauer (Brödermann Jahn), Justice (R) Muhammed Farrukh Irfan Khan (Pakistan); Dawid Kowalkowski (EMBL; Heidelberg, Germany); Julija Schadrina (KYOCERA AVX Corporation), Dr. Michał Roszak (UIA, Warsaw)
- 12.45      - *Lunch Break (Buffet)* -
- 14.15      UNIDROIT Principles in action: Speed Dating with the UNIDROIT Principles  
- Round Table Discussions on Topics covered by the UNIDROIT Principles -  
(with rotating tables discussing the topics, so that every participant gets involved with up to three topics: The table masters have familiarized themselves with the provisions and stay at their tables. The other participants change tables after 20 minutes of discussion)

# SPEED DATING WITH THE UNIDROIT PRINCIPLES

## Table Descriptions

- Table 1: **Good Faith and Fair Dealing** and other General Provisions such as on Interpretation of the UNIDROIT Principles, Party Autonomy (Chapter 1: Art. 1.1-1.8)  
*Priv.-Doz. Dr. Jan Peter Schmidt (Hamburg, Germany)*
- Table 2: The default rules on **Formation** of Contract (Chapter 2 Section 1: Art. 2.1.1-2.1.22)  
*Shehabeldine Ismail (Cairo, Egypt)*
- Table 3: **Authority of Agents** (Chapter 2 Section 1: Art. 2.2.1-2.2.10)  
*Dr. Sven Schilf (Berlin, Germany)*
- Table 4: **Initial Impossibility, Grounds for Avoidance** and other issues of **Validity** (Chapter 3 Sections 1-2: Art. 3.1.1-3.2.17)  
*Prof. Dr. Michael Stürner (Konstanz, Germany)*
- Table 5: **Mandatory law** (Art. 4) and **Illegality** (Chapter 3 Section 3: Art. 3.3.1-3.3.2)  
*Lutz Carlos Moratinos Meissner (Hamburg, Germany)*
- Table 6: **Contract Interpretation** (Chapter 4: Art. 4.1-4.8)  
*Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wurmnest (Hamburg, Germany)*
- Table 7: Default rules on **Content of Contracts** - Implied obligations, Co-operation between the parties, Duty to achieve a specific result versus Duty of best efforts, default rules on quality and price, Termination of a contract for an indefinite period and Release by agreement (Chapter 5 Section 1: Art. 5.1.1-5.1.9) *Anish Wadia (Mumbai, India)*
- Table 8: Default Rules on **Third Party Rights** (Chapter 5 Section 2: Art. 5.2.1 – 5.2.6)  
*Dr. Joachim Glatter (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)*
- Table 9: Default Rules on **Performance** of Contract in General: e.g. on Time, Partial Performance, Order and Place of Performance, Payment including Currency and Imputation of Payment (Chapter 6 Section 1: Art. 6.1.1 –6.1.17)  
*Prof. Pedro Mendoza Montano (Guatemala City, Guatemala)*

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## Table Descriptions

- Table 10: Default Rules on **Force Majeure** (Art. 7.1.7) and **Hardship** (Chapter 6 Section 2: Art. 6.2.1 – 6.2.3)  
*Guido Imfeld (Aachen, Germany)*
- Table 11: Default Rules on **Non-Performance, Exemption Clauses** (Chapter 7 Section 1: Art. 7.1.1 – 7.1.6)  
*Vicky Athanassoglou (Athens, Greece), Andrew Tetley (Paris, France)*
- Table 12: Default rules on Right to Performance of **monetary and non-monetary obligations, Repair and replacement** (Chapter 7 Section 2: Art. 7.2.1 – 7.2.5)  
*Prof. Dr. Christiana Fountoulakis (Switzerland); Paul MacMahon (London)*
- Table 13: Default rules on **Termination** by Notice as a last resort in case of fundamental non-performance, *Nachfrist*-Procedure as an Alternative in Case of Delay, Adequate assurance of due performance, Effects of termination in general, **Restitution** (Chapter 7 Section 3: Art. 7.3.1 – 7.3.7)  
*Dr. Mauro Loosli (Zurich, Switzerland)*
- Table 14: Default Rules on **Set-off** (Chapter 8), including foreign currency set-off (Art. 8.2) and set-off in the context of assignment (Art. 10.10)  
*Dr. Michał Roszak (Warsaw, Poland)*
- Table 15: Default Rules on **Assignment** of Rights, including Future Rights, Transfer of Obligations, Assignment of Contracts (Chapter 9: Art. 9.1.1 – 9.3.7)  
*Giuseppe Cattani (Milan, Italy)*
- Table 16: **Limitation Periods** with limited party autonomy for adaptations, suspension of limitation periods (Chapter 10: Art. 10.1 – 10.11)  
*Stefanie Efstathiou (Munich, Germany)*
- Table 17: Default rules on **Plurality of Obligors and of Obligees** (Chapter 11, Art. 11.1.1 – 11.2.4)  
*Jan K. Schäfer (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)*



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15.30      **Final Discussions** (Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Petra Butler, Dean of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand*)

16.30      *Break and Change of Venue*  
(*approx. 15 min. walk from Handelskammer*)

Venue: Übersee-Club e.V., Neuer Jungfernstieg 19, 20354 Hamburg

19.30      Aperitif

20.00      Dinner at the *Überseeclub*

End of Conference



# Faculty

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