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13th Transnational Commercial Law Teachers' Meeting

6 – 7, October 2022

Day One – Thursday, 6 October 2022

UNIDROIT – Via Panisperna, 28 – Rome

8:45 – 9:15 Registration and welcome

Sala Rodinò – UNIDROIT Library

9:15 – 9:30

Opening remarks

Speakers:

- Maria Chiara Malaguti (*President, UNIDROIT*)
- Ignacio Tirado (*Secretary-General, UNIDROIT*)
- Antonio Carratta (*Dean of Roma Tre University Law Department*)
- Herbert Kronke (*Emeritus Professor, Heidelberg University*)

9:30 – 10:15

Panel I: The influence of technology in transnational commercial law discourse: changes in paradigm?

Moderator: Herbert Kronke (*Emeritus Professor, Heidelberg University*)

Speakers:

- (9:30-9:45) **The concept and necessity of “control” in the emerging technologies used for commercial transactions.** Henry Deeb Gabriel (*Professor, Elon University*)
- (9:45-10:00) **The role of interdisciplinary language in legal harmonisation.** Carla Reyes (*Assistant Professor of law, Southern Methodist University, Dedman College of Law*)

Open discussion (15 min)

10:15 – 11:15

Panel II: Technology and current trends in transnational contract law

Moderator: Anna Veneziano (*Deputy Secretary-General, UNIDROIT*)

Speakers:

- (10:15-10:30) **The UNIDROIT Principles and the inflexibility of code as law: reconciling smart contracts with general clauses.** Olaf Meyer (*Professor, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences*) – Pietro Ortolani (*Professor, Radboud University*)
- (10:30-10:45) **A new challenge for transnational commercial law: 3D-printing and the unbundling of supply chains.** Christian Twigg-Flesner (*Professor, University of Warwick*)
- (10:45-11:00) **Cyber agency law and (cyber) transnational contracts.** Souichirou Kozuka (*Professor, Gakushuin University*)

Open discussion (15 min)

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Panel III: Technology in international sales and related transactions

Moderator: Ulrich Schroeter (*Professor, University of Basel*)

Speakers:

- (11:30-11:45) **CISG in a digital world.** Maria Pilar Perales Viscasillas (*Professor, Carlos III University of Madrid*)
- (11:45-12:00) **Contemporary trends in transnational sale of goods: the case of the OHADA law.** Roland Djeufack (*Associate Professor, University of Bamenda*)
- (12:00-12:15) **Blockchain Bills of Lading: New Generation of Electronic Transport Documents.** Caslav Pejovic (*Professor, Kyushu University*)
- (12:15-12:30) **Government-sanctioned blockchain in international trade - a bold proposal by the Law Commission of England and Wales: an evaluation and assessment from the perspective of uniform law.** Thomas Krebs (*Fellow and Tutor in law, Brasenose College, Oxford*)

Open discussion (30 min)

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 15:45

Panel IV: Technology innovation applied to trade and finance

Moderator: Concetta Brescia Morra (*Professor, Roma Tre University*)

Speakers:

- (14:30-14:45) **Towards an efficient legal framework for transactions with digital assets.** Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras (*Professor, Carlos III University of Madrid*) – Marek Dubovec (*University of Arizona*)
- (14:45-15:00) **Transnational law as an enabler of digital trade.** John L. Taylor (*Professor, Queen Mary University of London*) – Theodora Christou (*Convenor, Queen Mary University of London*) – Tedd Moya Mose (*Oxford Martin Fellow, University of Oxford & Guest lecturer, Queen Mary University of London*)
- (15:00-15:15) **Financial market regulation and private law – A new frontier of Transnational Commercial Law?** Josef Wittmann (*Postdoctoral researcher, Heidelberg University*)
- (15:15-15:30) **Financial services in the supply chain and digital representation of goods.** Manuel Alba Fernandez (*Associate Professor, Carlos III University of Madrid*)

Open discussion (15 min)

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00

Panel V: Technology and dispute resolution

Moderator: Thomas Keijser (*Senior Researcher, Radboud University*)

Speakers:

- (16:00-16:15) **Access to justice and multinational corporations: streamlining transnational hybrid adjudication.** Rishi Gulati (*Associate Professor, University of East Anglia*)
- (16:15-16:30) **Artificial intelligence in arbitration proceedings in Chile.** Sergio Cortés Beltrán (*Professor, University of Chile*)

Open discussion (15 min)

17:00 – 18:00

The 3rd Edition of the Transnational Commercial Law book

- Sir Roy Goode (*Emeritus Professor, University of Oxford*)
- Herbert Kronke (*Emeritus Professor, Heidelberg University*)
- Stefan Huber (*Professor, University of Tübingen*)
- Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras (*Professor, Carlos III University of Madrid*)
- Christian Twigg-Flesner (*Professor, University of Warwick*)
- Souichirou Kozuka (*Professor, Gakushuin University*)

Day Two – Friday, 7 October 2022

Roma Tre University, Department of Law – Via Ostiense, 161 – Rome

- 9:00 – 9:15 Registration and welcome
Sala del Consiglio, 1st floor
- 9:15 – 9:30 **Opening remarks**
- Speaker: Giorgio Resta (*Deputy Rector of Roma Tre University*)
- 9:30 – 10:45 **Panel VI: Digital assets and private law**
- Moderator: Ignacio Tirado (*Secretary-General, UNIDROIT*)
- Speakers:
- (9:30-9:45) **Taking security over digital assets: a comparative study of international and regional instruments.** Orkun Akseli (*Professor, University of Manchester*)
 - (9:45-10:00) **Digital Assets and Private Law: is there a need for a model law?** Spyridon Bazinas (*Visiting Professor, University of Vienna*)
 - (10:00-10:15) **Accommodating cryptoassets in private law: common law and civil law responses compared.** Megumi Hara (*Professor, Chuo University*) and Kelvin Low (*Professor, National University of Singapore*)
- Open discussion (15 min)*
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Panel VII: Legal challenges of technology for data transactions and intellectual property**
- Moderator: Vincenzo Zeno-Zencovich (*Roma Tre University*)
- Speakers:
- (10:45-11:00) **Legal taxonomy of data transactions.** Tatiana Arroyo Vendrell (*Professor, Carlos III University of Madrid*)
 - (11:00-11:15) **The commercial law of the metaverse.** Andrea Guaccero (*Professor, Roma Tre University*)
 - (11:15-11:30) **Metaverse in the world of trademark law.** Monica Lastiri Santiago (*Professor Carlos III University of Madrid*)
- Open discussion (15 min)*
- 11:45 – 13:20 **Panel VIII: PhD candidates' research presentations**
- Moderators: Giacomo Rojas Elgueta (*Professor, Roma Tre University*) and Priscila Andrade (*Legal Officer, UNIDROIT*)
- Speakers:
- (11:50-12:00) **Algorithmic mistake(s) in machine-made contracts: which role for the Principles of International Commercial Contracts?** Cristina Frattone (*Roma Tre University*)
 - (12:00-12:10) **The use of UNIDROIT instruments for the governance of data transactions.** Edoardo Ruzzi (*Roma Tre University*)
 - (12:10-12:20) **Tackling the consequences of digital innovation: the case for soft law instruments on sustainability contracts.** Margherita Feleppa (*Roma Tre University*)
- Open discussion (20 min)*
- (12:40-12:50) **Security rights in cryptoassets: an opportunity for uniform law?** Theodora Kostoula (*European University Institute*)
 - (12:50-13:00) **Artificial Intelligence in corporate governance: a few inquiries on the (non)compliance of directors' duties.** Igor Silva de Lima (*Coimbra University*)
- Open discussion (20 min)*
- 13:20 – 13:30 **Closing remarks**
- 13:30 – 15:00 Lunch