



**15th Transnational Commercial Lawyers Conference
The University of Manchester Law School**

Thursday-Friday 3-4 October 2024

Venue: Williamson Building Room 4.08 (Oxford Road, M13 9PL)

**“Current Trends, Developments and Challenges in Transnational
Commercial Law regarding Financial Inclusion, Sustainability and ESG”**

Thursday 3 October 2024

09:00-09:15

Welcome Remarks - **Javier Garcia Oliva**, Head of Law School

09:15-09:45

Keynote Speech - **Herbert Kronke**

09:45-11:00

Sustainability and Transnational Commercial Law

Moderator: **Michael Galanis**

Isabel Margarita Zuloaga Ríos & María Ignacia Vial Undurraga, *Sustainability as a general principle of transnational commercial contract law*

Teresa Rodriguez de las Heras Ballell, *Sustainability Due Diligence and Liability as Governance Tools of Global Value Chains in a Digital and Circular economy*

Souichirou Kozuka, *Sustainability in between the corporate law and contract law*

Coffee 11:00-11:15

11:15-12:30

Financial Inclusion and Access to Finance

Moderator: **Vincenzo Bavoso**

Michel Deschamps, *Letters of credit: recent cases and update on the scope of the fraud exception*

Orkun Akseli, *Unidroit Model Law on Factoring and Financial Inclusion*

Henry Gabriel, *Agricultural Supply Chain Financing: Getting Money to the Small Holder Farmers*

Lunch 12:30-13:30

13:30-15:15

Finance, corporations and sustainability

Moderator: **Orkun Akseli**

Thomas Keijser, *Transactions in Securities: the ideal level of convergence of the legal framework for intermediated and digital securities*

Radu Bogdan Bobei, *The Fluidising Identities of Corporations and Nation-States*

Csongor Istvan Nagy, *International Investment Law's Overlooked Social Function: Are Non-Profit Assets Investments?*

John Linarelli & Eric Schaffer, *Improving Sovereign Debt Workouts Through Creditor and Debtor Disclosures*

Coffee 15:15-15:30

15:30-16:45

Private Law, ESG and Transnational Commercial Law

Moderator: **Pinar Oruc**

Djakhongir Saidov, *Whether transnational contract law instruments can and should be used to promote and implement the sustainability and ESG considerations*

Don DeAmicis, *ESG developments in the US*

Spiros Bazinas, *Coordination on security interests: institutional and substantive issues: the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and the Unidroit Model Law on Factoring compared*

Ruben Silva Kas, *Private law consequences of violations of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)*

16:45-17:00

Introduction of the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law and International Arbitration - UNIDROIT and the Faculty of Law of the Università Roma Tre

Wrap up for Day 1

End of Day 1

Conference Dinner at HYATT Hotel

Burgess Room

19:00-23:00

Friday 4 October 2024

9:30-10:45

Digital Economy, Technology and Transnational Commercial Law

Moderator: **Abubakri Yekini**

Robert Walters, *The Digital Economy, Intellectual Property Law [IP] and Smart Contracts: Are there any legal dilemmas?*

Noah Vardi, *Automated decisions and financially vulnerable consumers: navigating the AI Act and the Proposal for a Digital euro*

Caslav Pejovic, *UK Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023: Towards the Legal Recognition in Transnational Commerce*

10:45-12:00

Teaching and new Developments in Transnational Commercial Law

Moderator: **Nicolette Butler**

Marco Torsello, *Teaching Transnational Commercial Law*

Peter Winship, *Treatment of the CISG and “foreign law” in the draft Restatement 3rd of the American Law Institute’s Conflict of Laws*

Ekaterina Pannebakker, *Teaching on sustainable development goals’ role in transnational commercial law: three dilemmas*

12:00-12:30

Closing Remarks and Roundtable Discussion

Lunch 12:30-13:30

End of Conference

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