

**Cross-Border Litigation Conference**  
**Draft Programme for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
**Venue: Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building, LSE, London**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**9:00 am – 9:30 am**

P. Beaumont (Aberdeen), M. Danov (Leeds), K. Trimmings (Aberdeen) and B. Yuksel (Aberdeen)  
*Evaluating the Effectiveness of the EU Civil Justice Framework: Research Objectives and Preliminary Research Findings from Great Britain*

**9:30 am – 11:00 am - Cross-Border Civil and Commercial Disputes: Legislative Framework**

Chair: Paul Beaumont (Aberdeen)

- 1) Sophia Tang (Newcastle), *Cross-Border Contractual Disputes: The Legislative Framework and Court Practice*
- 2) Michael Wilderspin (European Commission, Legal Services) TBC, *Cross-Border Non-Contractual Disputes: The Legislative Framework and Court Practice*
- 3) Jon Fitchen (Aberdeen), *The Unharmonised Procedural Rules: Is there a case for further harmonisation at EU level?*
- 4) Stephen Dnes (Dundee), *Economic considerations of the cross-border litigation pattern*

**15-minute break**

**11.15 am – 12.30 pm - Cross-Border Civil and Commercial Disputes: Practical Aspects**

Chair: M. Danov (Leeds)

- 1) Lord Jackson TBC (Court of Appeal), *Litigation Costs: Cross-Border Disputes in England and Wales*
- 2) Susan Dunn (Harbour), *Litigation Funders and Cross-Border Disputes*
- 3) Craig Pollack (King & Wood Mallesons), *Cross-Border Contractual Disputes: Litigants' Strategies and Settlement Dynamics*
- 4) Jon Lawrence (Freshfields), *Cross-Border Competition Law Damages Actions: Litigants' Strategies and Settlement Dynamics*

**Lunch (12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)**

**1.30 pm – 3.00 pm - Cross-Border Family Disputes**

Chair: Thalia Kruger (Antwerp)

- 1) P. Beaumont (Aberdeen), *Revising Brussels IIa – An Update from the Working Group*
- 2) Daniel Eames TBC (Clarke Willmott), *Litigants' strategies and settlement dynamics in cross-border matrimonial disputes*
- 3) Sorrel Dixon TBC (Garden Court Chambers), *Cross-Border Disputes Involving Children: A View from the English Bar*
- 4) Lara Walker (Sussex), *Maintenance and child support: PIL Aspects*
- 5) Rachael Kelsey (SKO), *Arbitration and ADR: Cross-Border Family Law Disputes*

**15-minute break**

**3.15 pm – 4.45 pm – National Reports: Cross-Border Litigation in Europe**

Chair: TBC

- 1) Professor Bea Verschraegen (Universität Wien) and Florian Heindler, *Preliminary Research Findings from Austria*

- 2) Anton Petrov and Teodora Tsenova, *Preliminary Research Findings from Bulgaria*
- 3) Ivana Kunda, *Preliminary Research Findings from Bulgaria*
- 4) Monika Pauknerová, Jiří Grygar and Marta Zavadilová, *Preliminary Research Findings from Czech Republic*
- 5) Professor Nikitas Hatzimihail (University of Cyprus), *Preliminary Research Findings from Cyprus*
- 6) Professor Peter Arnt Nielsen (Copenhagen Business School), *Preliminary Research Findings from Denmark*

**15-minute break**

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm - National Reports: Cross-Border Litigation in Europe

Chair: TBC

- 1) Maarja Torga (University of Tartu), *Preliminary Research Findings from Estonia*
- 2) Finland TBC
- 3) Aimilios Koronaios and Aspasia Archontaki, *Preliminary Research Findings from Greece*
- 4) Csongor Nagy (University of Szeged), *Preliminary Research Findings from Hungary*

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**8.30 am – 10:00 am – National Reports: Cross-Border Litigation in Europe**

Chair: TBC

- 1) Maebh Harding (Warwick), *Preliminary Research Findings from Ireland*
- 2) Irena Kucina (Ministry of Justice, Latvia), *Preliminary Research Findings from Latvia*
- 3) Kristina Pranevičienė, *Preliminary Research Findings from Lithuania*
- 4) Céline Camara (Max Planck Institute), *Preliminary Research Findings from Luxembourg*
- 5) Clement Mifsud-Bonnici and Paul Cachia, *Preliminary Research Findings from Malta*
- 6) Prof. Aukje van Hoek (Universiteit van Amsterdam), *Preliminary Research Findings from the Netherlands*

**15-minute break**

**10.15 am – 11.30 am - National Reports: Cross-Border Litigation in Europe**

Chair: TBC

- 1) Elsa Oliveira (Universidade de Lisboa), *Preliminary Research Findings from Portugal*
- 2) Romania TBC
- 3) Slovakia TBC
- 4) Suzana Kraljic, *Preliminary Research Findings from Slovenia*
- 5) Michael Bogdan and Ulf Maunsbach, *Preliminary Research Findings from Sweden*

**15-minute break**

**11.45 am – 1.00 pm - National Reports: Cross-Border Litigation in Europe**

Chair: TBC

- 1) Thalia Kruger (Antwerp), *Preliminary Research Findings from Belgium*
- 2) Jan Von Hein (Freiburg), *Preliminary Research Findings from Germany*
- 3) Stefania Bariatti (Milan), *Preliminary Research Findings from Italy*
- 4) Agnieszka Frąckowiak-Adamska (Wroclaw), *Preliminary Research Findings from Poland*
- 5) Carmen Otero (Madrid), *Preliminary Research Findings from Spain*

**Lunch (1.00 pm – 2.00 pm)**

**2.00 pm – 3.30 pm – Shaping the development of the EU PIL Framework**

Chair: P. Beaumont (Aberdeen)

- 1) Karen Vandekerckhove (EU Commission, DG Justice) TBC, *Drafting Legislative Instruments in a Diverse Union*
- 2) Lord Mance TBC (UK Supreme Court), *Cross-Border Litigation: Challenges for National Judges*
- 3) Benjamin Cheynel TBC (Référéndaire, CJEU), *Cross-Border Litigation: Challenges for EU Judiciary*
- 4) Penelope Langdon TBC (Office of International Family Justice), *International Family Justice: Challenges in an EU context*
- 5) Paul Torremans (Nottingham), *Cross-Border IP Disputes: Specific Issues and Solutions*

**15-minute break**

**3.45 pm – 4:30 pm – The way the EU PIL framework is shaping the litigants' strategies in a cross-border context**

Chair: M Danov (Leeds)

- 1) Alex Layton QC (20 Essex Chambers), *Cross-Border Civil and Commercial Disputes: PIL issues – a view from the English Bar*
- 2) Christopher Wagstaffe QC (29 Bedford Row), *Cross-Border Matrimonial Disputes: PIL issues – a view from the English Bar*
- 3) Sophie Eyre (Bird & Bird), *Remedies and Recoveries in a Cross-Border Context*

**4:30 – 5:30 pm – The Way Forward: The research partners' views**

- 1) T. Kruger (Antwerp), *Preliminary Views from Belgium*
- 2) J. Von Hein (Freiburg), *Preliminary Views from Germany*
- 3) S. Bariatti (Milan), *Preliminary Views from Italy*
- 4) A. Frąckowiak-Adamska (Wrocław), *Preliminary Views from Poland*
- 5) C. Otero (Madrid), *Preliminary Views from Spain*
- 6) P. Beaumont (Aberdeen), M. Danov (Leeds), K. Trimmings (Aberdeen) and B. Yuksel, *Addressing the Challenges: Is there a case for Reform?*