

Thursday, November 9th 2017

10:00 – 11:00

Panel II: EU Common Market/Company Law

Chair: Prof. Dr. Carla Zoethout

- Mr. Roland Fletcher and Mr. Edwin Parks: “Company law in UK post-Brexit”
- Prof. Dr. Ulrich Wackerbarth and PD Dr. Bernhard Kreß: “The consequences of Brexit in Company Law”
- Prof. Dr. Eva Dominguez: “EU Common Market Law and Intellectual Property Law, Brexit and Comparative Advertising”

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15

Panel II: EU Common Market/Labour Law

Chair: Prof. Dr. Huub Spoormans

- Prof. Dr. Kerstin Tillmanns: „Discrimination based on nationality in German employment law – The position of British job applicants and employees after the Brexit”
- Dr. Paul Melot de Beauregard: “Inter-Company Transfer – The treatment of employee data within multinationals after the Brexit”

Panel III: EU Environmental Law

Chair: Prof. Dr. Andreas Haratsch

- Mr. Hugh McFaul: “Brexit and the Environment”
- Dr. Sander Kole: “Brexit: what happens with the EU nature laws?”

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00

Panel IV: EU Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters

Chair: Mr. Paul Catley

- Prof. Dr. Karl August Prinz von Sachsen Gessaphe: “The impact of Brexit on the prorogation of jurisdiction in favour of British Courts under Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012”
- Mr. Rhonson Salim: “Brexit: Commercial Litigation in Europe”
- Dr. Frank Spohnheimer: “The choice of English Law after Brexit”

15:00

Closing Remarks
Get together

Keynote Speeches

10:00 – 11:00



**Prof. Dr.
Peter Schiffauer**
FernUniversität in Hagen

“Constitutional requirements and procedures in case of a Member State’s withdrawal from the European Union”

**Prof. Dr.
Michael A. Lawrence**
MSU

“A Transatlantic Perspective on Brexit”



Conference

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT

November 8th and 9th 2017



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Modelled on the philosophy of ordo-liberalism, an offshoot of classical liberalism, the European Union strongly relies on the existence and stable operation of a legal system that can regulate the free market and help achieve the expected economic, social and political outcomes. After many decades of tight economic, social and political relations regulated by a common legal system under the umbrella of the EU, the British withdrawal from the Union could represent a serious blow for the aspirations of stability in the Continent, especially against the backdrop of the current European crisis. Many fear this event could open up a Pandora's Box of severe problems in the EU. What impact will Brexit have on the rights of EU and UK citizens? How is Brexit going to affect the legal regulation of present and future economic relations between the EU and the UK and how will the legal changes affect their economic relations in turn? These and similar questions will be addressed in this conference by four panels of international legal experts and researchers from five universities from Europe, UK and USA.

After the welcome address, two keynote speeches offering insights from the European constitutional point of view and from the perspective of the transatlantic relations, will set the tone for the four discussion panels. The first panel will further explore the constitutional and human rights issues raised by the British withdrawal. The second panel will focus on different issues related to the internal market (intellectual property, patent law, company law, labour law, etc.). The third and fourth panels will deal with environmental and judicial cooperation in civil matters respectively.

This conference is the result of the growing collaboration between the EDELNet Partner Universities (FernUniversität Hagen-Germany, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia-Spain and Open Universiteit-Netherlands) and the Open University-UK. The event is not only conceived as an international academic debate on the topic of the

conference but also as a networking event to encourage closer cooperation between the participants in the future. Therefore, the event will be combined with various side activities to stimulate active engagement and further networking and exchange among the participants. The programme also includes an interactive poster session where PhD researchers from the participating institutions will have an opportunity to present their projects and get feedback from other experts and researchers.



Programme

Wednesday, November 8th 2017

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00

Welcome Addresses by:

- Prof. Dr. Ada Pellert, Rector of FernUniversität in Hagen
- Prof. Dr. Gabriele Zwiehoff, Dean
- Prof. Dr. Karl August Prinz von Sachsen Gessaphe, Director of IRB

10:00 – 11:00

Keynote Speeches:

“Constitutional requirements and procedures in case of a Member State's withdrawal from the European Union”

Prof. Dr. Peter Schiffauer (FernUniversität in Hagen and former Head of the secretary of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament)

“A Transatlantic Perspective on Brexit”

Prof. Dr. Michael A. Lawrence, MSU

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:15

Panel I: EU Constitutional Law – Plenary Session

Chair: Prof. Dr. Peter Schiffauer

A) European Constitutional Issues

- Mrs. Carol Howells and Mr. Edwin Parks: “The repatriation of exclusive competences from EU to post-Brexit United Kingdom”
- Prof. Dr. Dominik Steiger: „Brexit – What's Public International Law got to do with It”

B) Citizenship

- Mrs. Anne Wesemann: “European Union citizens in Post EU Britain”
- Mr. Michiel van Oosterzee: “National Citizenship”



13:15 – 14:30

Lunch Break

Opening of Poster Session

14:30 – 15:30

Panel I continued: EU Constitutional Law

Chair: Mrs. Anne Wesemann

- Prof. Dr. Carla Zoethout: “Human rights and transnational judicial dialogue”
- Dr. Bunyamin Kaya: “What remains of the right of access to a court for EU nationals and British citizens after the Brexit?”

Chair: Prof. Dr. Eva Dominguez

- Dr. Neil Graffin and Dr. Juan J. Garcia Blesa: “Racial profiling at the border: Post-Brexit Northern Ireland and the EU's External Border in the Western Mediterranean”
- Prof. Dr. Pablo de Diego Angeles: “Gibraltar & Brexit”

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break



16:00 – 17:00

Panel II: EU Common Market Law/ Intellectual Property Law

Chair: Prof. Dr. Karl August Prinz von Sachsen Gessaphe

- Prof. Dr. Barbara Völmann-Stickelbrock: “The British exit from the EU – Legal consequences for European intellectual property rights”
- Mr. Roland Fletcher and Mr. Edwin Parks: “The European Unified Patent Court and UK assumptions on its post-Brexit patent litigation.”

18:30

Guided Visit to **„Hohenhof”** in Hagen
Reception and Dinner

