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A European Optional Contract Law
Policy Choices

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Invitation to a Conference

Leuven, 14 and 15 January 2011
Friday, 14 January 2011

9.00  Welcome and Introduction  
Prof. Stefan Grundmann, Berlin / Prof. Ole Lando, Copenhagen / Prof. Jules Stuyck, Leuven

9.30  I. Due Process, Legitimacy and Competence  
Chair: Prof. Ole Lando / Prof. Jules Stuyck

1. A Competitive Approach to EU Contract Law  
Prof. Karl Riesenhuber, Bochum

Prof. Ruth Sefton-Green, Paris

10.15  Coffee Break

11.00  3. The Green Paper: Reflections on Union Competence in Light of the Proposed Options  
Prof. Kathleen Gutman, Leuven

11.30  II. Between Business Law and Consumer Law Due Process, Legitimacy and Competence  
Chair: Prof. Hugh Collins

1. European Contract Law Reform and European Consumer Law — Two Related but Distinct Regimes  
Prof. Geraint Howells, Manchester

13.00  Lunch

14.00  2. B2C, B2B and General Contract Law  
Prof. Vincenzo Roppo, Genoa

14.45  3. A European Civil Law — for whom and what should it include? - Reflections on the Scope of Application  
Prof. Susanne Augenhofer, Berlin

15.30  Coffee Break

16.00  4. The Relationship between National and European Law and its Impact on Market Functioning  
Prof. Giuseppe Conte / Prof. Maria Rosaria Maugeri / Prof. Marisa Meli, Catania

16.45  III. Consumer Contract Law First  
Chair: Prof. Jacobien Rutgers

Prof. Christian Twigg-Flesner, Hull

17.30  2. Policy Choices in European Consumer Law: Regulation through 'Targeted Differentiation'  
Prof. Vanessa Mak, Tilburg

18.15  Secola General Assembly

20.00  Conference Dinner

Saturday, 15 January 2011

9.00  IV. The Optional Code and its Philosophy - Pros and Cons  
Chair: Prof. Stefan Grundmann

1. An Economic Analysis of Harmonization Regimes: Full Harmonization, Minimum Harmonization or Optional Instrument?  
Prof. Fernando Gómez / Juan José Ganuza, Barcelona

9.45  2. Who's afraid of the Optional Instrument?  
Prof. Martijn Hesselink, Amsterdam

10.30  Coffee Break

11.00  3. European Contract Law: What do we want?  
Prof. Assunção Cristas, Lisbon

11.45  4. "Choice is good". Really?  
Prof. John Cartwright, Oxford

12.30  5. Optional Instrument and Social Dumping Revisited  
Prof. Jacobien Rutgers, Amsterdam

13.15  V. Conclusions  
Chair: Prof. Massimo Bianca

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