Communication from the Commission on European Contract Law
(Harmonisation, Code, Optional Code)

Invitation to a Conference
Leuven, 30th of Nov. and 1st of Dec. 2001
30th of November

I. The Green Paper process so far

11.30  1. Communication of the EU-Commission – alternatives and responses received so far

12.30  Sandwich Lunch

II. Minimum harmonisation continued?

13.30  2. Design for an empirical data investigation into the impact of contract law harmonisation law under the White Paper of 1985

         Schwartz, Wuppertal University

13.50  3. Continuing contract law harmonisation under the White Paper of 1985 – partly with modifications

         a) Comments

         Beale, Law Comm.London, Warwick University
         Brüggemeier, Bremen University
         Drexl, Munich University
         Howells, Sheffield University
         Tillemann, Leuven University

         b) Progressive codification

         Bianca, Rome University Sapienza

15.00  c) Questions and Discussion

15.45  Coffee

III. European Code, no national laws

16.00  4. European Code substituting national laws

         a) The borderlines: Consumer Law Code, Contract Law Code, full Civil Code

         von Bar, Osnabrück University
         Bussani, Trieste University
         Hesselink, Amsterdam University

16.40  b) The core arguments in favour of a Code substituting national laws

         a) Comments

         Grundmann, Halle University
         Kerber, Marburg University

9.00

10.00  6. Optional Code – pros and cons of potential designs

         a) Comments

         Dodring, Max-Planck-Institute Hamburg
         de Geer, Ghent and Utrecht University
         Kiezner, Humboldt University Berlin
         Smits, Maastricht University
         Wilhelmsen, Helsinki University

15.30  End of the Conference

18.15  c) The core arguments against a Code substituting national laws - optional elements

         van den Bergh, Rotterdam University
         Storme, Leuven University

19.00  d) Questions and Discussion

20.00  Dinner at the Faculty Club

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