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Thursday, 29 August 2013

9:30-all day  Registration
10:00-11:00  Opening Session
11:00-11:30  Coffee break
11:30-13:00  Governance Plenary (round table)
  The Judiciary and the Rule of Law
  National and international judges engage in a dialogue discussing the modalities of the judicial function in a globalised environment
  Chair: Konstantinos Menoudakos, President Hellenic Council of State
  Discussants: Awn Alkasawneh, former Judge International Court of Justice, former Prime Minister Jordan
  Christos Rorakis, President, Administrative Tribunal Council of Europe
  The Rt Hon. The Lord Mance, Supreme Court United Kingdom, Chair, ILA Executive Council

13:30-15:00  Lunch break

15:00-16:30  Parallel Panels -I-

  Governance I
  A multitude of actors
  The multiplication of actors on the international plane, including States, international governmental and non-governmental organizations and private entities, poses important questions about the future of international law, international institutions and global governance. At the same time, the traditional international actor, the State, is facing new challenges as new actors enter the international scene. This panel will explore the dynamics of this multitude of actors, as they play out in governance in international law.
  Chair: Stelios Perrakis, Director, European Center of Research and Training in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, Panteion University of Athens, Judge ad hoc, European Court of Human Rights
  - Anne Peters, Director, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law & International Law, Heidelberg
  - Promoting the rule of law within the United Nations
  - Antigoni Axenidou, Director, General Legal Division, United Nations
  - Maria Telalian, Head of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Tillmann Rudolf Braun, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Humboldt University, Berlin
  The rule of law and the United Nations Security Council
  - The investor as a partial subject in public international law:
   An inquiry into the nature and limits of investor rights
   - Gregory J. Timagenis, Timagenis Law Firm
   - George Politakis, International Labour Organization

  Trade I
  Shipping: New problems in an old industry
  What are the contemporary legal challenges to the international regulation of the shipping and maritime industry? What is the role, if any, for societal considerations, such as seafarers' labour rights, or financial and security aspects of shipping activities? In an attempt to answer to these and related questions, this panel will seek to provide some insights on the present and future of economic uses of the seas, maritime trade and other commercial activities.
  Chair: Gregory J. Timagenis, Timagenis Law Firm
  - George Politakis, International Labour Organization
Setting a new course for maritime labour law:
The ILO’s Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- Irini Papanicoloopulu, University of Glasgow
  The human element at sea
- Anna Petrig, University of Basel
  Private Prevention against piracy
- Lia Athanassioiu, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
  Cross-border insolvencies in the shipping business

Resources I
Managing shared resources
States are exploiting a vast amount of the world’s resources, including hydrocarbons, minerals, fisheries, water or even biodiversity. A common challenge is how to manage the resources shared by two or more States and how to find legal rules to avoid conflict and enhance cooperation in this joint exploitation. This panel will discuss the cooperation mechanisms in joint exploitation of resources, using water and fisheries as examples of such shared resources and the shared responsibility arising from such exploitation.
Chair: Mahulena Hofmann, University of Luxembourg
- Anastasia Strati, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  Joint development zones revisited
- Inga Winkler, German Institute of Human Rights
  Water as a shared resource
- Rosemary Rayfuse, University of New South Wales
  Something fishy about fisheries: The common resource conundrum
- Andre Nollkaemper, University of Amsterdam
  Sharing responsibility for depletion of shared resources

Study Group: The Role of Soft Law Instruments in International Investment Law (closed meeting)

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:30 Parallel Panels -II-

Governance II
Steering the structures
The panel will address the legal implications and the challenges well-established rules and concepts of international law face when faced with unprecedented situations. Questions such as the repercussions of the Arab Spring and the possible tension between human rights and the democratic process; the protection of populations moving en masse as a result of climate change or seeking relief in the face of disaster, strain the traditional structures of international law. How do these developments affect or reshape international law?
Chair: Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt
- Gabriella Venturini, University of Milano
  Disaster relief in international law
- Yannis Kitsakis, Democritus University of Thrace, Bogazici University of Istanbul
  Shifting populations: Challenges in migrant protection
- Tamas Molnar, Corvinus University Budapest
  Remembering the forgotten:
  International legal regime on protecting stateless persons. Stocktaking and new tendencies
- Vassilios Grammatikas, Democritus University of Thrace
  Responsibility to protect and minorities

Trade II (round table)
Regionalism and the WTO
The proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs), especially during the past two decades, has given rise to concerns regarding the preservation of the integrity of the multilateral trading system. Scholarly views are divided in this respect: some argue that RTAs in fact constitute “stumbling blocks” to free trade, while others support that the better approach is to envisage regionalism as a “building block” for trade liberalization. This panel addresses this complex issue by offering some perspectives of a debate that is still open.
Chairs: Andreas R. Ziegler, University of Lausanne
- Kim Van der Borght, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, University of Westminster
- Werner Meng, University of Saarland
  Regionalism in international trade law from the EU perspective
- Dencho Georgiev, Burgas Free University, former Ambassador of Bulgaria to the WTO, Vice President of the Bulgarian Association of International Law
  Regionalism and the constitutionalisation of the WTO
- Joanna Gomula, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Queen Mary University of London
  Regional dispute settlement and the WTO: A troubled relationship?
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Regional unfair settlement under the WTO: A remedy warranted?

- Madgalena Slok-Wódkowska, University of Warsaw
"Most-favoured nation and national treatment in the EU and USA regional trade agreements: Tools for equal or discriminatory treatment?"

Resources II

Investing in resources

Resources are the most profitable market for any serious investment enterprise. However, there may be certain obstacles in such investment projects, which are either legitimate concerns, e.g. the protection of the environment or illegal practices, such as corruption. In addition, of primary significance is the legal framework of the transfer of energy, which is evidenced by the numerous existing energy networks, as well as the resolution of energy investment disputes, in which primary role is ascribed to arbitration. The panel will address issues raised by investing in resources in the 21st century.

Chair: Petros Selekos, Democritus University of Thrace, Secretary-General for Strategic and Private Investments, Ministry of Development and Competitiveness

- Stephen Fiutta, Volterra Fiyetta
  "Energy investment arbitration"
- Matteo Barra, Energy Charter Secretariat
  "Investing in sustainable energy under the Energy Charter Treaty"
- Dania Azaria, University College London
  "Bespoke pipeline agreements and countermeasures"
- Nikos Farantouris, Jean Monnet Chair on EU Law & Policies, University of Piraeus, DEPA SA
  "The external competence of the European Union in the energy sector - How it affects energy projects in CIS and Eastern Mediterranean?"

18:30  Visit to Cape Sounion

Poster Presentation

Poster I

13:30-1500

- Shireen Daft, PhD Candidate, Macquarie Law School, Sydney Australia
  "Human security and human rights: Conflicting or complementary discourses for international law?"
- Antonietta Elia, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Santiago de Compostela
  "Addressing global challenges at the United Nations: The role of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council in securing rule of law and human rights protection in international governance"
- Nadia Banteka, SJD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania
  "The responsibility to protect in a reformed UN Security Council: A self-fulfilling prophecy?"
- Lorenza Mola, Researcher of International Law, University of Turin
  "Governance of financial crises: a role for the international protection of economic and social rights?"
- Maria Xiouri, PhD Candidate, Queen Mary London
  "Towards the acceptance of the equidistance rule in the delimitation of the continental shelf and the EEZ"
- Georgios Nikolaides-Krassas, Attorney-at-Law, Athens
  "The Odious Debt Doctrine"