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20th Annual Conference on European Tort Law

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Essential information on court practice and legislation in the area of tort law in 2020. Including a Special Session on the 'Duty to Prevent Harm'.

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Overview

The Annual Conference provides a unique opportunity for both practitioners and academics to discover the most significant tort law developments from across Europe in 2020. Experts from each of the many jurisdictions represented will present selected highlights from their contributions to the European Tort Law Yearbook, an annual volume which provides a comprehensive overview of legislative and judicial developments in tort law throughout Europe during the preceding year. (The Yearbook 'European Tort Law 2020' will be published in autumn 2021.) The national reports will be followed by an overview of EU law developments and a comparative, concluding summary, which will critically assess the most important trends and issues to emerge.

The Conference concludes with a special session on the 'Duty to Prevent Harm'. In this special session, the panelists will discuss the duties of both the state and private individuals to prevent harm. After a general introduction to the topic by Gregor Christandl (Innsbruck), Paula Giliker (Bristol) will address the question from a common law point of view while Jean-Sébastien Borghetti (Paris) will provide a continental European perspective. Additionally, Judith Froese (Cologne) will analyse public law aspects of the topic.

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SPEAKERS & CHAIRPERSONS

C Alunaru Arad (Romania)

E Bagińska Gdańsk (Poland)

M Baretić Zagreb (Croatia)

E Bargelli Pisa (Italy)

A Bitāns Riga (Latvia)

JS Borghetti Paris (France)

G Caruana Demajo Valletta (Malta)

G Christandl Innsbruck (Austria)

W Doralt Graz (Austria)

G Dugar Ljubljana (Slovenia)

A Dulak Bratislava (Slovakia)

I Durant Louvain (Belgium)

A Bloch Ehlers Copenhagen (Denmark)

S Friberg Uppsala (Sweden)

J Froese Cologne (Germany)

P Giliker Bristol (United Kingdom)

M Hogg Edinburgh (United Kingdom)

J Hrádek Prague (The Czech Republic)

A Keirse Utrecht (The Netherlands)

J Kleinschmidt Trier (Germany)

J Knetsch Saint-Étienne (France)

BA Koch Innsbruck (Austria)

P Korpisaari Helsinki (Finland)

J Lahe Tartu (Estonia)

P Loser St Gallen (Switzerland)

A Menyhárd Budapest (Hungary)

S Nitsch Vienna (Austria)

K Oliphant Bristol (United Kingdom)

A Pereira Coimbra (Portugal)

E Quill Limerick (Ireland)

A Ruda Girona (Spain)

L Šaltinytė Vilnius (Lithuania)

BC Steininger Graz (Austria)

K Tande Bergen (Norway)

T Thiede Dortmund (Germany)

V Tokushev Sofia (Bulgaria)

Z Tsolakidis Athens (Greece)



Programme

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

Developments in Tort Law in Europe 2020

Chair: Bernhard A Koch

- 09:00 (CET) Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Czech Republic, Denmark,
10:15 Break
10:30 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
England & Wales, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece
11:45 Break
12:00 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania
13:00 Break
14:00 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland
15:30 Break
15:45 Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:
Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, European Union
17:00 End of presentations
19:30 Opportunity for conference participants to meet online

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

Comparative Remarks and Special Session „Duty to Prevent Harm“

Chair: Barbara C Steininger

- 09:15 (CET) Walter Doralt:** Comparative Remarks
Discussion
10:00 Break
10:30 Gregor Christandl: The Duty to Prevent Harm in Challenging Times
Paula Giliker: Is there a Duty to Prevent Harm in Tort? A Common Law
Perspective
12:00 Break
13:00 Jean-Sébastien Borghetti: Liability for not Preventing Harm in France and
Related Legal Systems
Judith Froese: The State's Duty to Protect the Right to Life in the Context
of Present Crises
14:30 **Panel Discussion**

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Participation in the digital conference is free of charge in 2021. However, we kindly ask you to register for the event on the conference website, preferably before 2 April 2021: www.acet.ectil.org

EUROPEAN TORT LAW YEARBOOK

The Yearbook European Tort Law 2020 will be published in November 2021 and can be ordered directly from De Gruyter Publishers for approx € 200.



INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN TORT LAW AND EUROPEAN CENTRE OF TORT AND INSURANCE LAW

The European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL, an independent association), and the Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Graz (ETL) collaborate to produce the Yearbook and host the Conference. The results of their collaborative and independent research projects are published in their co-edited series, Tort and Insurance Law (de Gruyter). Further information is available at www.ectil.org and www.etl.oeaw.ac.at. ECTIL and ETL also provide institutional support for the European Group on Tort Law, whose core project is the drafting of Principles of European Tort Law (see www.egt.l.org).

JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN TORT LAW (JETL)

The Journal of European Tort Law is a peer-reviewed publication and the first law review to be dedicated to the ever-changing, highly significant area of European tort law. The Journal appears in three volumes each year, published on behalf of ECTIL and ETL by de Gruyter. Following the Conference, the papers from the Special Session on 'Duty to Prevent Harm' will be published together in a special issue of the journal. For further information, see www.degruyter.com/jetl.

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