

'Default Rules in Private Law'
International Workshop, Brasenose College, University of Oxford,
24 & 25 March 2023

PROGRAMME

Thursday 23 March

Arrival and informal welcome in the evening (meet at 6.15 pm by the College gate)

Friday 24 March

- 8.00–9.00 Breakfast
- 9.00–9.15 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9.15–10.45 **First Session**
Birke Häcker: Setting the Scene: A Comparative Introduction to Default Rules
Florian Möslin: Digitizing Defaults: Methods and Mechanisms of Generating Default Rules in the Digital Age
- 10.45–11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.15–12.45 **Second Session**
Alexander Hellgardt: Regulation by Means of Default Rules
Geneviève Helleringer: Behavioural Aspects of Default Rules
- 13.00–14.00 Luncheon
- 14.00–15.30 **Third Session**
Philip Sales: Default Rules in the Common Law: Substantive Rules and Precedent
Sarah Green: Default Rules from the Point of View of the Law Commission
- 15.30–16.00 Afternoon Tea
- 16.00–17.30 **Fourth Session**
John Cartwright: The Nature and Function of Default Rules in Contract Law
Simon Whittaker: The Nature and Function of Default Rules in Consumer Contract Law
- 18.30–19.00 Pre-Prandial Drinks
- 19.00– Conference Dinner & Dessert

Saturday 25 March

- 8.00–9.00 Breakfast
- 9.00–10.30 **Fifth Session**
Louise Gullifer: The Nature & Function of Default Rules in Corporate and Commercial Law
Gregor Christandl: The Nature and Function of Default Rules in Succession Law
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00–12.30 **Sixth Session**
Alan Bogg: The Nature and Function of Default Rules in Employment Law
Jürgen Basedow: Default Rules as a Means of European Integration
- 12.45–13.45 Luncheon
- 14.00–15.30 **Seventh Session**
Giesela Rühl: The (Changing) Role of Default Rules in Civil Procedure (and Arbitration)
Johannes Ungerer: Private International Default Rules
- 15.30–16.00 Conclusions
- 16.00–16.30 Afternoon Tea
- 16.30–18.30 Sightseeing Opportunity
- 18.30–19.00 Pre-Prandial Drinks
- 19.00– Farewell Dinner

Sunday 26 March

Breakfast and departure

Note: The academic part of the conference will take place in **Lecture Room VII** of Brasenose College (door on the right between 'Old Quad' and the so-called 'Deer Park' as you pass through the archway).

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