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Regional Conference


September 10-11, 2012
Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

Agenda

Day One: Monday, 10 September 2012

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.30 Opening Session

Lebanese National Anthem

- Prof. Hafiza El-Haddad, Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University
- Prof. Mohammad Y. Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies
- Prof. Amr Galal El Adawi, President, Beirut Arab University
- H.E. Mr. Shakib Kortbawi, Minister of Justice, Lebanon (Represented by Judge Prof. Sami Mansour, President of the Institute of Judicial Studies)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 Session 1. The Different Methodologies of Harmonization of the Law

Chairman: Prof. Ibrahim Najjar, Former Ministry of Justice – Lebanon

- Dr. Frank Emmert, LL.M., Director, Center for International and Comparative Law, Project Director Egypt, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

The Draft Common Frame of Reference (DCFR) as The Future Civil Code of Europe-Taking A Look At the Most Ambitious Legal Harmonization Project of Our Times

- Dr. Kathleen Cavanaugh, Lecturer & LLM Programme Director, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

The Politics of Law

- Mr. Nicolas Sauvage, Former Legal Officer, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Hague, the Netherlands

The Work of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in the Harmonization of the Law
General Discussion

12.30 –1.00 Coffee Break

1.00 – 3.00 Session 2. The Institutionalization of the Concept of Harmonization of the Law: From Dream to Reality

Chairman: Prof. Fayez Hage-Chahine, Dean of the Faculty of law and political science, Saint-Jospeh University- Lebanon

- Ms. Anna Veneziano, Deputy Secretary General, Unidroit, Rome, Italy

- Dr. Abdullah A. Abdullah, Assistant Professor of Civil Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

- Dr. Fatma Bouraoui, Faculty Of Legal Political And Social Science Of Tunisia, Tunis, Tunisia
  *Obligations of the Harmonization of the Law Across the Maghreb Region: The Impact of National and International Standards*

- Prof. Mohammad Kassem, Professor of Civil Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt
  *Contract Dissolution Through a Unilateral Act: UNIDROIT Principles and National Legislation*

General Discussion

3.00 –4.30 Lunch  – BAU

4.30 – 6.00 Session 3. New Trends and Future Developments in The Harmonization of the Law

Chairman: Judge Prof. Sami Mansour, President of the Institute of Judicial Studies, Lebanon

- Mr. Jae Sung Lee, Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, Secretariat of UNCITRAL, Vienna, Austria
  *The Work of UNCITRAL in the Harmonization of the Law*

- Dr. Yehya Ikram Ibrahim Badr, Lecturer, Department of Private International Law, Faculty of Law, Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt
  *The Role of UNCITRAL in the Harmonization of Cross- Border Insolvency Rules*

- Dr. Faten Hawwa, Assistant Professor of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

- Dr. Mohammad Mohsen Ibrahim Al Najar, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Alexandria
University, Alexandria, Egypt

Construction Contracts: A Comparative Study of the Egyptian Law, the UNCITRAL and the International Federation of Engineers and Consultants

General Discussion

Day Two: Tuesday, 11 September 2012

09.00 – 10.30 Inauguration of The Legal Clinic At The Faculty of Law and Political Science at Beirut Arab University

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 Session 4. Harmonization Versus Confrontation

Chairman: Dr. Abdallah H. Al Kailani, Minister Plenipotentiary, the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers or Justice, League of Arab States, Cairo, Egypt

- Dr. Issam Saliba, Senior Foreign Law Specialist at the Law Library of the United States Congress, Washington DC, USA
  *The Place of Sharia in The Legal Family*

- Dr. Jamal Abdelsattar, Assistant Professor of Islamic Law-Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon
  *The Role of Sharia in the Legal Family in Muslim Countries*

- Dr. Mohammad Aldosouki, Associate Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon
  *Reservations by Islamic Countries to International Conventions*

General discussion

12.30 – 1.00 Coffee Break

1.00 – 3.00 Session 5. The Effect of The Globalization on Harmonization of The Law

Chairman: Judge Dr. Fawzi Adham, President of Criminal Court in the Bekaa, Lebanon.

- Mr. Siavash Sefidari, LLM Student in International Trade and Economic Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran, Teheran, Iran
  *WTO’s Role in the Promotion of Economic Welfare: The Impact of International Regulations*

- Ms. Vahideh Rahmani, LLM Student in International Trade and Economic Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran
  *WTO and Human Rights: The Road to a Healthy Environment*

- Mr. Nicolas Sauvage, Former legal Officer, the Hague Conference on Private International Law
The United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the Hague Conventions and Religious Legal Systems

General Discussion

3.00 – 4.30  Lunch –BAU

4.30 – 5.30  Session 6. Unification of The Law as a Means of Integration

Chairman: Dr. Omar Houri, Assistant Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Director of Human Rights Centre – Beirut- Beirut Arab University

➢ Dr. Ben Haj Hamouda Ajmi, Ajmi Bel Haj Hamouda Ferchiou & Associés Avocats & Conseils Juridiques, Tunis, Tunisia

Harmonization of the Law of Contracts: A Necessary Tool for the Integration of the Law in the Maghreb Region

➢ Dr. Omar Aljazy, Managing Partner, Aljazy & CO, Amman, Jordan

The Adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration: A Step Towards Harmonization of Arab Laws

➢ Dr. Silvia Zorzetto, Research Fellow, Department Legal Sciences Cesare Beccaria, University of Milan, Milan, Italy

Reasonableness within UNIDROIT Principles: A Devise to Harmonize Common, Civil, and SHARIA Legal Traditions in International Commercial Contracts

➢ Dr. Hafiza El Haddad, Dean, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Beirut Arab University and Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies

Final Recommendations

General Discussion