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*Peace Through Law*  
*The Versailles Peace Treaty & dispute settlement after WWI*

**Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law**  
*December 6-8, 2017*

*Programme*

**Wednesday, 6 December 2017**

## **Opening lecture**

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*Registration & Coffee (17:30)*

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**Welcome address** (18:00)

by Dr Heinrich Kreft, Ambassador of Germany in Luxembourg, and Mr Bruno Perdu, Ambassador of France in Luxembourg

**Lecture** (18:20)

by Prof. Nathaniel Berman (Brown University)

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*Dinner cocktail (20:00)*

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**Thursday, 7 December 2017**

## **Conference – Day 1**

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*Registration & Coffee (08:30)*

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**Welcome address** (09:00)

by Prof. Hélène Ruiz Fabri and Prof. Burkhard Hess, MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law

**Panel I: The League of Nations: A world organization for the prevention of conflicts**

(09:15)

Chair: Prof. Johan Van der Walt (University of Luxembourg)

- **‘The League as an universal organisation’**  
Dr Thomas D. Grant (University of Cambridge)
- **‘Preventing a repetition of the Great War : Responding to international terrorism in the 1930s’**  
Prof. Michael Callahan (Kettering University)

Q & A Session (10:00)

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*Coffee Break (10:30)*

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## **Panel II: The political termination of the war** (11:00)

Chair: Prof. Johan Van der Walt (University of Luxembourg)

- **‘The mandate system of the League of Nations’**  
Prof. Mamadou Hébié (Leiden University)
- **‘Versailles as a landmark in trusteeship and internationalization’**  
Dr Ralph Wilde (University College London)

Q & A Session (11:45)

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*Lunch (12:15)*

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## **Panel III: Building a larger economic framework** (14:00)

Chair: Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (University of Geneva)

- **‘The League of Nations and the making of international trade law’**  
Prof. Patricia Clavin (University of Oxford)
- **‘Managing the ‘workers’ threat: preventing revolution through tripartite negotiation (ILO)’**  
Dr Guy Sinclair (Victoria University of Wellington)
- **‘The role of private international law: Unidroit, Geneva Conventions on Arbitration’**  
Judge and Prof. Herbert Kronke (Heidelberg University; Iran-United States Claims Tribunal)

Q & A Session (15:10)

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*Coffee Break (15:45)*

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## **Panel IV: The economic consequences of the war** (16:15)

Chair: Judge and Prof. Hans Van Houtte (University of Leuven-KUL; Iran-United States Claims Tribunal)

- **‘Reparations, Art. 231 VT’**  
Prof. Jean-Louis Halpérin (Ecole Normale Supérieure)
- **‘Private rights in wartime and in the context of reparations’**  
Prof. Didier Boden (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- **‘The conversion of reparations into sovereign debts (1920-1953)’**  
Prof. Pierre d’Argent (Catholic University of Louvain – UCL)

Q & A Session (17:25)

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*Reception (18:00)*

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**Friday, 8 December 2017**

## **Conference – Day 2**

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*Registration & Coffee (08:30)*

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### **Panel V: Settlement of conflicts through international courts (1<sup>st</sup> part) (09:00)**

Chair: Judge and Prof. Bruno Simma (University of Michigan; Iran-United States Claims Tribunal)

- **‘The Permanent Court of Justice’**  
Prof. Christian J. Tams (University of Glasgow)
- **‘Mixed Arbitral Tribunals in the peace treaties’**  
Prof. Burkhard Hess and Prof. Marta Requejo Isidro (MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law)
- **‘International criminal justice’**  
Dr Jennifer Balint (University of Melbourne)

Q & A Session (10:10)

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*Coffee break (10:45)*

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### **Panel V: Settlement of conflicts through international courts (2<sup>nd</sup> part) (11:15)**

- **‘Negotiating Equality: Minority Protection in the Versailles Settlement’**  
Dr León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (European University Institute)
- **‘The special case of the Arbitral Tribunal of Upper Silesia’**  
Dr Michel Erpelding (MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law)

Q & A Session (12:00)

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*Lunch (12:30)*

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### **Round table: The dispute settlement system from a contemporary perspective**

(14:00)

Chair: Prof. H el ene Ruiz Fabri (Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law)

Participants:

Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (University of Geneva)  
Prof. Photini Pazartzis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)  
Judge and Prof. Bruno Simma (University of Michigan; Iran-United States Claims Tribunal)  
Judge and Prof. Hans Van Houtte (University of Leuven-KUL; Iran-United States Claims Tribunal)

Q & A Session (15:30)

### **Concluding remarks (16:30)**

by Prof. Burkhard Hess (MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law)