

## **Conference Common Frame of Reference and Property Law**

For several years research groups in Europe are working on proposals, which may lead to a uniform (model) European Civil Code. An important first step towards such proposals is drafting a so-called “Common Frame of Reference” (CFR). The aim of the CFR is to restructure and systematise the existing fragmented European Union rules on European private law (directives, regulations, case law developed by the European Court of Justice) and to analyse whether there are other areas of private law, which may be governed by European rules. So far, the focus of the CFR is on contract and tort law, but should not also property law (particularly the law on secured transactions and mortgage law) be included?

On Friday, June 8 in Maastricht a conference will be held during which speakers with various backgrounds will discuss this question. Some speakers are academic lawyers, some are practising lawyers and also the political aspects will be discussed. Speakers will be Lord Mance (Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, House of Lords), dr. Eleanor Ritaine-Cashin (Director Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne), William Swadling (Fellow and Tutor in law, Brasenose College, Oxford and Member of the American Law Institute), Michael Weiss (Assistant of Klaus-Heiner Lehne, MEP, Brussels), Prof. dr. Vincent Sagaert (University of Leuven and Antwerp, Advocate in Brussels), Dr. Otmar Stöcker (Managing Director Association of German *Pfandbrief*banks, Berlin) and Dr. Hendrik Ploeger (Delft University of Technology, Section Geo-information and Land Development).

More information on this conference can be found on <http://www.rechten.unimaas.nl/conferences/commonframe>. For further information please contact Prof. dr. Sjef van Erp at Maastricht University ([S.vanErp@pr.unimaas.nl](mailto:S.vanErp@pr.unimaas.nl) or [conference@europeanpropertylaw.eu](mailto:conference@europeanpropertylaw.eu)).

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**Morning Session**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
09.00 – 09.30	<i>Registration</i>	
09.30 – 09.45	Introduction	Prof. dr. Sjef van Erp, Professor of civil law and European private law, Maastricht University, Deputy-Justice, Court of Appeals 's-Hertogenbosch, Member CFR Network
09.45 – 10.15	CFR and property law: General Introduction	Dr. Eleanor Ritaine-Cashin, Director Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne
10.15 – 10.30	Questions / Discussion	
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Break – Coffee/Tea</i>	
10.45 – 11.15	CFR, property law and the Common Law tradition	Lord Mance, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, House of Lords, Member CFR Network
11.15 – 11.30	Questions/Discussion	
11.30 – 12.00	CFR and the Common Law trust	William Swadling, Fellow and Tutor in law, Brasenose College, Oxford Member of the American Law Institute
12.00 – 12.15	Questions / Discussion	
12.15 – 14.30	<i>Lunch with speaker</i>	Michael Weiss, Assistant of Klaus-Heiner Lehne, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels

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**Afternoon Session**

14.30 – 15.00	CFR, property law and the recodification of French private law	Prof. dr. Vincent Sagaert, Professor of law, University of Leuven/Kortrijk, Advocate at the Brussels bar
15.00 – 15.15	Questions / Discussion	
15.15 – 15.45	CFR and mortgage markets	Dr. Otmar Stöcker, Managing Director Association of German <i>Pfandbriefbanks</i> , Berlin
15.45 – 16.00	Questions/Discussion	
16.00 – 16.30	CFR and EULIS (European Land Information Service)	Dr. Hendrik Ploeger, Delft University of Technology, Section Geo-information and Land Development
16.30 – 16.45	Questions/Discussion	
16.45 – 17.00	Concluding remarks	Sjef van Erp