

Workshop Public Law

Ius Commune Conference 2005

Friday, 2 December (13.30 - 16.15)

Location: Pollock Halls of Residence

Buildings: John McIntyre Centre

Room: Prestonfield

Overview participants workshop

Theme: Accountability of international organisations

At its 2004 Berlin Conference, the International Law Association finalised its work on the accountability of international organizations. The Report provides a comprehensive overview of existing law and possible new developments. However, rather than closing the debate on the topic, the Report provides a starting point for further research. The ongoing transfer of powers to international organizations coupled with persistent lacunae in the legal and political accountability of organizations make this one of the most complex and dynamic areas of international law.

The Edinburgh workshop of the Ius Commune conference intends to take stock of ongoing research and to identify possible new elements of a research agenda.

The workshop will provide a venue at which researchers from the participating universities as well from the academic community of the United Kingdom will exchange ideas on their ongoing research relating to this topic, possibly with a view to further or future collaboration.

At the workshop about 8 short presentations of 10-15 minutes will be given, followed by discussions.

The programme includes presentations by:

1. General concepts

Andre Nollkaemper (University of Amsterdam)

The concept of accountability of international organizations

Catherine Brölmann (University of Amsterdam)

Legal responsibility of international organisations and member states

2. Accountability of organs and actors within international organizations

Peter van den Bossche (University of Maastricht)

The role of NGOs in international economic organisations and the need for an accreditation system

Iveta Alexovicova (University of Maastricht)

Independence and impartiality of international secretariats

3. The role of courts

Alan Boyle (University of Edinburgh)

Judicial review of decisions of international organizations

Ramses Wessel (University of Twente)

Accountability of the EU in relation to Security Council Resolutions

Colin Warbrick (University of Durham)

The role of national courts in assuring accountability of international organizations

4. The UN

Jan Wouters (University of Leuven)

The contribution of the Outcome Document of the 60th General Assembly to the accountability

of the United Nations