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Symposium Abuse of rights and the (Potential) Role of General Interest

Location: Academy Building Utrecht University, Belle van Zuylenzaal

Provisional Program

Opening

10.00 AM opening Emanuel van Dongen en Irene Visser
welcome address Prof. Dr. Eddy Bauw, Head of the Department, Utrecht
University School of Law
keynote ‘Abuse or not abuse, a difficult question?’, Dr. Fred Hammerstein,
former judge at the Dutch Supreme Court

Historical and European approaches

11.00 AM Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Haferkamp – The Role of General Interests in Abuse of
Rights Cases: Comparing the current German system with 20th Century
German History
Prof. Dr. Elena Bargelli - The Role of General Interests in Abuse of Rights
Cases: Comparing the current Italian system with EU law

12.00 (noon) lunch break

National perspectives: (im)possibilities?

1.30 PM Prof. Dr. Albert Ruda - Public Interests in Abuse of Rights: A Comparison of
Spain with Portugal
Prof. Dr. Magdalena Habdas - The abuse of rights doctrine in Polish law - a
comparative view of private law and property law aspects
Dr. Emanuel van Dongen & Dr. Irene Visser - Balancing Interests: Exploring
the Tensions between General Interest and Individual Rights in the Context of
Abuse of Rights in the Netherlands and Belgium

3 PM coffee break

Alternative approaches

3.30 PM Mr. Malcolm Combe - Abuse of rights in Scots law and English law: the same
in all important respects?
Prof. Vidir Smári Petersen – Public Interests in Abuse of Property Rights: A
Comparison of Iceland with Nordic Countries

4.30 PM (to be announced)

4.45 PM closing remarks

5 PM drinks