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The HCCH 125 - Ways Forward Challenges and Opportunities in an Increasingly Connected World

A global conference for the future of private international law and the evolution of the HCCH

18-20 April 2018

2/F, Large Moot Court Room, Faculty of Law
Cheng Yu Tung Tower, The University of Hong Kong

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Wednesday 18 April 2018

12:00 pm **Registration**

2:30 pm **Opening of the Conference**

- Representative of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China
- The Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, GBM, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal of Hong Kong SAR
- Dr Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law
- Secretary for Justice, Hong Kong SAR

3:00 pm **Key Note Address**
Prof Jürgen Basedow

3:45 pm Coffee break

4:15 pm **Session 1 – Discussion on Private International Law in the 21st Century**
Moderator: Sir Lawrence Collins, Lord Collins of Mapesbury
Panellists:

- Prof Jürgen Basedow
- Prof Richard Fentiman
- Prof Diego P. Fernández Arroyo
- Prof Horatia Muir-Watt

6:00 pm Group photo

7:00 pm Welcome reception

Thursday 19 April 2018

8:30 am **Registration**

9:15 am **Session 2 – International Family Law & Child Protection**
Moderator: The Hon Diana Bryant AO QC
Panellists:

- Prof Léna Gannagé
- Ms Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE, QC
- Prof Zaleha Kamarudin
- Prof Nieve Rubaja

10:45 am Coffee break

11:15 am **Session 3 – International Commercial and Finance Law**
Moderator: Prof Richard Fentiman
Panellists:
- Prof Mercedes Albornoz
- David Goddard QC
- Prof José Moreno Rodríguez
- (two more speakers, to be added when confirmed)

12:45 pm Lunch

2:30 pm **Session 4 – International Legal Cooperation & Civil Procedure**
Moderator: Mr Bill Fritzlen
Panellists:
- Prof Feng Guo
- Prof Eugenio Hernández-Bretón
- Prof Burkhard Hess
- Mr Peter Zablud

4:00 pm Coffee break

4:30 pm **Session 5 – The role of the HCCH I – challenges and opportunities: Presentations**
Moderator: Mr Andrew Walter
Panellists:
- Prof Richard Frimpong-Oppong
- Prof Yuko Nishitani
- Justice Fausto Pocar
- Prof Linda Silberman

7:00 - 9:00 pm Conference dinner (with dinner speaker)

Friday 20 April 2018

8:30 am **Registration**

9:15 am **Session 6 – The role of the HCCH II – challenges and opportunities: Breakouts**
- Breakout 1: International Family Law & Child Protection
- Breakout 2: International Commercial and Finance Law
- Breakout 3: International Legal Cooperation & Civil Procedure

11:00 am Coffee break

11:30 am Session 7 – The role of the HCCH II – challenges and opportunities: Conclusions

Moderator: Prof Linda Silberman

Panellists:

- Prof Nadia de Araujo
- Dr Christophe Bernasconi
- Deputy Director-General Xiaomei Guo
- (one more expert, to be added when confirmed)

1:00 pm Closing of the Conference