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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

Registration & Coffee (17:30)

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)

Dinner cocktail (20:00)

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Conference – Day 1

Registration & Coffee (08:30)

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)

Coffee Break (10:30)

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)

Lunch (12:15)

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)

Coffee Break (15:45)

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)

Reception (18:00)

Friday, 8 December 2017

Conference – Day 2

Registration & Coffee (08:30)

Panel V: Settlement of conflicts through international courts (1st 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)

Coffee break (10:45)

Panel V: Settlement of conflicts through international courts (2nd part) (11:15)

- **‘International administrative adjudication’**
Prof. Carsten Stahn (Leiden University)
- **‘The special case of the Arbitral Tribunal of Upper Silesia’**
Dr Michel Erpelding (MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law)

Q & A Session (12:00)

Lunch (12:30)

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)