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Le colloque international a pour objet l'étude du phénomène de mondialisation de la tradition juridique de Common Law. Issu du modèle anglais, le Common Law « infuse » à l'échelle mondiale, suivant un mouvement complexe de réceptions/transplantations, d'adaptations/transformations, selon des contextes juridiques, culturels, sociaux économiques, politiques parfois très différents. Il s'agit de décrire comment le Common Law se reconfigure, dans des systèmes qui appartiennent ou non à la même famille juridique, d'analyser les tensions provoquées par son uniformisation ou sa diversification, et d'approfondir ainsi notre compréhension des métamorphoses du droit qu'implique sa mondialisation.

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Thursday 25 June

- 8:30 am: *Greetings and coffee*
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am: **Opening session**
- 10:30 am – 12:30 am: **Session I** – Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Family Law globalised
- Q&A (15 minutes)
- 12:30 pm– 1:30 pm: *Lunch break*
- 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm: **Session II** – English Contracts, Torts, Property, Trusts, Restitution globalised
- Q&A (15 minutes)
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm: **Session III** – Anglo-American Justice and Business Law globalised
- Q&A (15 minutes)
- 7:30 pm: *Diner*

Friday 26 June

- 8:30 am: *Greetings and coffee*
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am: **Session IV** – And the Common Law in the rest of the world!
- Q&A (15 minutes)
- 11:00 am – 12:00 am: **Closing session**
- 12:00 pm: *Lunch*

Thursday 25 June 2026

8:30 am – Greetings and coffee

Opening session and keynote speech: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Endorsement speeches:

- **Alain Laquièze**, Dean of the school of Law, Economics and Management, Paris Cité Université
- **M^e François Molinié**, President of the Society of Comparative Legislation

Opening remarks:

- **Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson**, General Administrator of the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (Cnam)
- **Philippe Didier**, Professor of Law (Cedag), Paris Cité Université
- **Pierre Berlioz**, Professor of Law (Cedag), Paris Cité Université
- **Anthony Chamboredon**, Director of the Master programs in Comparative Law (Cedag), Paris Cité Université

Keynote Speech:

- **Luc Grynbaum**, Professor of Law (IDS) Luxembourg University
"UAE contract Law, an example of hybridation between Common and Civil Law"

Session I – Anglo-American Constitutional law, Criminal law, Family law, globalised: 10:30 am – 12:30pm

Moderators: **Thierry Rambaud**, Professor of Law (CMH), Paris Cité Université, & **Scott Veitch** Professor of Law, Hong Kong University

- **Adrian Vermeule**, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
"Common Law Courts in a Civil-Law System' Revisited"?
- **Javier Garcia Oliva**, Professor of Law, Dean of Manchester University Law school
"Somerset and Stewart, Human Rights and Common Law Rights".
- **Angioletta Sperti**, Professoressa associata in Law, University of Pisa
"Globalising Judicial Communication in Common Law Systems: Constitutional Courts, Media, and Public Opinion"

Coffee break (10 minutes)

- **Audrey Guinchard**, Professor of Law, Essex University
"English criminal law and globalisation: between dialogues and silences?"
- **Ana Zelcevic-Duhamel**, Lecturer in Law (IDS), Paris Cité Université
"The Contractualization of French Family Law: the Anglo-American Law influence?"
- **Hellen Hall**, Associate professor, Nottingham University
"Hyde v Hyde-Precedent, Social Change and Decolonisation within English Family Law"

Q&A: 15 minutes

Lunch break: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Session II – English contracts, torts, property, trusts, restitution globalised: 1:30 – 4:00 pm:

Moderators: **Me Frédéric Goldberg**, President of the French section of the Franco-British Lawyers Association (AJFB)

- **Philippe Didier**, Professor of Law (Cedag), Paris Cité Université
"Caveat emptor in a global marketplace: A French perspective"
- **Duncan Fairgrieve**, Professor of Law, Paris-Dauphine University, Senior Fellow in Comparative Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London
"Tort vs Delict: why are common lawyers so attached to their "torticles"?"
- **Nada Abouelseoud**, Doctor in Law, Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne
"Can the Common Law conception of Force Majeure become the Global Standard?"
- **Ileana Porras**, Senior Lecturer in Law, Miami University
"The common law of property and the social function of property: Encounter, adaptation or confrontation?"

Coffee break (10 minutes)

- **John Picton**, Lecturer in Law, Manchester University
"Charity Law: Points of Departure around the Common Law Word"
- **Garry Watt**, Professor of Law, Warwick University
"Cultures and colonies of the English Trust"
- **Eoin O'Dell**, Associate Professor of Law, Trinity College Dublin
"Restitution for Unjust Enrichment: where the Civil law has led, the Common law has eventually followed".

Q&A: 15 minutes

Session III – Anglo-American Justice and Business Law globalised: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Moderators: **Caroline Kleiner**, Professor of Law, Vice Dean, & **Gauthier Bordeaux**, Senior Lecturer in law, Vice President of Paris Cité Université (Cedag)

- **Mitchel Lasser**, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School
"The doctrine of binding precedent"
- **Me Alexandra Van der Meulen & Me Gabriel Fusea**, Freshfields, Paris
"International Dispute Settlement"
- **Olivera Boskovic**, Professor of Law (Cedag), Paris Cité Université
"Globalization of the Common law in International Arbitration"
- **Yasmine Sadek**, Deutsche Börse
"What future for civil law in a common law dominated Corporate world?"
- **Stephen Dale**, Roosevelt Expertise, Paris
"La neutralité de la TVA – 'wherefore art thou'...: UK /EU/French Courts practice in Tax Law"
- **Laura Napoli Cordes**, Professor of Law, Arizona State university
"US Insolvency Law on a Global Stage: Challenges and Opportunities"

Friday 26 June 2026

Greetings and coffee: 8:30 am

Session IV – “And the Common Law in the rest of the world”: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Moderators: **Ileana Porras**, Senior Lecturer in Law, Miami University & **Laure de Saint Pern**, Lecturer in Law (Cedag) Paris Cité Université

- **Agnès Maitrepierre**, Presiding judge of the Economic and Financial Regulation Chamber of the Paris Court of Appeal
“The globalisation of the Common Law in the market regulation: a French Judge perspective”
- **Jean-Baptiste Busaall**, Senior Lecturer (IHD), Paris Cité Université
“The ‘Constitutions of England’ as a means of inventing constitution in the era of the Atlantic Revolutions. The case of the Spanish Monarchy (1809–1810)”
- **Stelios Tofaris**, Senior Lecturer, Cambridge University
“The Transplantation of English Contract Law to India”
- **Juanita Pienaar**, Professor of Law, Dean of the law school, Stellenbosch University
“South Africa: common law, civil law and the Constitution: A new era”
- **David Gilles**, Professor of law, Sherbrooke Univ. & **Michael Coyle**, Associate Professor, Western Ontario Univ.
“An evolving common law: interpretation and legal pluralism in the Canadian First Nations context”
- **Scott Veitch**, Professor of law, Hong Kong University
“Comparing Mixed Jurisdictions: Scotland and Hong Kong”

Q&A: 15 minutes

Closing session, and keynote speech: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Concluding remarks:

- **Anthony Chamboredon**, Scientific Director (Cedag) Paris Cité Université

Keynote speech:

- **Igor Stramignoni**, Professor of Law, LSE Law School | London School of Economics and Political Science
“The Globalisation of the Common Law: An Experiment”

Lunch: 12:00 am

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