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welcome

by
christophe
BERNASCONI

*Secretary General
HCCH*



Christophe Bernasconi has been Secretary General of the HCCH since 2013, after having joined the Permanent Bureau in September 1997 as Secretary, becoming First Secretary in May 2000, and Deputy Secretary General in July 2011. He has long-standing expertise in the fields of international civil procedural law, international commercial and finance law, and international family and child protection law. Christophe holds a law degree from Fribourg University, an LL.M. degree in comparative law from McGill University in Montreal (Canada), and a doctoral degree in Private International Law from Fribourg University.

your host | ground rules

elizabeth
ZORRILLA

Legal Officer
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Elizabeth Zorrilla is a Legal Officer at the HCCH Permanent Bureau, working on international legal cooperation and civil procedure. Previously, she was a legal consultant at UNCTAD, associate at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle and assistant to a panellist in an anti-dumping case. She has been trained at the International Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and the Shearman & Sterling Paris office. She was also a Law Professor at *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* (UNAM).

Elizabeth holds an LL.M. in international dispute settlement (MIDS) from the Graduate Institute and the University of Geneva and a law degree from UNAM.

introspective | the prism

hosted by
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First Secretary
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Gérardine Goh Escolar has primary responsibility for the HCCH Service Convention, among other portfolios. Previously, she practised in international arbitration and litigation. She was Legal Advisor to the President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, and principal legal officer in the chambers of a Judge at the International Court of Justice. Geri has served as legal officer in the service of the government of Germany, in-house counsel at a satellite geoinformation company, and VP (External Relations) at a start-up. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of Leiden, an LL.M. from University College London, and an LL.B. (Hons.) from the National University of Singapore.

the prism

the tech battle for e-service

This keynote session will examine everything from secure e-mail to electronic submission and transmission platforms; from distributed ledger technology to artificial intelligence. The panellists will consider these in the context of a moderated debate of the most appropriate technological solution for end-to-end digitisation of transmission and execution procedures under the HCCH Service Convention.



the prism

theodore FOLKMAN

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Theodore J. Folkman is a partner with Pierce Bainbridge Beck Price & Hecht LLP in Boston, Massachusetts. He handles complex civil and commercial cases with a special emphasis on cross-border disputes. He is widely recognised for his expertise in international judicial assistance, including the taking of evidence for use abroad and the HCCH Service and Evidence Conventions, and is the author of several relevant chapters and articles as well as *Letters Blogatory*, a leading blog on private international law topics. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Ted was elected to the American Law Institute in 2018.

the prism

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Katerina Ossenova manages the Office of International Judicial Assistance, the U.S. Central Authority for the HCCH Service and Evidence Conventions, the Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory, and letters rogatory received through diplomatic channels. Previously, Katerina was an Attorney-Advisor International with the Commercial Law Development Program in the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce. She received her J.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and graduated with an International and Comparative Law Certificate.

the prism

emma

VAN GELDER

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Emma van Gelder is a PhD candidate at the Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands, working on the PhD project ‘consumer online dispute resolution in the EU against the background of access to justice’, within the wider ERC consolidator project ‘Building EU Civil Justice’. Emma graduated from Utrecht University in 2017 obtaining her master’s degree in Legal Research (*cum laude*). She is also a research member of the Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab at the University of Oxford.

the prism

florian
HEINDLER

*Assistant Professor,
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Florian Heindler is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law at Sigmund Freud University (Vienna) where he teaches private law and conflict of laws. Florian obtained his diploma in law from Vienna University in 2009, a diploma in philology in 2011, and a PhD in law in 2016. Since June 2017, he has been the Chairperson of the Interdisciplinary Association of Comparative and Private International Law (IACPIL). In 2019, Florian became an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL).

hcch unplugged

the convention rebooted

Three ten-minute talks, each targeting a specific topic arising from the use of information technology in the operation of the HCCH Service Convention.



Knowing me, knowing EU: Lessons on Privacy & Security from the Service Regulation Revision

marie

VAUTRAVERS

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Affairs & Seals Directorate,
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As Deputy Head of the Private International Law and Judicial Cooperation Unit, Marie Vautravers is in charge of the French Central Authority under the EU regulation and the HCCH Service and Evidence Conventions. She has previously worked as the iSupport Legal/Project Coordinator at the HCCH and was involved in the development of the iSupport case management and secure communication system. Prior to that, Marie was a Family Judge in France (Court of Evreux and Nanterre). She also holds a humanities degree (LL.L.) and is a graduate of Sciences-Po Paris and the École Nationale de la Magistrature.

Can I help you, officer? Technology to the Aid of Judicial Officers

aashna

BHIKHARI

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Team Member,
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Aashna Bhikhari is an Enforcement Officer based in the Netherlands. After graduating from the University of Leiden (majoring in International Law), she received an appointment in 2010 as a Judicial Officer. Since then, Aashna has witnessed the transformation of the profession from a traditional to a modern one, a profession where technology meets law. Her interest in international law took this to another level; therefore she has been appointed by the UIHJ as an expert and member of the Innovation Team. She is also a lecturer on both domestic and international litigation enforcement law.

You've (Still) Got Mail: The Future of Postal Channels

brody
WARREN

Legal Officer
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Brody Warren joined the HCCH Permanent Bureau in 2014. He is part of the international legal cooperation and civil procedure team, responsible for the day-to-day work in relation to the HCCH Apostille, Service, Evidence, and Access to Justice Conventions. Prior to joining the HCCH, Brody worked for legal publisher LexisNexis in the Press Gallery of the Australian Federal Parliament. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts (Political Science/Spanish) from the Australian National University (Canberra, Australia) and is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (Australia).

the lab

all across the world

Judicial representatives from different regions will present how their national service procedures currently make use of IT, or will do so in the future, with reference to systems already in place or projects currently in development.



the lab

david COOK

*Queen's Bench Master,
Judiciary of England and
Wales, United Kingdom*



David Cook was appointed as a Master of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in 2011. He is responsible for providing judicial leadership for the digital aspects of the reform programme in the civil jurisdictions of England and Wales. David is currently working on the establishment of the "On-line Court" and the roll out of an electronic case management system for the higher courts. He is a member of the sub-group of experts on the use of Video-link in the Taking of Evidence Abroad under the HCCH Convention and was a member of the European Commission's expert group on Modernisation of Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters.

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yoon jung
CHOI

*Judge, Seoul Central District
Court, Republic of Korea*



Yoon Jung Choi graduated from Seoul National University in 2006. She was appointed as judge in 2008, and has worked at the Seoul central district court, Seoul western district court, Wonju branch and Goyang branch court. She received a master's degree in commercial law from Seoul National University School of Law in 2017, and visited the University of Southern California School of Law as a researcher in 2017-2018 supported by the Korean Supreme Court. She has published several papers about e-discovery, seizure and search of e-stored information. Yoon Jung is currently on secondment at the HCCH.

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carlos

VIEIRA VON ADAMEK

*Judge & Secretary-General,
National Council of Justice,
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Carlos Vieira von Adamek has been the Secretary-General of the National Council of Justice (NCJ) since 2018.

He has served as Judge of Civil Law and Electoral Judge in São Paulo, Assistant Judge and Instructor of the Superior Court, and Instructor Judge of the Supreme Court. Carlos has also served as Secretary-General of the Presidency of the Superior Electoral Court and Assistant Judge of the NCJ.

He holds a bachelor's degree in law and a specialisation in Private Rights and Civil Procedural Law, both from the University of São Paulo. He has a postgraduate degree in Civil Procedural Law from the São Paulo School of Magistracy.

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unplugged

newtech

*A continuation of the pre-lunch
session, with four additional
ten-minute talks.*



Trending on social
media?
#YouveBeenServed

christine
KALIBBALA

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Christine Kalibbala is an innovative and passionate international lawyer and academic based in the Netherlands. Qualified in Pretoria, South Africa (B: Com Law, LLB, Honours B: Com), Switzerland (Cert in Transnational Law, University of Geneva) and the Netherlands (LL.M. International Law and Globalization, Maastricht University)

Christine advises on cross-border contentious and non-contentious legal matters. She has worked in private practice and in-house, lectures at Universities in the Netherlands and France and participated in the 28th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Legal Docs and Chains of Blocks: Transmitting and storing legal records via DLT

**madi
SAKEN**

*Senior Legislative
Coordinator, Blockchain &
Data Center Industry
Association of Kazakhstan*



Madi Saken is a senior coordinator for government relations and legislation at the Blockchain & Data Center Industry Association of Kazakhstan. He is a member of the working group on the draft law “On Amendments and Additions to the Legislative Acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the Regulation of Digital Technologies” and one of the major drafting contributors with respect to regulation of blockchain, smart contracts, digital assets and personal data. Madi is a frequent speaker at governmental, legal, and IT events; a visiting lecturer at local universities; and works with the telecom sector in the field of big data analytics.

Scanned, Sealed, Delivered: The Legality of Scanned and Printed Documents

ellen
GILLEY

*Senior Associate,
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Ellen Gilley is a senior associate at Ropes & Gray LLP and is based in Boston. Ellen's practice focuses on counseling clients on international and domestic disputes, including international arbitration, issues in international civil procedure, and disputes with governmental agencies. In addition to her practice, Ellen develops and teaches courses for practitioners and law students on international and comparative legal analysis, international arbitration, and communication and leadership. Prior to joining Ropes & Gray, Ellen served as legal advisor to Judge Rosemary Barkett on the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal.

Let's Get Digital: Access to Justice in a digitized world

**nicolás
LOZADA-PIMIENTO**

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Nicolás Lozada-Pimiento is a Colombian lawyer and techno-enthusiast. He is a Professor at Externado University, a partner at Bogota-based firm Rincón-Cuellar & Asociados, and an arbitrator at several Colombian and Spanish arbitration centers. His main fields of interest and practice are LegalTech, Alternative Dispute Resolution and International Law. In 2012, Nicolás was appointed Colombia's delegate to UNCITRAL Group III on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). This led him to conduct research, promote legal reform, and become a speaker on the topic, including giving a Ted Talk.

the open lab

the text of tomorrow

A discussion involving an academic examination of the HCCH Service Convention and how it will operate in the world of tomorrow. The floor will be open for questions.



the open lab

xandra
KRAMER

*Professor of European Civil
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Xandra Kramer is a Professor of civil justice and private international law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and Utrecht University in the Netherlands. Her research focuses on access to justice and justice innovation, the functioning of civil justice systems, international contracts, and transnational complex litigation. She has been involved in multiple studies for the European Parliament, the European Commission, and the Dutch Ministry of Justice, and is co-reporter of the overarching working group of the ELI-UNIDROIT project on European Rules of Civil Procedure. She is Principal Investigator of the ERC consolidator project 'Building EU Civil Justice'.

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florence GUILLAUME

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Florence Guillaume is a Full Professor of civil and private international law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland since 2006. She teaches courses in private international law, inheritance law, international family law, and international business litigation.

Florence has been the Dean of the Faculty of Law and is currently member of the Council of the University.

She has also been a professor on secondment at the HCCH. Before entering academics, she practiced as a lawyer at the Geneva Bar and the Zurich Bar. She also worked as Deputy to the Head of Private International Law at the Federal Office of Justice in Berne.

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**louise ellen
TEITZ**

*Professor of Law, Roger
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Louise Ellen Teitz is a renowned scholar of private international law and international procedural law. Her areas of expertise include private international law, international litigation and dispute resolution. She has taught and been a visiting scholar at several U.S. and European law schools, the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT. She was a member of the U.S. Delegation for the HCCH Judgments Convention and Choice of Court Agreements Convention, and the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law. She also served as First Secretary at the HCCH.

the wrap up

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First Secretary

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*A dynamic closing presentation
of key findings and topics
discussed throughout the day,
to frame the narrative for
future work and to be edited
for inclusion in the event
publication.*



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