



## Conference

### Judges in Utopia - Civil Courts as European Courts

7-8 November 2019, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Volkshotel, Wibautstraat 150

#### Preliminary Programme

##### Day 1: Thursday 7 November

- 12:00 – 13:00 Registration with lunch
- 13:00 Welcome by Betül Kas, Laura Burgers and Anna van Duin (UvA)
- 13:15 Opening remarks by Chantal Mak (UvA)
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Panel 1: Civil Courts as intermediaries**  
Chair: Nik de Boer (UvA)  
- Betül Kas (UvA)  
*The judicial framing of social justice in the EU's multi-level private legal order*  
- Janneke Gerards (University of Utrecht)  
*Non-binding decisions of treaty bodies in national case-law*  
- Loes Salomez (KU Leuven)  
*Balancing of interests in filiation law cases: balancing in abstracto versus balancing in concreto*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Panel 2: Civil Courts as environmental courts**  
Chair: Marija Bartl (UvA)  
- Laura Burgers (UvA)  
*Justitia, the People's Power and Mother Earth – Constitutionalising the climate through private law*  
- Monika Hinteregger (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz)  
*The causal link in tort law: A challenge for the courts*  
- Luca E. Perriello (Università degli Studi di Salerno)  
*The Social Function of Environmental Liability: Insights from the Ilva Case*
- 17:00 Drinks
- 19:00 Speakers dinner at Restaurant Canvas



## Day 2: Friday 8 November

- 10:00 – 11:00      **Keynote speech by Hans-W. Micklitz (EUI)**  
*European Private Law on the Freudian Couch*  
– *Anamnesis, Diagosis, Therapy, After-Care*  
Chair: Aukje van Hoek (UvA)
- 11:00 – 11:15      Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 12:45      **Panel 3: Civil Courts as guardians of effectiveness**  
Chair: Marco Loos (UvA)  
- Anna van Duin (UvA)  
*Effective Judicial Protection in Consumer Cases*  
- Giulia Gentile (King's College London)  
*The impact of Article 47 Charter on national procedural rules*  
- Francesca Episcopo (Scuola Superiore S. Anna)  
*Judicial Law-Making and the Principle of Effectiveness in EU (Private) Law*
- 12:45 – 13:45      Lunch break
- 13:45 – 15:15      **Panel 4: Civil Courts as Utopian Courts**  
Chair: Christina Eckes (UvA)  
- Chantal Mak (UvA)  
*Reimagining Europe through private law adjudication*  
- Michael Dowdle (National University of Singapore)  
*The Limits of Utopia*  
- Mateusz Grochowski (Polish Academy of Sciences & EUI)  
*Non-discrimination in contract law: between market autonomy and freedom of expression*
- 15:15 – 15:30      Coffee break
- 15:30 – 16:45      **Expert-panel: Civil Courts - between reality and utopia**  
Chair: Iris van Domselaar (UvA)  
Ruth de Bock (Advocate General, Supreme Court of the Netherlands)  
Fabrizio Cafaggi (Judge, Italian Council of State)  
Sandra Lange (Judge, Dutch Council of State)  
Špelca Mežnar (Judge, Constitutional Court of Slovenia)  
Jaap Spier (Former Advocate General, Supreme Court of the Netherlands)
- 16:45 – 17:00      Closing Remarks by Chantal Mak (UvA)