

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

As cross-border disputes grow increasingly common in today's globalized world, reflection on key European procedural principles – and their influence beyond Europe – deserves closer examination. This conference examines how European procedural rules, particularly those shaped by the Court of Justice of the European Union, have evolved into general principles of transnational litigation. It will discuss classic jurisdictional rules (contract and tort jurisdiction, jurisdiction agreements, and lis pendens), the protection of weaker parties, and the recognition and enforcement of judgments – all reflecting the practical challenges that litigants and courts face in cross-border litigation.

Beyond taking stock of European law as it stands, the conference examines how these principles have been received (or rejected) outside the EU – a development that reveals much about their underlying quality. Drawing on comparative perspectives from the United Kingdom, Turkey, Japan, and Korea, the conference aims to foster dialogue between legal cultures and to assess prospects for convergence or divergence in procedural standards. By engaging both doctrinal foundations and practical implications, the conference aims to deepen understanding of how European litigation principles shape, and are in turn shaped by, the evolving global discourse on transnational litigation.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EUROPEAN PRINCIPLES OF TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION AND THEIR RECEPTION ABROAD

UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG, 8 – 10 OCTOBER 2026

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2026

Foundations

16:00	RECEPTION / COFFEE AND TEA
16:30	CONFERENCE OPENING <i>Julian Rapp</i> <i>Wolfgang Wurmnest</i>
17:00	THE CJEU’S ROLE IN THE EVOLUTION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TRANSNATIONAL EUROPEAN LITIGATION <i>Burkhard Hess, Vienna</i>
17:30	THE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN PROCEDURAL RULES ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW <i>Caroline Rapatz, Kiel</i>
18:00	DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2026

Classic jurisdiction patterns • Protection of weaker parties • Recognition and enforcement of judgments

9:15	CONTRACT AND TORT JURISDICTION <i>Olivera Boskovic, Paris</i>
9:45	PROROGATION OF JURISDICTION <i>Gilles Cuniberti, Luxembourg</i>
10:15	LIS PENDENS IN EUROPEAN LITIGATION <i>Leon Marcel Kahl, Vienna</i>
10:45	DISCUSSION
11:15	COFFEE BREAK

12:00	‘GETTING SUED FOR SPEAKING OUT’: ANTI-SLAPP LITIGATION IN A TRANSNATIONAL CONTEXT <i>Birgit van Houtert, Maastricht (online)</i>
12:30	PROTECTING WEAKER PARTIES IN CROSS-BORDER LITIGATION <i>Wiebke Voß, Würzburg</i>
13:00	REPRESENTATIVE ACTIONS AND RELATED MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COLLECTIVE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS <i>Beatrice Zuffi, Padova</i>
13:30	DISCUSSION
14:00	LIGHT LUNCH
15:30	RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE EU: UNITY IN DIVERSITY? <i>Jordi Nieva-Fenoll, Barcelona</i>
16:00	COMMON PRINCIPLES ON RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES <i>Felix Berner, Tübingen</i>
16:30	DISCUSSION
17:00	CLOSING REMARKS

SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2026

European principles – Reception or rejection abroad?

9:00	UNITED KINGDOM <i>Adrian Briggs, Oxford</i>
9:30	TURKEY <i>Melis Avsar, Istanbul</i>
10:00	DISCUSSION
10:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:00	JAPAN <i>Ruth Effinowicz, Hamburg</i>
11:30	KOREA <i>Junhyok Jang, SKKU, Seoul</i>
12:00	DISCUSSION
12:30	CLOSING REMARKS

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