The lecture will consider the effect of Articles 1(1)(b) and 95 of the 1980 United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). Article 1(1)(b) provides for CISG to apply “when the rules of private international law lead to the application of the law of a Contracting State”. On the other hand, under Article 95 provides that any Contracting State may declare at the time of accession that it will not be bound by Article 1(1)(b). The lecture will also compare Article 1(1)(b) with the choice of law provisions in the 1986 Hague Convention on the Law Applicable to International Sale of Goods. It will ask why the 1986 Hague Convention has not been successful and why parties often invoke Article 6 of CISG to exclude CISG’s application.

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