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Seminar

Harmonising Sales Law



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Room 237, 2/F Main Building, The University of Hong Kong

In 1980, the first diplomatic conferences of UNCITRAL concluded with the creation of the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and since then, the CISG has been labelled a phenomenal success. However, unifying sales law across numerous legal cultures and jurisdictions is a serious challenge. Dr Andersen has devoted her academic career to exploring the harmonisation of the CISG: what does it mean, how is it established, what are the challenges to uniformity and what solutions may help. She will outline the issues and some of the solutions at the talk. After her presentation, she is happy to receive questions and to enter into debate on the topic with others who may be interested.

Dr Camilla Baasch Andersen is the Course Director on the LLM, and has received the “Teacher of the Year” award on numerous occasions. Her research interests include International commercial law, particularly its harmonisation and the 1980 UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG); and comparative law.

Camilla initially did her law degree (a Danish Cand. Jur.) at University of Copenhagen in her native Denmark, where she went on to become a research/teaching fellow until relocating to England. Before joining the faculty at Leicester in 2005, Camilla was Lecturer in Commercial Law at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary, University of London, and part time lecturer for the School of Oriental and African Studies, in Comparative Commercial Law and International Trade Law. She also teaches the International Trade Law section on the Lord Chancellors Training Scheme for Chinese Lawyers for the British Council. She has worked with the CISG Advisory Council, and has been appointed National Reporter for the UK at the Intermediate Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law (Mexico 2008) and at the XVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law (Washington 2010).

At Leicester, she is part of the undergraduate Commercial Law team, and convenes and lectures on the LLB module. At postgraduate level she is the Director of the LLM, and teaches International Sales, Financing of International Sales, plus the newly introduced International Commercial Arbitration Moot I and II courses based on the Willem C Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot (where she won best Memorandum for Claimant and Best Individual Oralist in 1997 during her student years in Copenhagen). She was honoured with the ‘Post Graduate Teacher of the Year’ award in 2008, 2010 and 2011, and also supervises numerous PhD students in International Sales, Arbitration and other international commercial law areas. Camilla was founding co-editor of The Journal of Comparative Law where she now holds an Associate Editorship, and she serves as assistant editor of the award-winning CISG Database at the Institute of International Commercial Law at Pace University School of Law, where she is also a Fellow. She has been involved in the editing work of numerous journals, and is external examiner for several universities. She has been visiting lecturer at Victoria University in Australia, in Turku University in Finland and a visiting scholar at University of Florida in the US.

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