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Soft Law in Arbitration: Concepts and Examples

Date: Friday, 22 March 2024

Time: 11:00 - 16:15

Venue: Juridicum, University of Vienna, Schottenbastei 10-16, 1010 Vienna, Hörsaal U11

Fees: 50 €, registration required

Party-autonomy and broad discretion of the Arbitral Tribunal are traditional hall marks of arbitration. Over the years the number of soft law codifications trying to harmonize important areas and providing guidance and certainty to Parties and Tribunals alike have increased in a way that has raised questions as to the usefulness of some of the instruments for arbitral proceedings. The conference will address the underlying concepts of soft law and some of the most relevant examples.

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The event will precede the 31th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

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	10:30 - 11:00	Registration
	11:00 – 11:15	Opening Remarks Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Paul Oberhammer University of Vienna, Vienna Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg
	11:15 – 12:45	Genealogies and Normativity of Soft Law Prof. Marco Torsello Verona University, Verona
		The Hardening of Soft Law Prof. Dr. Friedrich Rosenfeld Hanefeld Rechtsanwälte, Hamburg
		Soft Law vs. Lex Mercatoria Prof. Dr. Pilar Perales Viscasillas Carlos III University, Madrid
		Session Chair: Prof. Dr. h.c. Franco Ferrari New York University, New York City
	12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break
	14:00 – 16:00	The Use of Soft Law for Matters of Procedure Prof. Dr. Ajar Rab ANR LAW LLP, Dehradun (India)
		The Role of Soft Law in the Determination of the Applicable Law – The Hague Principles Prof. Dr. Geneviève Saumier Mc Gill University, Montreal
		The Use of Soft Law in adressing Damages Prof. Caroline Kleiner University Paris Cité, Paris
		Soft Law in Investment Arbitration Prof. Andrea Björklund Mc Gill University, Montreal

16:00 – 16:15 **Closing Remarks**

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