



MINI-COURSE ON
“COMPARATIVE PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW”
BY **PROFESSOR SYMEON C. SYMEONIDES**

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ABOUT THE COURSE

The University is organizing a 3-days mini-course on “Comparative Private International Law” by Professor Symeon C. Symeonides. This course will examine how different countries resolve certain conflicts between their respective laws and how they respond to some of the fundamental philosophical and methodological questions of Private International Law (PIL). After a brief exposition of how classical PIL formulated and answered these questions, we will compare the answers given to the same questions by the nearly two hundred national PIL codifications and international conventions adopted around the world during the last fifty years.

We will begin with two practical questions: (1) How various countries resolve tort conflicts; and (2) To what extent they allow contracting parties to agree on the law that will govern their future disputes (party autonomy). We will continue by examining some broader questions and themes, including the following:

- (1) The extent to which PIL is truly “private” and “international” law, the assumptions undergirding these terms, as well as the assumptions underlying the term “conflict of laws”, by which this subject is known in some parts of the world;
- (2) The two seemingly antithetical methods of choosing the applicable law – unilateralism and multilateralism – and the extent to which they co-exist in contemporary PIL systems;
- (3) The dilemma between “conflicts justice” and “material justice”, namely whether, in devising solutions for conflicts of laws, PIL should aim for the law of the proper state or instead the law that will produce the proper substantive result; and
- (4) The perennial tension between the need for legal certainty, on the one hand, and the desire for flexible individualized solutions, on the other hand.

ABOUT PROFESSOR SYMEON C. SYMEONIDES



Professor Symeonides is currently the Dean Emeritus & Alex L. Parks Distinguished Chair in Law at the Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon, USA. He has taught the "general course" on private international law (PIL) at The Hague Academy of International Law in 2016. The invitation to teach the annual general course at The Hague Academy is of the highest international distinction. It is extended only to distinguished and mature scholars, and only once in one's lifetime. "PIL: Idealism, Pragmatism, Eclecticism", book has been written by Prof. Symeonides for the same.

Professor Symeonides has published 26 books and more than 120 articles, some of which appear in Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, or Spanish. The *Stanford Law Review* characterized him as a "conflicts giant" (v. 60 at 249), and *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Law* (at 1380) as "perhaps the world's leading expert on comparative conflicts law today." His work has been cited by the supreme courts of the United States, the United Kingdom, and Israel (22 times). The American Society of International Law characterized his latest book as "masterful" and "indispensable" (2015); the *Michigan Law Review* (vol. 103) described his previous book as a "brilliant contribution to legal theory, an impressive, original, one-of-a-kind book," as well as "engrossing" and "often magnetic, a page-turner"; and the *American Journal of Comparative Law* (vol. 52) praised his "path-breaking work on choice-of-law codification and his penetrating critiques of conflicts law and theory."

His scholarly work has been honored with: the Friedrich K. Juenger Prize (2002); the Robert L. Misner Award (2012, 2016); the Courtland H. Peterson Senior Scholar Prize (2013); a Certificate of Merit by the American Society of International Law (2015); a Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Comparative Law (2015); the publication of *A Tribute to Symeon C. Symeonides*, 60 La. L. Rev. 1035-1399 (2000); and resolutions of appreciation by the AALS Section of Conflict of Laws (for his "enormously influential" and "extraordinarily helpful" publications (1998)); the *Asociación Americana de Derecho Internacional Privado* (for "his outstanding career and his exceptional contribution to the advancement of private international law" (2010)); and the *Academia Mexicana de Derecho Privado y Comparado*, which named its 34th national congress in his honor.

Prof. Symeonides is president of the International Association of Legal Science, past president of the American Society of Comparative Law and the AALS Section of Conflicts of Laws, titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, life member of the American Law Institute and the *Groupe*

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Européen de Droit International Privé, member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Order of the Coif, associate member of the *Institut de Droit International*, and fellow of the European Law Institute.

Prof. Symeonides is active in law reform. He drafted the Louisiana codification on Conflict of Laws, the Oregon codification for tort conflicts, and a draft Code of Private International Law for Puerto Rico. He spent six months in Brussels, chairing five working groups drafting new laws for the European Union and represented the Presidency of the EU council in negotiating an international convention. He currently serves on an Experts' Group and a Working Group drafting another convention under the auspices of The Hague Conference on Private International Law, and as an Adviser for the Third Restatement on Conflict of Laws for the ALI. He also provided legislative advice to the EU Parliament and the governments of Cyprus, Estonia, Russia, and Tunisia.

His teaching subjects include Conflict of Laws, Comparative Law, and International Litigation & Arbitration.

<http://willamette.edu/law/faculty/profiles/symeonides/index.html>; <https://willamette.edu/law/pdf/faculty/symeonides-symeon-cv.pdf>

He is also an esteemed advisor to the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law, NLUD.

Participation & Registration:

Nominations from faculty members and researchers, interested in the area of Private International Law, are invited to attend this course. The intake of this course will be 40 participants. The registration fee is Rs. 1500/- (without accommodation) and Rs. 5000/- (with accommodation, on a first come basis).

Registration Fee shall be payable via an online payment link which shall be communicated to registered participants. For registration, kindly send an email with the registration form to ctcl@nludelhi.ac.in by **10th August 2017**.

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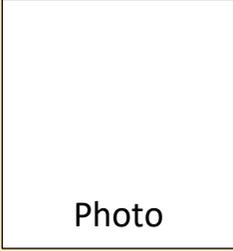
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