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“COMPARATIVE PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW”
BY **PROFESSOR SYMEON C. SYMEONIDES**

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ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

National Law University, Delhi (NLUD) established in 2008 by Act No.1 of 2008 of National Capital Territory of Delhi and with the initiative of High Court of Delhi, is a premier Law University established in India. The vision of the University is to create a Global Legal Institution which will compete with the best outside India and to prepare lawyers for a legal career that introduces them to wide range of opportunities in legal profession across the globe. The University is offering the five-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme from the year 2008 and the LL.M., Ph.D. and P.G. diploma programme from the year 2011.

ABOUT THE COURSE

NLUD has established a National Academy of Law Teachers (NALT) to improve quality of teaching and research. It provides training in the areas like entry level orientation, curriculum development, teaching and learning, research and innovation, ICT and digital research. Keeping this in view, 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. He is also an esteemed advisor to the Centre for Transnational Commercial Law, NLUD.

Registration

Nominations from faculty members are invited to attend this workshop. The registration fee is Rs. 1000/- (participants from Delhi) and Rs. 3000/- (Participants from outside Delhi), payable by DD in favour of: *Registrar, National Law University, Delhi*. Payable at Delhi. For registration, kindly send an email to ctcl@nludelhi.ac.in

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