

PROGRAMME

Asser Institute 60 Years Series

Adapting Private International Law in an Era of Uncertainty

Date: Friday, 24 October 2025

Venue: Mandela Room, T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague

09:30 – 10:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome Address

- *Machiko Kanetake*
Director, T.M.C. Asser Institute

10:15 – 10:30 | Opening Remarks

- *Vesna Lazić*
Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Institute
Associate Professor, Utrecht University

10:30 – 11:00 | Keynote Speech

- *Hans van Loon*, IDI member
Former Secretary-General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

Panel I: Private International Law in the Digital Age

11:00 – 12:35

Moderator:

- *Xandra Kramer*, IDI member
Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Professor, Utrecht University

Speakers:

- *Marion Ho-Dac*
Professor, Artois University
- *Louwrens Kiestra*
Legal Attaché to the Secretary-General – HCCH
- *Marco Giacalone*
Research Professor, VUB Brussels
- *Ernst Steigenga*
Independent Advisor on e-Justice

Discussion & Q&A

12:35 – 13:35 | Lunch

Panel II: Uncertain Times, Unequal Burdens: Rethinking Protection for Weaker Parties

13:35 – 15:05

Moderator:

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Speakers:

- *Geert van Calster*
Professor, KU Leuven
- *Veerle Van Den Eeckhout*
Research Lawyer, Court of Justice of the European Union
Senior Researcher, University of Antwerp
- *Uglješa Grušić*
Professor, University College London

Discussion & Q&A

15:05 – 15:35 | Coffee/Tea Break

Panel III: Emerging Voices in Private International Law

15:35 – 16:35

Chair:

- *Steven Stuij*
Assistant Professor, VU Amsterdam

Presenters:

- *Marco Pasqua*
Teaching Assistant, LIUC University
Examiner, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- *Agatha Brandão de Oliveira*
PhD candidate, University of Lucerne

Discussion & Audience Feedback

16:35 | Closing Remarks & Reception