Law in transition – Interacting legal orders and changing actors

This conference takes as its point of departure the fact that sovereign states are no longer the only actors in charge of establishing, implementing and enforcing legal norms. To an increasing extent, legal norms are established as a result of activities in international and supranational organizations, transnational corporations and through collaboration between public law and private law entities at a national, supranational and international level. The aim of the conference is to shed light on the impact of these new tendencies

1. on legal regulatory mechanisms,
2. on the role of the traditional legal actors, and
3. on the subsequent challenges for legal research.

At the conference also the potential impact of the rising anti-globalization ideas could be touched upon in regard to the overall legal developments and their design and democratic legitimacy.

Session 1: Different legal orders and their interaction

Multiple normative orders coexist in the world today at national, EU and international levels, resulting in a complex legal situation in which systems overlap, and norms can contradict. The session focuses on the interaction between the various legal orders, and in particular on the role of transnationalisation, to first provide a descriptive account of the system (procedural mechanisms, institutions and practices), and second to assess the impact and consequences of hybridity and analyze the extent to which legal pluralism creates confusion and inefficiency, or creates opportunities for accommodating social differences in the globalized world.

Session 2: The changing role and nature of legal actors

In the current national, regional and international governance systems, an increasing range of actors is now sharing the same regulatory space and is taking part in the establishing and application of norms. Traditional legal actors have now to consider the influence from non-state and transnational actors, such as NGOs, companies and international organizations, in the establishment, application and enforcement of norms. In addition, states as well as non-state entities are challenging the normative foundations of the international legal system. Consequently, various questions arise, encompassing the notions of hierarchy of norms, legitimacy and democracy.

Session 3: Emerging approaches in legal research

This session discusses how developments in international and transnational law impact on legal research methods. How does the recognition of hybridity impact on the understanding and shaping of legal concepts and legal methods? How to associate traditional legal methods such as legal dogmatics with new approaches taking into account the political or socio-political dimensions in the development, interpretation and application of law, or the paradigm shift of information technologies? What kind of new knowledge is provided by the renewed interest in interdisciplinary approaches with for instance the disciplines of international relations or economics?
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Welcome
11.00-12.45
Registration and light brunch

12.45-13.00
Inauguration
Tine Sommer, Head of the Department of Law, Aarhus University

13.00-13.30
Opening speech: INTRAlaw and its activities

13.30-14.00
Keynote speaker Kaarlo Tuori, Professor Emeritus Institute of International Economic Law, University of Helsinki

14.00-14.30
Dr. Ralf Seinicke, Professor, Goethe University Frankfurt

14.30-15.00
Coffee break

15.00-16.30
Session 1A: Different legal orders and their interaction
Panel 1 – The Transnational Legal Order of The Oceans
Chair Kaarlo Tuori, Professor Emeritus, Institute of International Economic Law, University of Helsinki

Panel 2 – Commercial and Financial Transnational Governance
Chair Ralf Seinicke, Professor, Goethe University Frankfurt

UNCLOS as a system of regulation: Policing under UNCLOS and the interrelation with the human rights regime and national legislation
Kim Østergaard, Professor, University of Southern Denmark, Kristina M. Siig, Professor, University of Southern Denmark and Birgit Feldtmann, Associate Professor, Aalborg University

Detention and transfer of suspected pirates: criminal justice in a legal vacuum?
Birgit Feldtmann, Associate Professor, Aalborg University

Trust at sea: combating migrant smuggling balanced against effective human rights protection?
Fenella Billing, Postdoctoral research fellow, Aarhus University and Nikolas Feith Tan, PhD fellow, Aarhus University/ The Danish Institute for Human Rights

The transnational legal ordering of the recognition and enforcement of foreign civil and commercial decisions
Drossos Stamboulakis, Lecturer in Law, University of the Sunshine Coast

Law in transition: from soft law to hard law? The changing nature of global financial regulation
Alberto Costi, Associate Professor, Victoria University of Wellington and Monique Egli Costi, Independent scholar
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Balancing National, Regional and International Law: The International Sales Law Experience
Soterios Loizou, King’s College London & University of Cambridge

Panel 3 – New Transnational Development beyond Western-centric approach
Chair Katerina Mitkidis, Assistant Professor, Aarhus University

Decoding legal pluralism in Africa
Berihun Gebeye, S.J.D. Fellow, Jigjiga University

Transnational Constitutionalization in Latin America: Between Globalization and Anti-western Paradigms
Rodrigo Cespedes, Research Associate, University of Manchester

Internationally recognized human rights: the Procrustes’s bed of the International Criminal Court
Rossella Pulvirenti, PhD fellow, University of Nottingham

16.45-17.45

Session 1B: Different legal orders and their interaction
Panel 4 – Private Rulemaking and Party Autonomy
Chair Natalie Videbæk Munkholm, Associate Professor, Aarhus University

Limits of transnational private rulemaking
Jan Leidö, Associate Professor, Umeå University

Party autonomy as a tool to ease international divorce?
Amandine Faucon Alonso, PhD fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

Panel 5 – Criminal Justice
Chair Tara Van Ho, Assistant Professor, Aarhus University

Swedish criminal courts in a multicultural and pluralistic society: the case of Roma
Ida Nafstad, Researcher, Lund University

Core international crimes’ extensions of transnational character: national, regional and international prosecutorial strategies
Marta Bitorsoli, PhD fellow, National University of Ireland

17.45
End of day 1

19.00
Conference dinner
Friday 29 September 2017

09.00-09.30
Coffee

09.30-10.00
Keynote speaker Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, adjunct Professor, Aarhus BSS

10.00-10.30
Keynote speaker Rosemary Rayfuse, Scientia Professor, UNSW

10.30-11.00
Coffee

11.00-12.30
Session 2A: The changing roles of legal actors

Chair Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Research Director at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and adjunct Professor of Law at Aarhus University

A proposed regulatory framework for private military and security companies
Catarina Prata, SJD fellow, UCLA

Judicial dialogue between international investment tribunals, ICJ and CJEU
Michael De Boeck, PhD fellow, Vanderbilt University

Panel 2 – Digitalization, Non-governmental platforms and Cyberspace Developments
Chair Ellen Margrethe Basse, Professor, Aarhus University

Datafication and automated (legal) decisions – or how (not) to install a GPS when law is not precisely a map
Sten Schaumburg-Müller, Professor, University of Southern Denmark

The return of the rejected kings: the private order of technological standard-setting
Olia Kanevskaja, PhD fellow, Tilburg Law and Economics Centre

The changing roles of legal actors in cyberspace: the case of the fight against online terrorist and violent extremist content
Elena Carpanelli, Postdoctoral research fellow, University of Parma
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12.30-13.30
Lunch

13.30-14.00
Keynote speaker Reza Banakar, Professor Lund University

14.00-14.30
Keynote speaker Hanne Petersen, Professor, University of Copenhagen

14.30-15.00
Coffee and cake

15.00-16.30
Session 2B: The changing roles of legal actors
Panel 3 – Labour Issues under Transition
Chair Reza Banakar, Professor of Legal Sociology, Lund University

The transformation of labour market regulatory institutions
Ann-Christine Hartzén, PhD fellow, Lund University

Understanding the changing role of local labour law enforcers
Louise Munkholm, Postdoctoral fellow, Aarhus University

Taking Uber control: Local Authority Regulation in Transition
Andrew Noble, Barrister at Law, Litigator, Chartered Surveyor (FRICS), and Chartered Arbitrator (FCIarb+)

Panel 4 – The Dynamic of Transnational Financial and Investment Standards
Chair Hanne Petersen, Professor, University of Copenhagen

Obligations of investors in international investment law. Of Balance, Legitimacy and Public Interest
Saba Sekulovic

Financial market lex mercatoria and its influence on the financial collateral directive
Ivan Tot, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Zagreb

Session 3: Emerging approaches in legal research
Panel 5 – Investigating Hybrid Legal Phenomena
Chair Bettina Lehmann Kristiansen, Professor, Aarhus University

Legal approaches in protecting the Arctic environment
Nana Harbo, PhD fellow, Aarhus University

What law for peace agreements?
Sara Bertotti, PhD fellow, SOAS University of London

16.30-16.45
Break with wine and snacks

16.45
Closing of the conference
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Aarhus University,
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