WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2009

08:30 - 08:50 Conference Registration

08:50 - 09:00 Introduction: Dr Mel Kenny (Leeds) & Dr James Devenney (Durham) European Consumer Protection: Theory and Practice

09:00 - 10:40

SESSION 1: CONSUMER PROTECTION STRATEGIES IN THE EU

Chair: Dr Mel Kenny (Leeds)

Prof Dr Peter Rott (Bremen)  Effective Enforcement of Consumer Law: The Comeback of Public Law and Criminal Law.

Dr Vanessa Mak (Tilburg)  Two Levels, One Standard? The Multi-level Regulation of Consumer Protection in Europe.

Dr Cristina Poncibò (Turin)  The Modernization of European consumer law: co-regulation, private enforcement and networks in consumer protection.

Prof Dr Axel Halfmeier (Frankfurt)  The role of private litigation in market regulation: Beyond "legal origins"

10:40 - 11:00 Prof Dr Norbert Reich (Bremen), Critique: Consumer Protection Strategies.

11:00 - 11:20 Refreshments

11:20 – 13:20

SESSION 2: CONCEPTUALISING VULNERABILITY

Chair: Dr James Devenney (Durham)

Bastian Schüller (Oslo)  The definition of consumers in EC consumer law.

Prof Immaculada Barral-Viñals (Barcelona)  New rationales in European consumer law.

Dr Amandine Garde (Exeter)  European consumer protection and the best interest of the child.

Alan Littler (Tilburg)  Putting into Perspective the Concept of Consumer Protection as Used in the Discussion on the Regulation of Gambling.

Dr Orkun Akseli (Newcastle)  Vulnerability and access to Low Cost Credit.

13:20 – 14:20 Lunch
14:20 – 15:10 WEDNESDAY

SESSION 3: CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Chair: Dr David Pearce (Leeds)

Paul Wragg (Leeds) Consumer protection from commercial expression explained in free speech terms.

Dr Monika Jagielska & Dr Mariusz Jagielski (Katowice) Are Consumer Rights Human Rights? The Changes of approach on the example of economic and privacy rights.

15:10 – 15:30 Refreshments

15:30 – 16:40

SESSION 4: CONFLICTS OF LAW IN CONSUMER PROTECTION

Chair: Prof Gerry McCormack (Leeds)

Dr Lorna Gillies (Leicester) The Rome II Regulation on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations: the utility of choice of law rules for breach of unfair competition and restrictions of competition.

Dr Stephan Keiler (Vienna) Discrepancies between the Brussels I and Rome I Regulation.

Christopher Bisping (Leicester) Consumer Protection and Overriding Mandatory Rules in the new Rome I Regulation.

16:40 – 17:00 Refreshments

17:00 – 18:40

SESSION 5: EVOLUTION & RECEPTION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Chair: Prof Roger Halson (Leeds)

Dr Warren Swain (Durham) Horse Sales: the Problem of Consumer Contracts from a Historical Perspective.

Prof Chris Willett & Martin Morgan-Taylor (De Montfort) Recognising the limits and effective Uses of Transparency in Consumer Protection.


Dr Christine Riefa (Brunel) The Impact of the Proposal for a Directive on Consumer Rights on Online Auctions.

18:40 – 19:40 Drinks Reception: St George Room, University House

19:40 - Conference Dinner
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08:30 - 09:40

SESSION 6: CONSUMER CREDIT I
Chair: Prof Dagmar Schiek (Leeds)

Catherine Garcia Porras & Prof Willem van Boom (Rotterdam)

Sarah Nielf (Southampton)
Responsible Lending and Responsible Borrowing.

Karen Fairweather (Durham)
Responsible Lending: neither Borrower nor Lender be!

09:40 - 10:00 Refreshments

10:00 - 11:10

SESSION 7: CONSUMER CREDIT II
Chair: Prof Andrew Keay (Leeds)

Dr Sarah Brown (Leeds)
European regulation of consumer credit: enhancing consumer confidence and protection from a UK perspective.

Marine Friant-Perrot (Nantes)

Dr Rodica Diana Apan (Baia Mare)
The Impact of the Regulation in Romania of Traders’ Unfair Commercial Practices in Relation with the Consumers in the Field of Consumer Credit.

11:10 - 11:30 Prof Geraint Howells (Manchester), Critique: Consumer Credit and Protection.

11:30 - 11:50 Refreshments

11:50 - 13:30

SESSION 8: FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT SERVICES
Chair: Howard Johnson (Bangor)

Judith Dahlgreen (Leeds)
Consumer protection in financial services in the EU.

Dr Olha Cherednychenko (Amsterdam)
The Regulation of Consumer Investment Services in the EU: Towards the Improvement of Investor Rights?

Prof Cristina Amato & Dr Chiara Perfumi (Brescia)
Financial Investors as Consumers in the Recent Italian Legislative Provision. A European Perspective.

Andrew Campbell (Leeds)
Designing a Framework for Protecting Bank Depositors.

13:30 - 13:40 Concluding comments: Dr Mel Kenny (Leeds) & Dr James Devenney (Durham)
European Consumer Practice: Theory and Practice

13:40 Light Lunch - 14:40 End of Conference
Discussants, Research & Organisation

Jenny Adams (Northumbria) Alan Littler (Tilburg)
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