

# School of Law Centre for Commercial Law Studies

## **Commercial Law— where from and where to?**

**7 and 8 February 2008  
New Connaught Rooms, London**



**Conference Dinner – 7 February, Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn**

# Programme

7 February 2008

**8.30am**

Registration and coffee

**9am**

Welcome address – the Principal and Sir Roy Goode

**9.30-11am**

## Convergences, Harmonisation and Transplant

- The extent to which international and regional agreements have caused convergence in domestic laws
- The role of commercial law in market economies and the lessons for transition economies
- EU and US differences in property rights perspectives and the consequences for commercial law
- The necessity of modifying transplanted rules to fit culture and institutions
- The role of risk distribution in commercial law

(Professor Hugh Beale, Professor Janet Dine, Professor Herbert Kronke, Lord Justice Rix)

**11-11.30am**

Coffee

**11.30am-1pm**

## Cross-border Issues and Overlapping Jurisdictions

- National laws and international markets. The erosion of sovereignty
- Competing jurisdictions and processes of dispute resolution (AR)
- Cross-border resolution of banking crises (RL)
- Cross-border capital flows and the role of the IMF (SH)
- Of creditors and debtors: challenges and issues in globalized financial markets (LB)

(Lee Buchheit, Sean Hagan, Professor Rosa Lastra, Professor Alan Rau, Professor Eva Lomnika)

**1-2.15pm** Lunch



**2.15-3.45pm**

## The New Decision-Makers

- Rules of law, stakeholders and law makers
- The role of industry and business in law making
- The role of consumers and power of the masses? The US Model of class action and European prospects
- Ethics and morality as a factor in law making
- Courts and arbitrators as law makers

(Lord Justice Lawrence Collins, Professor Geoffrey Miller, Professor Loukas Mistelis, Professor Dr Ingeborg Schwenzer)

**3.45-4.15pm**

Tea

**4.15-5.45pm**

## The Shape of Soft Law

- Driving forces behind Soft Law
- Restatements as Soft Law
- Soft Law in China's regulation of the Internet
- Medieval and modern Lex Mercatoria – One step forward, two steps back
- The historical experience

(Professor George Bermann, Professor Ross Cranston, Professor Henry Gabriel, Professor Julian Lew, Professor Deliang Liu, Professor Larry DiMatteo)

**5.45-7pm**

Drinks reception at 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2

**7 for 7.30pm**

**Dinner – The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn**

Keynote speakers – Sir Roy Goode and The Rt. Hon. Lord Hoffmann

8 February 2008

10-11.30am

## Commerce, Creativity, Culture and Development

- The challenges and opportunities of technological change
- The impact of globalisation, interconnectivity and harmonisation
- Balancing the interests of stakeholders
- Science, access and the commons
- Alternative models for the future

(Professor Hugh Hansen, Tibor Gold, Professor Jo Gibson, Duncan Matthews, Thomas Smedinghoff)

11.30am-12pm

Coffee



12-1.30pm

## Courts and Free Markets

- The influence of supranational courts, such as the European Court of Justice and WTO Panels, in the development of commercial law
- Online Gambling as a case study of conflicts between free trade and social policy – a difficult balance for the courts
- The rules governing inter-state trade in the EU and the US
- The methods and disciplines for balancing commercial and social interests in supra-national politics
- The courts and international competition law
- The European Court of Human Rights and its Impact on Swedish private law

(William Blair QC, Professor Marise Cremona, Professor Beth Farmer, Professor Benjamin Geva, Julia Hörnle, Professor Jan Kleineman, Professor Takis Tridimas)

1.30-2.30pm

Lunch

2.30-4.30pm

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**Venue:**

**Conference:** New Connaught Rooms, London WC2B 5DA [www.newconnaughtrooms.co.uk](http://www.newconnaughtrooms.co.uk)

**Gala Dinner:** Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, Great Hall, WC2A 3T [www.lincolnsinn.org.uk](http://www.lincolnsinn.org.uk)

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**£75 for Gala Dinner**

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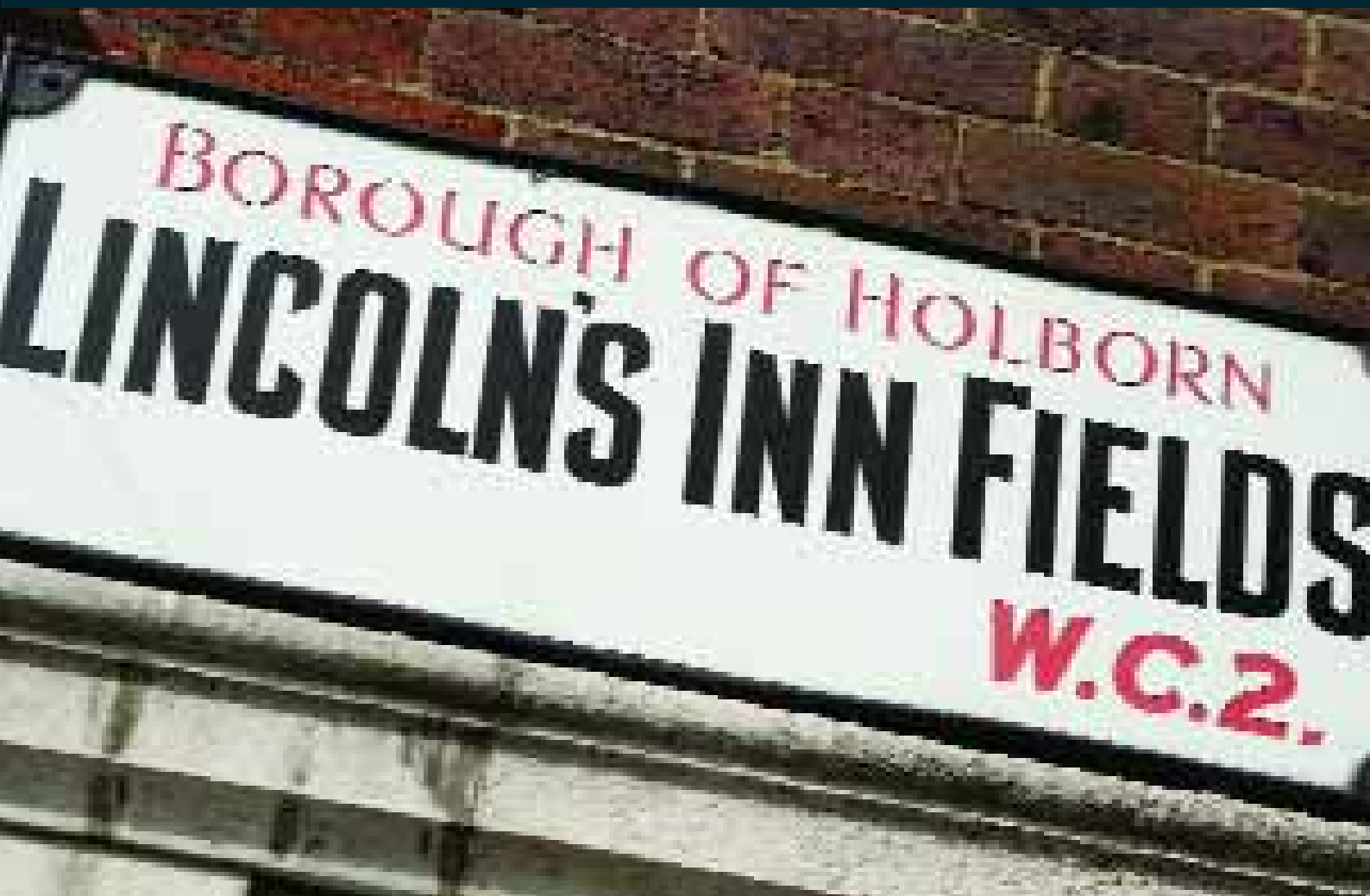
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