Thursday, August 25

9:00 – 9:15  Welcome and introduction to the conference  
            The Organizing Committee, PluriCourts

9:15 – 10:30  The new mega-regionals
            The mega-regionals: innovation versus imitation?  
            Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute
            Envisioning a model role for mega-regionals in international economic law  
            Tania Voon, University of Melbourne

10:30 – 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30  The new mega-regionals – paper presentations
            Chair and discussant: Jose Alvarez, New York University
            International trade law in China: from paternalism to partnership  
            Greg Shaffer, University of California – Irvine
            The scope of investment protection under newly negotiated FTAs: piecemeal reaction or serious reassessment?  
            Kate Parlett, 20 Essex Street
            Participatory aspects of investor-state dispute settlement in the EU ‘new wave’ trade agreements  
            Joanna Jemielniak and Gunes Ünüvar, University of Copenhagen
            The creeping multilateralization of investment dispute resolution under EU trade and investment agreements  
            Hannes Lenk, University of Gothenburg

12:30 – 1:15  Lunch

1:15 – 3:00  The new investment court proposal – panel debate and discussion
            Moderator: Daniel Behn, PluriCourts
            Completion of the legal analysis by the WTO appellate body – lessons for an appeal tribunal of an international investment court  
            Nicholas Lamp, Queens University
            The Appellate Body of the WTO: obiter dicta, judicial economy, interpretation and the ban on adding obligations or diminishing rights  
            Lothar Ehring, DG Trade
            Debate: Debating the pros and cons of the new EU investment court proposal  
            Julie Maupin, Max Planck Institute
            Nikos Lavranos, EFILA

3:00 – 3:15  Coffee Break
3:15 – 4:00  **Cross-fertilization and learning**
Converging divergences: a common law of international economic relations
*Sunjoon Cho, Chicago-Kent College of Law*
*Jurgen Kurtz, University of Melbourne*

4:00 – 4:15  **Coffee break**

4:15 – 6:00  **Cross-fertilization and learning – paper presentations**
Chair and discussant: *Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, University of Geneva*
Cross-fertilization between the international trade and investment regimes
*Martus Wagner, University of Warwick*
Judicial engagement of international trade and investment adjudication
*Michelle Zang, PluriCourts*
Entry rights and investment in services: convergence between regimes?
*Murilo Otavio Lubambo de Melo, University College London*
The driving forces of the convergence of WTO dispute settlement mechanism and international investment arbitration
*Fenghua Li, Renmin University of China*

7:00  **Dinner for speakers**

Dinner lecture
Introduction: *Geir Ulfstein, PluriCourts*
The multiplicity of international courts and tribunals: factors of convergence and divergence
*Georges Abi-Saab, Graduate Institute*

**Friday, August 26**

9:15 – 10:45  **Comparisons and practices**
The judicial trilemma: judicial accountability, transparency and independence in the WTO appellate body and international investment arbitration
*Jeff Dunoff and Mark Pollack, Temple University*
Towards a synthetic theory of arbitrator behavior: evidence from legitimacy crisis research
*Daniel Behn and Malcolm Langford, PluriCourts and University of Oslo*

10:45 – 11:00  **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:45  **Comparisons and practices – paper presentations**
Chair and discussant: *J. Christopher Thomas, National University of Singapore*
Do different treaty purposes matter for the interpretation of WTO agreements and investment agreements
*Graham Cook, World Trade Organization*
The use of public international law sources in WTO dispute settlement (with a side glance to the approach taken by investment tribunals)
*Vitaly Pogoretskyy, Advisory Centre on WTO law*
Approaches to external precedent: invocation of international decisions in investment arbitration and WTO dispute settlement
*Niccolo Ridi, King’s College London*
12:45 – 1:30  Lunch
1:30 – 2:45  Roundtable discussion – between isolation and interaction?
Moderator: Ole Kristian Fauchald, PluriCourts

Georges Abi-Saab, Graduate Institute
Jose Alvarez, New York University
Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, University of Geneva
Giorgio Sacerdoti, Bocconi University
J. Christopher Thomas, National University of Singapore

2:45 – 3:00  Coffee break
3:00 – 4:30  Comparisons and practices – paper presentations
Chair and discussant: Giorgio Sacerdoti, Bocconi University

Regime shifting of IPR law-making and enforcement to international investment law
James Gathii and Cynthia Ho, Loyola University Chicago

Sharing interpretive functions between states and tribunals
Yuliya Chernykh, University of Oslo

Can a court’s function adequately explain the exercise of inherent powers: a comparison of
the powers of the WTO Appellate Body and ICSID tribunals
Ridhi Kabra, University of Cambridge

4:30 – 5:00  Wrapping-up

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