Thursday, August 25

9:00 – 9:15  Welcome and introduction to the conference  
Daniel Behn, Ole Kristian Fauchald, Geir Ulfstein and Michelle Zang, 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  
Moderators: Daniel Behn and Malcolm Langford, 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

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
Markus Wagner, University of Warwick
Judicial interaction between trade and investment adjudication: theoretical foundation and empirical constraints
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 – 10:30  Comparisons and practices
Comparative judicial practices: comparing dissent practices in the trade and investment regimes
Jeff Dunoff and Mark Pollack, Temple University
Comparing the East African and Caribbean Courts of Justice: explaining judicial behavior
Theresa Squatrito, PluriCourts

10:30 – 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30  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)
Vitaliy 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
Sharing interpretive functions between states and tribunals
Yuliya Chernykh, University of Oslo
12:30 – 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 – 4:45  
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

On the interchangeability of trade and investment disputes: potential risks and opportunities  
Andreas Ziegler, University of Lausanne

Adjudicating performance requirements disputes: blurring lines of trade and investment dispute settlement  
Julien Chaisse, Chinese University of Hong Kong

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  
Rudhi Kabra, University of Cambridge

4:45 – 5:00  
Wrapping-up