Erasmus Intensive Course – Law Faculty of Lisbon University
– 11th to 15th of May - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. –

Introduction to European Private Law - From national rules on Contract and Tort to supranational European Union Obligation Law

Course syllabus

Class 1 Monday, May 11, 2015
Introduction: Differences of national private laws in Europe / legal families / Common Law – Civil Law; the problems of diverging legal rules within the EU

Class 2 Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Approximation of Private Law – Competences and instruments of EU-law

Class 3 Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Traditional European Contract Law – Harmonization by directives;
an example: Unfair Contract Terms Directive 93/13/EEC

Class 4 Thursday, May 14, 2015
A new Strategy: Development, format and functions of the (Draft) Common Frame of Reference/DCFR; Structure and contents of the DCFR; the four Principles and the General Part of the DCFR

Class 5 Friday, May 15, 2015
Unified EU Principles on Contracts and Tort: DCFR Book IV.A “Sales” / Proposal of Common European Sales Law (CESL); Principles of European Tort Law (PETL) vs. DCFR Book VI “Non-contractual liability arising out of damage caused to another“
Reading List

Antoniolli/Fiorentini (Eds), A factual assessment of the draft common frame of reference (2011)
Hartkamp/Hondius (Eds), Towards a European civil code, 4th ed. (2011)
Howells/Schulze (Eds), Modernising and Harmonising Consumer Contract Law (2009)
Larouche (Ed), Economic analysis of the DCFR - The work of the Economic Impact Group within CoPECL (2010)
Schulze (Ed.), Common Frame of Reference and Existing EC Contract Law² (2009)
Twigg-Flesner (Ed), European Union Private Law (2010)