

PROGRAMME

Asser Institute 60 Years Series

Adapting Private International Law in an Era of Uncertainty

Date: Friday, 24 October 2025

Venue: Mandela Room, T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague

09:30 – 10:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome Address

Machiko Kanetake

Director, T.M.C. Asser Institute

10:15 – 10:30 | Opening Remarks

Vesna Lazić

Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Institute

Associate Professor, Utrecht University

10:30 – 11:00 | Keynote Speech

Hans van Loon, IDI member

Former Secretary-General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

Panel I: Private International Law in the Digital Age

11:00 – 12:30

Moderator: *Xandra Kramer*, IDI member

Professor, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Professor, Utrecht University

Speakers:

- *Marion Ho-Dac*
Professor, Artois University
- *Louwrens Kiestra*
Legal Attaché to the Secretary General – HCCH
- *Marco Giacalone*
Research Professor, VUB Brussels

Discussion & Q&A

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch

Panel II: Uncertain Times, Unequal Burdens: Rethinking Protection for Weaker Parties

13:30 – 15:00

Moderator: *Vesna Lazić*

Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Institute

Associate Professor, Utrecht University

Speakers:

- *Geert van Calster*
Professor, KU Leuven
- *Veerle Van Den Eeckhout*
Research Lawyer, Court of Justice of the European Union
Senior Researcher, University of Antwerp
- *Uglješa Grušić*
Professor, University College London

Discussion & Q&A

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee/Tea Break

Panel III: Emerging Voices in Private International Law

15:30 – 16:30

Selected presentations by two early career researchers, chosen through a call for abstracts.

Chair: *Steven Stuij*

Assistant Professor, VU Amsterdam

Discussion & Audience Feedback

16:30 | Reception
