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**Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 October 2025**

***When West Meets East: Bridging Europe's Insolvency Regimes***

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**Wednesday 8 October 2025**

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| **12:00 – 13:00** | ***Welcome Buffet Lunch*** |
| **13:00 – 13:15** | ***Welcome Address*,** [**Rodrigo Rodriguez**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rodrigo-rodriguez-0871854/?trk=prof-sm), Chair of the INSOL Europe Academic Forum |
| **13:15 – 15:00** | **Session One – Initiating Insolvency or Rescue Proceedings: Challenges and Stigma**  **Session Chair :** [**Jennifer Gant**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-jennifer-l-l-gant-023895a/) |
|  | **Rethinking Legal Incentives for Timely and Efficient Insolvency Proceedings**  [*Jaka Cepec*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jaka-cepec-8422b231/) *&* [*Lana Katarina Gotvan*](https://www.pf.uni-lj.si/imenik/lana-katarina-gotvan)  **Breach of Directors´ Duty Leading to Insolvency and its Consequences**  [*Tereza Vodičková*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/tereza-vodickova-75947a101/)  **Ignorance Isn’t Bliss: Why Directors’ Legal Literacy Matters for Corporate Rescue**  [*Emilie Ghio*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/emilie-ghio-7a557265/) *&* [*Donald Thomson*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/donald-thomson-9b20b4217/)  **To Be or Not to Be an Insolvency Proceeding: That is the Question – in Switzerland and Abroad**  [*Antonia Mottironi*](https://www.ardenterlaw.ch/antoniamottironi?lang=en) *&* [*Rodrigo Rodriguez*](https://www.unilu.ch/en/faculties/faculty-of-law/professorships/rodriguez-rodrigo/staff/prof-dr-rodrigo-rodriguez/#tab=c56396) |
| **15:00 – 15:30** | **Coffee break** |

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| **15:30 – 17:00** | **Session Two – Follow the Money: Managing Funds in Insolvency and Restructuring**  **Session Chair:** [**Giulia Ballerini**](https://www.research.unipd.it/cris/rp/rp278516) |
|  | **The Shareholders’ Loans: a Conflict between Subordination and New Financing**  [*Diogo Pessoa*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/diogo-pessoa-a0bb94141/)  **Re-examining Pari Passu: an Interdisciplinary Approach to the Division of Proceeds**  [*Niels Pannevis*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/niels-pannevis/) *&* [*Dirck Bouwhuis*](https://research.tilburguniversity.edu/en/persons/dirck-bouwhuis)  **Intent in Transactions Avoidance – A Need for Greater Certainty?**  [*Matthew Chippin*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/matthewchippin/) |
| **17:00 – 18:00** | **The Gabriel Moss Memorial Lecture**  **Chair:** [**Rodrigo Rodriguez**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rodrigo-rodriguez-0871854/?trk=prof-sm)  [**Anna Joubin-Bret**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/anna-joubin-bret-54938522/?originalSubdomain=at), The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) |
| **18:30 – 19:30** | **Reception** |
| **19:30 – late** | **Academic Dinner** |

**Thursday 9 October 2025**

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| **08:30 – 09:00** | **Morning Coffee** |
| **09:00 – 10:30** | **Session Three – Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Insolvency and Restructuring**  **Session Chair:** [**Line Langkjaer**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/line-langkjær-ab42ba5/) |
|  | **A New Frontier? Exploring Artificial Intelligence in Corporate Insolvency Law**  [*Kayode Akintola*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/kayode-akintola-62389b53/)  **Harmonizing European Insolvency Regimes: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and the Role of the EU AI Act**  [*Animesh Khandelwal*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/animesh-khandelwal-65a398a3/)  **Blockchain and Smart Contracts in Insolvency: Enhancing Transparency, Efficiency and Fairness**  [*Charles Mak*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/charleshwmak/)  **Presentation of the ‘Chat Bot Project’**  [*Eugenio Vaccari*](https://pure.royalholloway.ac.uk/en/persons/eugenio-vaccari) |
| **10:30 – 11:00** | **Coffee Break** |
| **11:00 – 12:30** | **Session Four A - Insolvency Restructuring Frameworks that Work for All: Stakeholder Interests and Sustainability**  **Breakout Session - Session Chair:** [**Emilie Ghio**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/emilie-ghio-7a557265/) |
|  | **Protected Interests in Insolvency Law: Has the EU Finally Cracked the Code?**  [*Giulia Ballerini*](https://www.research.unipd.it/cris/rp/rp278516)  **Insolvency for All - Whose Interests Shall the Procedure Serve and How to Strike the Right Balance?**  [*Phil Beetz*](https://www.simmons-simmons.com/en/people/cm1eqpq7s000ivcqcg2gygp1p/phil-beetz) *&* [*David Ehmke*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-c-ehmke-9a88a479/)  **Sustainability and Corporate Restructuring: Legal Challenges and Policy Implications in a Comparative Perspective**  [*Hải Yến Nguyễn*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/nguyen-h-b074a1118/) |

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| **11:00 – 12:30** | **Session Four B - Insolvency Restructuring Frameworks that Work for All: Innovations Fighting for the Community**  **Breakout session - Session Chair:** [**Jessica Schmidt**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jessica-jk-schmidt/) |
|  | **The Common Law Trust as a Restructuring Tool: Legitimacy, Legal Constraints, and Comparative Insights**  [*Sofia Santinello*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/sofia-santinello-ph-d-a496a2140/?originalSubdomain=it)  **The Impact of Debt Discharge Periods on the Effectiveness of Personal Insolvency Proceedings**  [*Gauthier Vandenbossche*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/gauthier-vandenbossche-485974133/)  **Nationalisation as a Response to Failing Public Service Providers: Challenges and Alternatives**  [*Rebecca Parry*](https://www.ntu.ac.uk/staff-profiles/law/rebecca-parry) *&* [*Hakan Sahin*](https://www.ntu.ac.uk/staff-profiles/law/hakan-sahin) |
| **12:30 – 13:30** | **Lunch** |
| **13:30 – 14:30** | **Session Five – Arbitration in Insolvency and Restructuring**  **Session Chair:** [**Gert-Jan Boon**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/791735/) |
|  | **Arbitration Agreements in Bankruptcy and other Insolvency Cases**  [*Stephen Ware*](https://law.ku.edu/people/stephen-ware)  **The Reciprocal Effects between Austrian Insolvency Proceedings and Domestic and/or Foreign Arbitration Proceedings**  [*Alexander Klauser*](https://www.klauser.law/) |
| **14:30 – 15:00** | **Special Lecture: The European Commission’s Role in the Evolution of Insolvency and Restructuring Law**  [***Bob Wessels***](https://bobwessels.nl/about/) |
| **15:00 – 15:30** | **Coffee Break** |

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| **15:30 – 17:00** | **Session Six – The Edwin Coe Open Forum in Coordination with the Judicial Wing**  **Session Chairs :**[**Rodrigo Rodriguez**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rodrigo-rodriguez-0871854/?trk=prof-sm) & [**Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Quinn**](https://www.courts.ie/judges-commercial-court) |
|  | **Open to all delegates of the Vienna main congress**  **On pre-pack solutions in the directive proposal and in Poland**  [*Anna Hrycaj*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/anna-hrycaj-649886a0/)  **Restructuring In Europe – Are Current Processes Adequate to Efficiently Rescue Smaller Businesses?**  [*Jennifer Gant*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-jennifer-l-l-gant-023895a/) & [*Oleksiy Kononov*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/oleksiy-kononov-99352bb/)  **Jurisdictional Competition: Developing European Restructuring Expertise**  [*Irene Lynch Fannon*](https://research.ucc.ie/profiles/i.lynchfannon@ucc.ie)  **New** **Harmonisation** **Winds**  [*Amanda Cohen*](https://www.linkedin.com/in/amanda-cohen-benchetrit-427819110/)  Discussion around judicial challenges in adjudicating insolvency and restructuring cases with[*Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Quinn*](https://www.courts.ie/judges-commercial-court)&[*Anna Elisabeth (Elsbeth) de Vos*](https://www.insol-europe.org/download/documents/3172) |
| **17:00 – 17:15** | ***Closing Address*,** [**Jennifer Gant**](https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-jennifer-l-l-gant-023895a/) |
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