

## Venue

The conference is being hosted by the Institute of African Studies at the University of Leipzig.

The conference will take place at the

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## Contact Information & Registration

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# Formelles/informelles Recht und wirtschaftliche Entwicklung in Afrika

# Formal/informal law and economic development in Africa

# Le droit formel/informel et développement économique en Afrique

A joint conference of the  
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African Law Association  
Association du Droit Africain  
Gesellschaft für afrikanisches Recht e.V.



## Programme

### Friday 5 November 2010

#### 14:00 Welcome

*Prof. Dr. Franz Häuser* (Rector of the University of Leipzig)

*Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn* (President of the African Law Association, Chair in Public Law, International and European Law, JLU Giessen)

*Prof. Dr. em. Franz von Benda-Beckmann* (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Saale; Head of the Project Group "Legal Pluralism")

#### 14:45 The Reception of Universal/Regional Human Rights Standards in Africa - Legal and Economic Perspectives

*Christine Meyer* (Chair of Public Law, International Law and European Law, Uni.Leipzig)

Discussant: *Prof. Dr. Markus Kotzur, LL.M.* (Institute of Public International Law, Europaen Law and Comparative Public Law- InVEA, Uni.Leipzig)

Chair: *Dipl.-Jur. Hatem Elliesie, MLE* (Board of the African Law Association/Projectcoordinator Horn of Africa, FU Berlin)

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16:15 Economic Background on Regional Harmonization and Fragmentation of Law(s) in Africa

*Prof. Dr. Helmut Asche* (Managing Director of the Institute of African Studies at the University Leipzig)

Discussant: *Prof. Dr. Ulf Engel* (Institute of African Studies at the University Leipzig/Co-spokesperson of the DFG Priority Programme 1448 „Adaptation and Creativity in Africa“)

Chair: *Dr. Oliver Meinecke* (Board of the African Law Association/The Federal Foreign Office, Berlin)

17:15 GfAR meeting of members

## Saturday 6 November 2010

08:30 Coffee

09:00 La protection juridique et sociale des travailleurs de la zone franche au Togo

*Florent Folly Messan* (Vicepresident of Tribunal de première instance, Akpatamé/Togo)

Discussant: *PD Dr. Hagen Henrÿ* (Chief Co-operative Branch, International Labour Organization, Geneva)

Chair: *Dr. Oliver Meinecke* (Board of the African Law Association/The Federal Foreign Office, Berlin)

10:00 Coffee Break

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10:30 Der Zusammenhang zwischen wirtschaftlicher Entwicklung und Rechtsschutz des Eigentums: Hernando de Sotos Theorie von den Verfügungsrechten und ihre Bedeutung für Afrika

*PD. Dr. Rainer Grote* (Max Planck Institute for Public Comparative Law and Public International Law, Heidelberg)

Discussant: *Prof. Dr. em. Franz von Benda-Beckmann* (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Saale; Head of the Project Group “Legal Pluralism”)

Chair: *Dipl.-Jur. Hatem Elliesie, MLE* (Board of the African Law Association/Projectcoordinator Horn of Africa, FU Berlin)

11:30 Lunch Break

12:30 La place des droits coutumiers dans les législations foncières au Sahel - une analyse comparative de la législation foncière au Burkina Faso, au Mali et au Niger

*Dr. Moussa Djiré* (Faculté des Sciences Juridiques et Economiques, Université du Mali, Bamako/Mali)

Discussant: *Dr. Mor Bakhoum* (Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, Munich)

Chair: *Georg Schäfer* (Head of Economic Section, Africa Department, German Technical Cooperation - GTZ, Eschborn)

13:30 Coffee Break

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13:45 From truth seeking to verdict in Mozambique - informal procedures and spirit consultations

*Carolien Jacobs* (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale; Project group “Legal Pluralism”)

Discussant: *Severin Lenart* (International Max Planck Research School on Retaliation, Mediation and Punishment (IMPRS REMEP), Halle/Saale)

Chair: *Eva Diehl M.A.* (Secretary General of the African Law Association, Advisor to the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Bonn)

14:45 The WTO Chairs Programme and its potentials for regional integration, economic and legal development in Africa

*Prof. Dr. Oliver C. Ruppel* (WTO Chair & Director of the Human Rights and Documentation Center, Faculty of Law, Uni. of Namibia)

Chair: *PD Dr. Harald Sippel* (Vice-Chair of the African Law Association/ Tanzanian-German Centre for Postgraduate Studies in Law, Uni. Bayreuth)

## Closing remarks

*Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn* (Chair of the African Law Association, Chair in Public Law, International and European Law, JLU Giessen)

15:45 GfAR Board Meeting

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