

# Conference Day 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:15	Admin, Technical + Welcome	
9:15-9:45	<b>Opening</b> Associate Professor Marta Andhov, <i>University of Auckland (New Zealand), University of Copenhagen (Denmark)</i>	
9:45-10:30	<b>Keynote</b> Professor Maciej Szpunar, <i>First Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union</i>	
10:30 -11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	<b>Panel 1 Public Contracts – Public, private, hybrid? What is the legal consequence?</b>  The opening panel will examine how public contracts are classified and understood across different legal systems, and why those classifications matter in practice. By comparing how jurisdictions conceptualise the legal nature of public contracts, the panel will explore the real-world consequences for the rights and obligations of the parties, the balance between public authority and private contractor, and the choice of forums and remedies when disputes arise.  Chair: Professor Geo Quinot, <i>Stellenbosch University (South Africa)</i>  1. Professor Martin Burgi, <i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich (Germany)</i> 2. Professor Tünde Tátrai, <i>Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary)</i> 3. Professor Steven Van Garsse, <i>Hasselt University (Belgium)</i>	

	4. Professor Kirsi Maria Halonen, <i>University of Lapland (Finland)</i>	
12:30- 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30-15:00	<p><b>Panel 2 Relationship between Public procurement and contract law</b></p> <p>Public procurement ultimately culminates in the conclusion of a contract, yet the legal character of that contract—and the extent to which it is governed by general contract law—varies significantly across jurisdictions. This panel will explore the foundational points of contact between public procurement law and contract law, examining how and to what extent contractual doctrines influence the interpretation, performance, and enforcement of public contracts. It will also consider where the boundaries between these two fields should be drawn, and whether increasing “contractualisation” is reshaping the legal nature of public procurement.</p> <p>Chair: <b>TBD</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Vibe Ulfbeck, <i>University of Copenhagen (Denmark)</i></li> <li>2. Professor Steven L. Schooner, <i>The George Washington University (USA)</i></li> <li>3. Professor Anna Beckers, <i>University of Maastricht (Netherlands)</i></li> <li>4. Professor Arnaud Raynouard, <i>Paris-Dauphine University (France)</i></li> </ol>	
15:00-15.30	Coffee Break	
15:30 -16:30	<p><b>Panel 3 Public Contracts, Digitalisation and New Technologies</b></p> <p>This panel will examine how emerging technologies are reshaping the way public contracts are performed. Moving beyond e-procurement and award procedures, the discussion will focus on how some of the technological tools are being used in the current practice, the legal and operational challenges they raise, and what lessons can be drawn from existing experiences. The panel will also consider how future regulation can support innovation while</p>	<p><b>Panel 3B How much party autonomy in public contracts? New era of protectionism</b></p> <p>Motivated by geopolitical concerns, public contracting is redirecting its focus to resilience, security of supplies, and self-sufficiency. This panel puts this new era of protectionism under the spotlight, discussing the topic from the perspective of parties autonomy.</p>

	<p>preserving transparency, accountability, and legal certainty in the performance of public contracts.</p> <p>Chair: Professor Willem Janssen, <i>Utrecht University (Netherlands)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Cary Coglianese, <i>University of Pennsylvania (USA)</i></li> <li>2. Professor Diana Bowman, <i>Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) (Australia)</i></li> <li>3. Professor Alexandra Andhov, <i>University of Auckland (New Zealand), University of Copenhagen (Denmark)</i></li> <li>4. Assistant Professor Rika Koch, <i>Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH) (Switzerland)</i></li> </ol>	<p>Chair: Professor Piotr Bogdanowicz, <i>University of Warsaw (Poland)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Marko Turudić, <i>University of Zagreb (Croatia)</i></li> <li>2. Professor Stéphane de La Rosa, <i>Université Paris Est Créteil (UPEC) (France)</i></li> <li>3. Professor Sarah Schoenmaekers, <i>University of Maastricht (Netherlands)</i></li> <li>4. Associate Professor Andrea Sundstrand, <i>University of Stockholm (Sweden)</i></li> </ol>
16:30	Conclusion of the Day	
19.00	Conference dinner	