



**AN INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM
CELEBRATING THE BI-CENTENNIAL OF
THE LOUISIANA CIVIL CODE 1808-2008**

November 19-22, 2008

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Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Opening of the Colloquium

- 4:00—6:00 p.m. Registration—Weinmann Hall, Tulane University Law School
- 6:00—7:15 p.m. Welcome and Greetings:
Dean Lawrence Ponoroff, Tulane Law School
A.N. Yiannopoulos, Chair, Eason-Weinmann Center of Comparative Law
Symeon Symeonides, President, The American Society of Comparative Law
Vernon Valentine Palmer, President, The World Society of Mixed Jurisdictions Jurists
- Opening Address: **The Eason-Weinmann Lecture**
“Property Rights in Comparative Perspective: Why Property is so Ancient and Durable”
Prof. Antonio Gambaro, University of Milan Faculty of Law
- 7:15—8:30 p.m. Reception, Weinmann Hall

Thursday, November 20, 2008

The Digest of 1808 and Civil Code of 1825: First Codes in the Americas

Morning Program—**The Codes in Their Setting**

Lavin-Bernick Center, Tulane University

Chair: Professor David Snyder, American University

- 9:00—9:40 a.m. “The Digest of 1808: Historical Perspectives”
George Dargo, Professor of Law, New England Law School
- 9:40—10:20 a.m. “The De la Vergne Volume and the Digest of 1808”
John Cairns, Professor of Law, Edinburgh Law School
- 10:20—10:50 a.m. Coffee
- Chair: Professor Jeanne Carriere
- 10:50—11:30a.m. “Formerly the Property of a Lawyer’: Books That Shaped Louisiana Law”
Florence Jumonville, Special Collections Librarian, Earl Long Library, University of New Orleans
- 11:30—12:10 p.m. “On the Threshold of the Law: Notaries, Slavery, and The Documenting of Freedom in Early Nineteenth-Century Louisiana”
Rebecca J. Scott, Professor of History and Law, Michigan University
- 12:10—12:50 p.m. “Adapted to Its Present System of Government’: Legal Change and National Reorganization in the Age of the Louisiana Purchase”
Peter Kastor, Professor of American History, University of Washington at St. Louis
- 1:00—2:30 Lunch- Lavin-Bernick Center Faculty Club

Afternoon Program—**The Scientific Value of the Codes**

Chair: Professor Claire Dickerson

- 2:30—3:10 p.m. “The Strange Science of Codifying Slavery”
Vernon Valentine Palmer, Professor of Law, Tulane Law School
- 3:10—3:50 p.m. “Louisiana and the Common Law-- Le jour de gloire, est-il passé?”
James Gordley, Professor of Law, Tulane Law School
- 3:50—4:20 p.m. Coffee
- 4:20—5:00p.m. “The Acculturation Process in the Americas: A Legal Approach”
Jorge Sanchez Cordero, Professor of Law, Centro Mexicano de Derecho Uniforme
- 5:00—5:40 p.m. “The Code of Practice of 1825: The Adaptation of Common Law Institutions”
Shael Herman, Professor of Law, Tulane University (emeritus)
- 6:00—7:30 p.m. Rare Book Exhibition (Tulane Law Library) and Reception

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008

THE CHALLENGE OF RECODIFICATION WORLDWIDE

Morning Program: **The New Codes of Europe, Russia and the Middle East**

Chair: **Professor A.N. Yiannopoulos**

- 9:00—9:40 a.m. “Towards the Reform of the Law of Obligations in France”
Xavier Blanc-Jouvan, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Paris I
Bénédicte Favarque-Cosson, Professor of Law, University of Paris II
- 9:40—10:20 a.m. “The Impact and Meaning of Contemporary Civil Law in the Preparation of the New Civil Codes in Eastern Europe and Russia”
Paul Varul, Professor of Law, University of Tartu, Estonia
- 10:20-10:50 a.m. Coffee

Chair: **Professor Sjef van Erp**

- 10:50—11:30 a.m. “The New Israeli Civil Code”
Aharon Barack, Former Chief Justice, Israeli Supreme Court
- 11:30- 12:10 p.m. “The German Reform of the Law of Obligations”
Mathias Reimann, Professor of Law, Michigan Law School
- 12:10-2:00 p.m. Lunch-- Lavin-Bernick Center Faculty Club

Afternoon Program: **The New Codes of China, The Netherlands and in Transnational Settings**

Chair: **Professor Martin Davies**

- 2:00—2:40 p.m. “A Scientific Basis for a European Civil Code?”
Martijn Hesselink, Professor of Law, University of Amsterdam
- 2:40—3:20 p.m. “Transnational Codification”
Jürgen Basedow, Professor of Law, Director Max Planck Institute (Hamburg)
- 3:20-3:50 p.m. Coffee
- 3:50-4:30 p.m. “The Latest Developments in the Codification of Chinese Civil Law”
Lihong Zhang, Professor of Law, East China Univ. of Political Science and Law
- 4:30-5:10 p.m. “Louisiana Conflict of Laws: Present and Future”
Symeon Symeonides, Dean, Willamette Law School
- 7:30 p.m. **Gala Banquet, The Plimsoll Club, World Trade Center**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008

Morning Program: **The New Codes of Quebec, Louisiana, Latin American and in the Global Legal Order**

Chair: **Professor Nils Jansen**

- 9:00—9:40 a.m. “Quebec’s droit commun: The Civil Code of Quebec (1994)”
Nicholas Kasirer, Dean, McGill Law School
- 9:40-10:20 a.m. “A European Civil Code in the Global Legal Order”
Mauro Bussani, Professor of Law, Trieste University
- 10:20 -10:50 a.m. Coffee
- Chair: **Professor Dian Tooley-Knoblett**
- 10:50-11:30 a.m. “Recodification in Louisiana and Latin America”
Olivier Moréteau, Professor of Law, Louisiana State University
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. Roundtable on Recodification (all speakers) with audience participation



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration and Fees

The basic registration fee for those attending the Colloquium is \$375.00 (Speakers and Chairs excepted). Accompanying spouses or guests wishing to attend the receptions and Gala Banquet must register and pay a fee of \$125.00. ONE-DAY Registration: A one-day registration for the historical program on November 20, 2008 is available only to members of the Louisiana Historical Society and/or the Historic New Orleans Collection, at a fee of \$100.00 (lunch included).

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Payment may be made by credit card or by invoice. CLE credits for Louisiana lawyers and states within region are available.

Venue, Lunches, Banquet and Receptions

The opening evening session on November 19, 2008 will be held in the Tulane Law School, and the reception to follow will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Law School. All day sessions and lunches will be in the Lavin-Bernick Center on McAllister Drive. The Colloquium Banquet will be held at the Plimsoll Club of the World Trade Center. Registrants, speakers and chairs of the sessions are invited to all events. Accompanying spouses and guests are invited to after-hour receptions and Gala Banquet.

Accommodations

A limited number of rooms at conference rates have been reserved at the following hotels :

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Please see the website for further details. Participants are responsible for making their own reservations.

For Further

Please contact the Administrator,
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