

# Registration Form

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I hereby register for the Conference on Punitive Damages to be held on **Monday, November 17, 2008**.

**Registration Fees** (incl. Conference materials, buffet lunch and refreshments):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Standard           | Eur 30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Member  | free   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jurist in training | free   |

I will pay the applicable fee at the Conference on **Monday, November 17, 2008** in cash.

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## Conference on Punitive Damages

**Monday, November 17, 2008**  
Vienna (Austria)

## Overview

Punitive damages remain one of the most controversial areas in the history of tort law. With the growing discourse on the subject on the Continent and indeed across the globe, the consensus is that it seems worthwhile and even an urgency to discuss, thoroughly and on a comparative basis, the nature, role and suitability of such damages in tort law and private law in general. This is especially so in light of the attempts to reform and unify Continental European legal systems and the recent seminal judgments and consultations in this field of law.

This one-day conference brings together a distinguished panel of scholars and practitioners as keynote speakers. Contributions will be heard from jurisdictions that openly endorse punitive damages, in particular, England, South Africa and the United States as well as those jurisdictions which vehemently deny their existence although some of them covertly incorporate punitive damages into the framework of their tort systems. The position in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Hungary, the Scandinavian countries as well as EU Law will thus be considered.

The Conference includes a report on punitive damages from a Law and Economics perspective and also touches on the controversies surrounding the insurability of such damages. Chaired by Sir Henry Brooke, a former Chairman of the Law Commission for England and Wales and Ken Oliphant, the newly appointed Director of the Institute for Tort and Insurance Law, the Conference will provide a forum in which attendants can interact, network and enrich our discussions on the topic.

All information correct at time of going to press.

## Institute for European Tort Law (ETL)

The Institute for European Tort Law of the Austrian Academy of Sciences is the proud host of this Conference. Mainly focusing on European jurisdictions, ETL conducts comparative legal research in the field of tort law. With its research, ETL aims to enhance and promote the harmonisation and further development of tort law in Europe. It cooperates with the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law on a number of projects.

## European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law (ECTIL)

ECTIL, an independent association based in Vienna, is a research institute undertaking comparative studies in the field of national, international and common European tort and insurance law. The results of this research are published in its Tort and Insurance Law series (Springer). ECTIL is also the institutional basis for the European Group on Tort Law, whose core project is the drafting of the Principles of European Tort Law. The results are published in a series of the same name (Kluwer).

## ECTIL Supporting Members

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## Programme

Monday, November 17, 2008

Austrian Academy of Sciences  
Dr. Ignaz-Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna

09:00 **Welcome Address**

09:05 **H. Brooke: Introduction**

09:20 **Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**  
The United States | England  
South Africa

10:40 **Coffee break**

11:00 **Brief reports on the following jurisdictions:**  
France | Italy | Spain | Scandinavia  
Hungary | Germany  
European Union

12:30 **Lunch break** (light buffet provided)

14:00 **L. Visscher: Punitive Damages from a Law and Economics Perspective**

14:20 **I. Ebert: Punitive Damages from an Insurer's Perspective**

14:45 **H. Koziol: Conclusions**

15:30 **Discussion**

16:30 **End of Conference**

## Chairpersons

**H. Brooke** London (UK)

**K. Oliphant** Vienna (Austria)

## Speakers

**B. Askeland** Bergen (Norway)

**S. Borghetti** Nantes (France)

**H. Brooke** London (UK)

**P. del Olmo Garcia** Madrid (Spain)

**I. Ebert** Munich (Germany)

**B.A. Koch** Innsbruck (Austria)

**H. Koziol** Vienna (Austria)

**A. Menyhárd** Budapest (Hungary)

**J. Neethling** Pretoria (South Africa)

**K. Oliphant** Vienna (Austria)

**L. Rademacher** Münster (Germany)

**A.P. Scarso** Milan (Italy)

**A.J. Sebok** New York (United States)

**L. Visscher** Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

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