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THE NEW BELGIAN LAW OF DELICT – TAKING THE TEMPERATURE OF EMERGING TENDENCIES

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In the context of the vast reform project of the Belgian Civil Code, the law of delict has been the latest part that has successfully been made law (entry into force on January 1st, 2025). Thereby, the Belgian legislature has outrun the French reform project and is the currently most recent re-codification of law of delict.

The new law of delict presents some interesting features presenting ample material to take the temperature of current trends in the field. To get a better insight of some of the most innovative features of the Belgian reform project, The Max Planck Institute for comparative and international private law, Hamburg, hosts a discussion afternoon on the new Belgian law of delicts.



14:00 – 14:05	Welcoming <i>Reinhard Zimmermann</i>
14:05 – 14:30	Preventive effects of delictual liability <i>Françoise Auvray</i> <i>Simon Van Eekert</i>
14:30 – 14:55	Concurrence of contractual and extra-contractual liability <i>Stefaan Declercq</i> <i>Fleur Vanswijgenhoven</i>
14:55 – 15:20	German and French Perspective <i>Jonathan Friedrichs</i> <i>Valentin Pinel le Dret</i>
15:20 – 15:30	Open discussion
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:25	Causality, causal uncertainty, and loss of a chance <i>Christopher Borucki</i>
16:25 – 16:50	Liability for minors and mitigation of damages <i>Lukas Van Roy</i>
16:50 – 17:15	German and French Perspective <i>Jonathan Friedrichs</i> <i>Valentin Pinel le Dret</i>
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