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2019 THEME

The Role of Law and The Rule of Law – Rethinking Legal Education

The Forum adopts a workshop format and concentrates on topics of interest to the top leadership of the region's law schools. The theme for 2019 is *The Role of Law and the Rule of Law – Rethinking Legal Education*. We are eager to explore this theme and to continue exchanging ideas that will advance legal education. These workshops serve to distill and focus regional perspectives on legal education. This is an opportunity for you to engage with law school leaders to develop a critical set of issues and proposals in developing a global approach to the challenges facing legal education today. We will concentrate on three areas:

- 1) Setting and Implementing Standards,
- 2) Teaching Challenging, Controversial and/or Sensitive Subject Matter within the framework of rational legal discourse, and;
- 3) Administrative Challenges for Law School Leadership in a rapidly evolving educational dynamic.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

- 18:00** **MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY TO WALK TO CAMPUS**
ASSEMBLY HALL
Universidad de Nebrija, Santa Cruz de Marcenado 27, 28015, Madrid, Spain
- 18:30** **WELCOME & TOUR OF CAMPUS**
Opening Speech by *Juan Cayón Peña, Rector, Universidad Nebrija*
- 19:30** **WELCOME DINNER**
hosted by Universidad Nebrija
Compostela Restaurante. Serrano Jover 6, 28015, Madrid
(Located almost in front of the University, 2 minutes walking distance).

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

- 8:30** **MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY TO WALK TO CAMPUS**
ASSEMBLY HALL
Universidad de Nebrija, Santa Cruz de Marcenado 27, 28015, Madrid, Spain
- 9:15 – 9:30** **WELCOME ADDRESS**
- Ester M^a Mocholí Ferrándiz, *Director, Universidad Nebrija, Spain*
 - Francis SL Wang, *Dean Emeritus, Kenneth Wang School of Law and President/Chairman of the International Association of Law Schools, China*

ASSEMBLY HALL

SESSION #1: SETTING STANDARDS – IMPLEMENTATION

9:30 – 9:45 **Presentation**

9:45 – 10:45 **Panel – Evaluation, Assistance and Certification**

- Mohamed Mattar, *Dr., Clinical Professor of Law & Head of the Legal Skills Department, Qatar University, College of Law, Qatar*
- Nerina Boschiero, *Dean, University of Milan, Faculty of Law, Italy*
- Stephen Hardy, *Dean, Coventry University, Coventry Law School, United Kingdom*
- *Judicial Perspective* – Justice Marc de Werd, *Amsterdam Court of Appeals, Netherlands*

10:45 – 11:15 BREAK, COFFEE & GROUP PICTURE

11:15 – 11:45 GROUP ACTIVITY

Please refer to the Workbook for activity and questions.

11:45 – 12:30 DISCUSSION

Please refer to the Workbook for activity and questions.

12:30 – 14:30 LUNCH AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL

**SESSION #2: TEACHING CHALLENGING, CONTROVERSIAL AND/OR SENSITIVE
SUBJECT MATTER – RATIONAL LEGAL DISCOURSE**

14:30 – 14:45 Presentation

14:45 – 15:45 Panel – Sense and Sensibility – Principles of Legal Discourse

- Giuseppe Nesi, *Dean Emeritus, University of Trento, Faculty of Law, Italy*
- Tomasz Koncewicz, *Professor, University of Gdansk, Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland*
- Michal Radvan, *Professor, Masarykova Univerzita Faculty of Law, Czech Republic*
- *Judicial Perspective – Justice John Hedigan (ret.), The High Court of Ireland, Ireland*

15:45 – 16:15 GROUP ACTIVITY

Please refer to the Workbook for activity and questions.

16:15 – 16:45 BREAK

16:45 – 17:15 DISCUSSION

Please refer the Workbook for activity and questions.

17:30 GUIDED TOUR OF HISTORIC MADRID

We will take transportation to Madrid Centre, where we will start the tour.

19:30 DINNER

Traditional Tapas Spanish Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

8:30 MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY TO WALK TO CAMPUS

SESSION # 3: ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES FOR LAW SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

9:15 – 9:30 Presentation

9:30 – 10:30 Panel – Challenges in Running the Enterprise

- Monika Całkiewicz, *Dean, Akademia Leona Koźmińskiego, Law School, Poland*
- Ester Mocholi, *Director, Universidad Nebrija, Spain*
- Jassim Alshamshi, *Dean Emeritus, United Arab Emirates, Law School, United Arab Emirates*
- *Judicial Perspective* – Justice Francesca Fieconi, *Supreme Court of Cassazione Italy, Italy*

10:30 – 11:00 GROUP ACTIVITY

Please refer to the Workbook for activity and questions.

11:00 – 11:30 BREAK

11:30 – 12:00 DISCUSSION

Please refer to the Workbook for activity and questions.

12:00 – 12:30 CLOSING REMARKS

- Ester M^a Mocholí Ferrándiz, *Director, Universidad Nebrija, Spain*
- Francis SL Wang, *Dean Emeritus, Kenneth Wang School of Law and President/Chairman of the International Association of Law Schools, China*

12:30 LUNCH

Cocktails at the University

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Alphabetical Order, By Last Name

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Nerina Boschiero was born in Milan, Italy, on 27 October 1958. She is the Dean of the Faculty of Law at University of Milan. Previously, she has been the Director of the Department of Public Law, Civil Procedure Law, International and European Law, Faculty of Law, University of Milan (from 2008 to 2010 and the Director of the Department of Italian and Supranational Public Law (from 2010 to 2012). She is full professor of International Law at the University of Milan, where she teaches International Law, International Private Law and International Sustainable Development Law.

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John Hedigan, Honorable Justice (ret.)

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John Hedigan was born on the 14th October 1948 in Dublin, Ireland. He was educated at Belvedere College, Trinity College Dublin and King's Inns. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1976, to the Bar of England and Wales (Middle Temple) in 1986 and to the Bar of New South Wales in 1993. He was called as Senior Counsel in 1990. He is a Bencher of Kings Inns. Judge Hedigan practised largely in administrative, constitutional and commercial law. In 1998 he was elected a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He served there until his appointment in 2007 by the President to the High Court of Ireland. On the European Court of Human Rights Judge Hedigan was Vice President of the Third Section. The Court of Human Rights is composed of five sections. On the Strasbourg Court Judge Hedigan heard cases arising from the 47 countries of the Council of Europe composing in all over 800 million people. The Court in Strasbourg sits in chambers of seven and a Grand Chamber of seventeen. It hears cases from those within the jurisdiction of the 47 countries who allege their rights under the European Convention on Human Rights have been violated. Its judgments are binding on the parties in question. It is the authoritative voice on Human Rights Law in Europe and its decisions are relied upon throughout the world as highly persuasive authorities. On the Court in Strasbourg Judge Hedigan was Chair of the Committee on Status and Conditions of

Judges, of the Information Technology Committee and of the Languages Committee. He also sat on the Rules Committee and the Library Committee. On the High Court in Ireland, Judge Hedigan worked on the judicial review side, on jury trials and on the commercial court. In September 2016 Judge Hedigan was appointed by the President to the Court of Appeal. This recently created court has full appellate jurisdiction from all decisions of the High Court and Central Criminal Court. Judge Hedigan sits on the Executive Board of The Courts Service of Ireland, on the Executive Board of the European Networks of Councils of the Judiciary and is a member of the Judicial Council of the International Association of Law Schools.



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