

# SINGAPORE SYMPOSIUM IN LEGAL THEORY

## THE TRANSFORMATION OF PRIVATE LAW THROUGH EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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### ABSTRACT

For more than a decade, I have been occupying myself with the effects of the Europeanisation of private law through the harmonisation of the EU. My central hypothesis or at least a common denominator of my work is that, the European harmonisation is steered by its own table of values and clashes against the hard-won social virtues of national civil law orders. This hypothesis has not been welcomed with open arms in the academy (or elsewhere for that matter) and, for the most part, has been ignored.

I would like, in this somewhat to vamp up said hypothesis. More than ever, I am minded that, on the European plane *de lege lata*, a new private law and a new contractual model are emerging before the eyes of scholars who do not, from the offset, view European private law through spectacles tinted with the norms of national private law, but rather regard the rapidly developing revolution if not exactly with sympathy, with a dutiful professional curiosity.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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### Participation is By Invitation Only

Registration commences at 3.30pm and light refreshments will be served. The speaker will be delivering the talk via Skype.

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