

CFRED's 25th Corporate and Finance law Seminar:

CURRENT ISSUES IN EU COMPANY LAW

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Since the 1960s the company law of the EU Member States has been increasingly harmonized by numerous company law directives, pertaining for example, to publicity, capital, mergers and divisions, accounts, branches, shareholder rights, and takeovers. Moreover, supranational EU types of companies have been created, e.g. the European company (*Societas Europaea*).

Yet European company law is still constantly evolving.

Prof. Schmidt's seminar will provide an overview and a critical discussion of current issues. It will focus, inter alia, on:

- New rules on director's pay and related party transactions;
- The SUP (*Societas Unius Personae*), a new special vehicle for single-member limited-liability companies;
- The new Business Registers Interconnection System (BRIS), linking the national company registers of the EU Member States.

All are welcome! Admission is free of charge!

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER:



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Selected representative publications:

- „Deutsche“ vs. „britische“ Societas Europaea (SE), 2006 (2nd ed. 2010) [„German“ vs. „British“ Societas Euraopea (SE)]
- Der Vertragsschluss – ein Vergleich zwischen dem deutschen, französischen, englischen Recht und dem CESL (Jus Privatum 175), 2013 [The Conclusion of a Contract - A Comparative Study of German, French and English Law and the CESL]
- Europäisches Unternehmens- und Kapitalmarktrecht, 5th ed. 2012 [European Company and Capital Markets Law] (co-authors: Marcus Lutter, Walter Bayer)
- Commentary on the European Succession Regulation, in: BeckOKG, 1st ed. 2014
- BB-Report on current developments in European company law (co-author: Walter Bayer); published regularly (BB 2008, 454 et seq., BB 2010, 387 et seq., BB 2012, 3 et seq., BB 2013, 3 et seq., BB 2014, 1219 et seq.; BB 2015, 1731 et seq.)
