

Conflict of Interest

Interdisciplinary Conference, 7-8 May 2010, University of Basel (Switzerland)

Programme

Friday, 7 May 2010

08:15 – 09:00

Registration

09:00 – 10:30

Opening plenary

Welcoming remarks

Juanita Olaya, Director, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland);
Prof Dr Anne Peters, Professor for Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Vice-President, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland) and **Prof Dr Lukas Handschin**, Professor for Commercial and Corporate Law, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Attorney-at-law, Baur Hürlimann; Board Member, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland)

Keynote addresses

Conflict of Interest and the Furor Over Executive Compensation

Prof Dr Andrew Stark

Professor of Political Science and Strategic Management, Centre for Public Management, University of Toronto (Canada)

Conflict of Interest and Administrative Law

Prof Dr Jean-Bernard Auby

Professor of Public Law and Director of the Chair 'Mutations de l'Action Publique et du Droit Public' ('Changes in Governance and Public Law'), Sciences Po Paris (France)

Socio-Political Crisis, Conflicts of Interest and the Reconfiguration of Political Order in Cote d'Ivoire

Prof Dr Kocra Lossina Assoua

Development Policy and African Politics, Institute of African Studies, University of Bayreuth (Germany)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00

Panel 1: Conflict of interest in practice: examples

Chair: **Dr Susan P. Shapiro**

Research Professor, American Bar Foundation, Chicago (USA)

Speakers

The Conflict of Interest Explanation of Nigeria's Chequered History of Anticorruption

John Onyeukwu, LL.B, LL.M, MA, PAPP, MPP

Attorney and Policy Consultant; Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Policy Engagement (Nigeria)

Self-Interested Actions by Administrators and their Institutional Framing: A Namibian Case Study

Dr Gregor Dobler

Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Basel (Switzerland)

Conflicts of Interests of Heads of State: The Example of Madagascar

Dr Jan Christoph Richter

Head of Public Accountability, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland)

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00

Panel 2: Legal perspective - international governance

Chair: **Prof Dr Luc Thévenoz**

Professor of Law and Director of the Center of Banking and Financial Law, University of Geneva (Switzerland)

Speakers

Expert Rule and the Revolving Door: Exploring the Limits of Conflict of Interest Regulation in Global Governance

René Uruena

Research Fellow and Doctoral Candidate, Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research, University of Helsinki (Finland)

Conflict of Interest in the Treaty-Based and Charter-Based Human Rights Bodies of Universal Level

Michal Davala

PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno (Czech Republic); Legal Advisor, Department of Law Approximation, Government Office of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava (Slovak Republic)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00

Panel 3: Fundamental issues from the perspectives of various disciplines

Chair: **Prof Dr Anne Peters**, Professor for Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Vice-President, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland)

Speakers

The Two Sides of the Coin: Top-Down and Bottom-Up Conflicts of Interest

Prof Dr Giovanni Guzzetta

Professor of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)

Conflict of Interest in the Media Age: Inferences from the Contrasted Italian Case

Prof Dr Sergio Fabbrini

Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Sociology, University of Trento (Italy)

Conflict of Interest and the Functioning of Organizations: A Sociological Perspective

Prof Dr Erhard Friedberg

Professor of Sociology, Center for the Sociology of Organizations, Sciences Po Paris (France)

19:00 – 22:00

Conference Dinner

Saturday, 8 May 2010

08:30 – 08:45

Keynote address

Independence and Impartiality – The Experience of the European Court of Human Rights

Prof Dr Luzius Wildhaber

Professor (emer.) (1977-1998) and Dean of the University of Basel (1992-1994), Judge (1991-1998) and President (1998-2007) of the European Court of Human Rights (Switzerland)

08:45 – 10:30

Panel 4: Legal perspective – corporate governance side

Chair: **Prof Dr Monika Roth**

Institute for Financial Services IFZ, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (Switzerland)

Speakers

Taking Conflicts of Interest Seriously: Why Should Swiss Corporate Law Explicitly Address Conflicts of Interest?

Prof Dr Rashid Bahar

Associate Professor, University of Geneva; Bär & Karrer (Switzerland)

Conflict of Interest in Profit-Based Remuneration Rules*

Prof Dr Lukas Handschin

Professor for Commercial and Corporate Law, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Attorney-at-law, Baur Hürlimann; Board Member, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

*replaces A Conflict by Any Other Name: The Impact of Multiple Relevant Instruments on International and Regional Regulation of Conflicts of Interest by **Alexandra R. Harrington**, (Doctor of Civil Law Candidate, Faculty of Law, McGill University (Canada)) who, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the conference due to a severe incident.

Panel 5: Economic and political science- views on the public sector

Chair: **Anne Lugon-Moulin**

Deputy Head of CIS Countries Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Berne (Switzerland)

Speakers

Public Servants in Parliament: Determinants and Consequences of a Separation of Powers Problem

Prof Dr Alois Stutzer & Thomas Brändle

Department of Business and Economics, University of Basel (Switzerland)

Politicians as Judges? Conflicts of Interest in the Swiss Parliament During Decisions on the Validity of Popular Initiatives

Anna Christmann

Research Assistant, Institute for Political Science, University of Berne; PhD Candidate, Institute for Political Science, University of Zürich (Switzerland)

Conflict of Interest in Turkish Public Administration: Perceptions and Practice

Prof Dr Omer Faruk Genckaya & M. Erdal Okutan

Marmara University, Istanbul (Turkey) & PhD Candidate, Bilkent University, Ankara (Turkey)

Closing panel

Chair: **Prof Dr Lukas Handschin**

Professor for Commercial and Corporate Law, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Attorney-at-law, Baur Hürliemann; Board Member, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland)

Speakers

The Privatization of Global Governance and the Politicization of the Business Firm – Problem or Solution?

Prof Dr Guido Palazzo

Professor of Business Ethics, Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC), University of Lausanne (Switzerland)

Some Lessons from the Conference

Prof Dr Anne Peters

Professor for Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Basel; Vice-President, Basel Institute on Governance (Switzerland)

Some Lessons from the Conference

Prof Dr Michael Davis

Professor of Philosophy, Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago (USA)