Upcoming Juristenrunde, 24 February 2015 at 11:00 am: Risks and side effects – five questions regarding the 'new' Hungarian tort law

The Institute is pleased to announce a lecture in German by Ádám Fuglinszky (Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Andrássy University, Budapest) taking place on 24 February 2015 at 11:00 am.

The Hungarian Civil Code's new codification did not leave the rules and institutions of Hungarian tort law untouched. Even though a paradigm shift was out of the question, several significant reforms can be highlighted (e.g. foreseeability clause, alternative causation, non-cumulus principle or an independent liability rule for managers). The Ádám Fuglinszky aims to critically present and assess these reforms on the basis of five questions: (1) Did we actually codify case law? (2) Do we actually know what these new rules are good for? (3) Was the implementation of the new rules and legal institutions actually necessary? (4) Did we address all open questions? (5) Did we take into account all risks and side effects? The presentation will provide an insight into the structure and methodology of the reformed Hungarian tort law and show the (still existing) application difficulties in this field of law.

Ádám Fuglinszky was born in Budapest in 1977. After finishing his legal studies at the Faculty of Law at the Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (ELTE) in 2000, Fuglinszky successfully completed a postgraduate study programme at the Ruprechts-Karl University Heidelberg in 2001, being awarded the academic title Magister legum (LL.M.), grade "excellent". The subject of his Master's thesis, which was supervised by Prof. Dr. Dr. hc. mult. Peter Ulmer, was a comparative study on the acquisition of own shares. In 2007 Fuglinszky attained a doctorate under Prof. Dr. RiOLG Ulrich Magnus at the University of Hamburg with a comparative study on consequential damages caused by a defect, grade "summa cum laude". The thesis was published in the MPI-Mohr Siebeck series "StudIPR". His habilitation thesis dealt with the liability in mixed legal systems especially taking into consideration the situation in Québec/Canada. This thesis was awarded the "Pierre Savard" book prize of the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS, Ottawa). Fuglinszky teaches law at the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) and the Andrássy University in Budapest. He has been a guest lecturer at various European universities (Jagiellonian University Kraków, Humboldt-University Berlin, University of Vienna - Construction Law LL.M., Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich); he is chief editor of the ELTE Law Journal. Fuglinszky contributed to a commentary of the new Hungarian Civil Code and has published various articles on contract as well as tort law, inter alia in the Tulane European & Civil Law Forum and in RabelsZ.

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European Group on Tort Law Meeting

The annual spring meeting of the European Group on Tort Law (EGTL) is scheduled to take place between 7-9 April 2015. The EGTL are currently on their third project since the Group reconvened in 2009 to work on expanding the PETL's scope and updating and refining its content in the light of subsequent scholarly debates and developments in national and EU law.

New issue of the Journal of European Tort Law

The new Issue of the Journal on European Tort Law (JETL) features articles by Helmut Koziol ('Schadenersatzrecht and the Law of Torts: Different terms and different ways of thinking'), Tsachi Keren-Paz ('Injuries from Unforeseeable Risks which Advance Medical Knowledge: Restitution-based Justification for Strict Liability') and Stefan Somers ('Special Liability Regimes and Human Rights under Belgian Law and the European Convention on Human Rights').

Moreover, two book reviews put a spotlight on the recent work of the Groupe de Recherche Européen sur la Responsabilité Civile et l'Assurance (GRERCA) 'Le droit français de la responsabilité civile confronté aux projets européens d'harmonisation' (reviewed by Laura Khoury) as well as T.T. Arvind and Jenny Steele's recent edition on 'Tort law and the Legislature. Common Law, Statute and the Dynamics of Legal Change' (reviewed by Mauro Bussani).

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New Publication: 'Grundfragen des Schadenersatzrechts aus rechtsvergleichender Sicht'

The Institute for European Tort Law is pleased to announce the publication of 'Die Grundfragen des Schadenersatzrechts aus rechtsvergleichender Sicht'.

The book is the second part of Helmut Koziol's 'Basic Questions of Tort Law' project and contains the analyses of representatives from seven jurisdictions (France, Norway, Poland, Hungary, England and the Commonwealth, the USA and Japan) of Koziol's Basic Questions of Tort Law from a Germanic Perspective. A comparative chapter with extensive remarks concludes the volume.

An open access version of the publication will be made available in German due course. The English version of the study (both in print and open access) is expected in early 2015.

 H Koziol (ed), Grundfragen des Schadenersatzrechts aus rechtsvergleichender Sicht (2014) ISBN 978-3-7097-0048-8.

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New Publication: European Tort Law 2013

The European Tort Law Yearbook provides a comprehensive overview of the latest developments in tort law in Europe. It contains reports from the majority of European jurisdictions, as well as a comparative analysis that identifies emerging trends. Focusing on the year 2013, the authors critically assess important court decisions and new legislation, and provide a literature overview.

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