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Seminar

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PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SOVEREIGN DEBT RESTRUCTURING

Due to the acceleration of sovereign debt crises in recent years and due to their outreach to sovereigns with fully developed economies, lawyers begin to recognize the issues arising from defaulting states as a legal (rather than solely political) problem which begs for a coherent, efficient and transparent solution. Those issues will be discussed as well as a possible solution be presented.



About the Speaker

Christoph G. Paulus is a professor of law at the Law School of the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany, a position he has held since 1994. From April 2008 through March 2010, he served as the Dean of the Law School. He earned an LL.M. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1984 and was a Feodor Lynen Fellow of the Alexander v. Humboldt-Stiftung at UC Berkeley in 1989 and 1990. Since 1998, he has served several times as a Consultant to the International Monetary Fund ("IMF") in Washington, D.C., where he prepared a brochure on "Orderly & Effective Insolvency Procedures".

He is member of the International Insolvency Institute, of the American College of Bankruptcy, of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, of the International Association of Procedural Law and – as an extraordinary member – of the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Concursal. He has held guest professorships at Brooklyn School of Law (USA), in Cape Town (South Africa), in Fukuoka (Japan), at Tongji University in Shanghai (China), at the Université Pantheon-Assas in Paris (France), and at the University of Sydney (Australia). Moreover, he was appointed as a Consultant of The World Bank in Washington, D.C. regarding, among other things, insolvency laws and legislation in 2006. From November 2006 till November 2011, he served as Adviser of the German delegation for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) deliberations on, i.e., group insolvency law.

For almost twenty years, he has taught courses on the German Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO), the German Civil Code (BGB), and on German and international insolvency law. He has published approximately three hundred and fifty articles on topics that include civil procedure, German, and international and comparative insolvency law, contract law, secured transactions, and legal history. For more than ten years, he has worked on issues of sovereign default – a topic on which he has almost exclusively concentrated during the last years.

Further details of his career and an exhaustive list of his publications are available at:
<http://paulus.rewi.hu-berlin.de/Prof.Paulus.htm>.

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