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*Progetto Visiting Scientist di Ateneo 2016*  
*Prof. Bernardo Cortese*

## **Doctoral Seminars on EU Private International Law**

*Prof. Christian Kohler*

Europa-Institut, University of Saarbrücken

**Padova, October-December 2016**

**October 4**

External competences of the EU in the field of judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters

**October 18**

Recognition of judgments between mutual trust and protection of fundamental rights

**November 8**

Child abduction: Tensions between the 1980 Hague Convention and Regulation Brussels IIa. The recast proposed by the Commission

**November 22**

Foundations and limits of party autonomy for contractual and non-contractual obligations

**December 6**

Data protection and European Private International Law

**December 20**

Party autonomy in matters of family and succession law

*PhD Students in Law, and especially in International and EU Law are warmly invited to participate*

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*Venue: Palazzo del Bo – Aula Vigini, 14:30*

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**Prof. Dr. iur. Christian Kohler**

Born in 1943, Christian Kohler received his legal education at the Free University of Berlin (1962-1967) and in the Berlin courts (*Assessor*, 1970). From 1970 to 1976, he was a research assistant and lecturer at the Institute of International, Foreign and Comparative Law of the Free University of Berlin, directed by Prof. W. Wengler; he holds a doctorate from that university for a thesis on Islamic law and private international law (1975).

From 1976 to 2008, he has been an official of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He collaborated at the Research & Documentation Department, has been the Court's Law Librarian from 1987 to 1999 and became eventually Director General of the Library, the Research & Documentation department and the department of Legal Informatics.

Since 1980, he has lectured on European Conflicts Law, International Civil Procedure and Comparative Law at the Europa-Institut of the University of Saarbrücken where he has been appointed *Honorarprofessor* in 1994. In 1987 and 1988, upon invitation by Prof. F. Capotorti, he has been *Professore a contratto* at the Università La Sapienza in Rome. He has also lectured at the University of St. Gallen and the Academies for Judicial Training in France, the Netherlands and Portugal.

He is a member of the European Group for Private International Law (from 2009 until 2012, he served as President of this association) and the German Council for Private International Law, an advisory body to the Federal Ministry of Justice.

Prof. Dr. Christian Kohler is the author of numerous publications on private international law, comparative law and European law; among them, the Course at the Hague Academy of Private International Law on “L'autonomie de la volonté en droit international privé: un principe universel entre libéralisme et étatisme” (Volume 359 of the Collected Courses) surely deserves being singled out.