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REGISTRATION:
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In the light of ongoing debates throughout Europe on whether and how to reform tort law to meet modern-day challenges, key problem areas will be highlighted and discussed at this conference hosted by the Institute for European Tort Law jointly with the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law. Two presentations will focus on ongoing or recently completed legislative projects; one on the current complete reform of tort law in France, the other on the recently enacted baremo for traffic accidents in Spain, which has substantially amended the existing tariff system of compensation for personal injury and is currently standing the test of practice. Two more lectures will address specific problems relating to technology. On the eve of a potential reform of the EU product liability regime, its viability, in particular in the digital age, will be discussed on the basis of a recently completed comparative study. The final presentation will focus on toxic torts from the perspective of recent US experience. All of the speakers are members of the European Group on Tort Law, which is currently working on a revised version of its “Principles of European Tort Law”.

The conference will be held in English and is free of charge. Please register by the end of September 2017 with Lisa Zeiler (zeiler@ectil.org).

FRIDAY, 20. OCTOBER 2017

14.00 OPENING and Welcome Address Ernst Karner
14.05–14.50 Jean-Sébastien Borghetti | Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, France
New Tort Law Perspectives from France
14.50–15.35 Miquel Martin Casals | Universitat de Girona, Spain
15.35–15.50 Discussion
15.50–16.15 COFFEE BREAK
16.15–17.00 Piotr Machnikowski | Universytet Wroclaw, Poland
Is there a Future for the EU Product Liability Law?
17.00–17.45 Mike Green | Wake Forest University, USA
The Challenges of Toxic Torts
17.45–18.00 Discussion