Freedom of Association in Private Transnational Law: How Enforceable are the Commitments of European Companies in North America?

28 and 29 October 2011

PROGRAM

- Friday, 28 October –

WELCOME TO WORKSHOP

8:45- 9:15 COFFEE

9:15–9.30 a.m.

Kevin Banks, Queen’s University Faculty of Law
Lance Compa, Cornell University

SESSION I.  ENFORCING EUROPEAN CORPORATE COMMITMENTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION BY LEGAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN CANADA

9:30–10:45 a.m.

Presenting:

*Legal Enforceability of Corporate Codes and International Framework Agreements*
Kevin Banks, Queen’s University
Elizabeth Shilton, University of Toronto

*Enforcement by Industrial Action*
John D.R. Craig, Heenan Blaikie

Chair: Bernie Adell
Coffee break 10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

SESSION II. ENFORCING EUROPEAN CORPORATE COMMITMENTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION BY LEGAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES

11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Presenting:

*Legal Enforceability of Corporate Codes*
James J. Brudney, Fordham University Law School

*Legal Enforcement of Framework Agreements*
Alvin Goldman, University of Kentucky Law School

*Enforcement by Industrial Action*
Lance Compa, Cornell University
Fred Feinstein, University of Maryland

Chair: Matt Finkin

Break for Lunch 1:00–2:30 p.m.

SESSION III. EUROPEAN COMPANIES IN NORTH AMERICA: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

2:30–3:40 p.m.

Presenting:

*Globalizing or Escaping European Social Dialogue? International Framework Agreements in the USA*
Dimitris Stevis, Colorado State University

Marc-Antonin Hennebert, HEC Montreal
Peter Fairbrother, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
Christian Levesque, HEC Montreal

4:00 – 5:10

*U.S. Unions and Transnational Organizing Campaigns: Where Do We Go From Here?*
John Logan, San Francisco State University

*Can Multiple Weak Ties Reverse the Social Regulation Deficit? Transnational Labor Capacities and Multinational Firms*
Gregor Murray, University of Montreal

Chair: Sanford Jacoby
SESSION IV. ENFORCING EUROPEAN CORPORATE COMMITMENTS TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION BY LEGAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION: THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

8:00 - 8:30

8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Presenting:

*Legal Enforceability of Corporate Codes and Framework Agreements in France*
Isabelle Daugareilh, University of Bordeaux

*Legal Enforcement of Corporate Codes and Framework Agreements in Germany*
Rüdiger Krause, University of Göttingen

*Enforcement by Industrial Action in Europe*
Kerstin Ahlberg, Stockholm University

Chair: John Logan

Coffee break 10:15–10:30 a.m.

SESSION V. PRACTITIONER ROUNDTABLE

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Chris Pigott, lawyer, Heenan Blaikie
Claude Rioux, former coordinator Pulp and Paper Workers Federation, CSN and CRIMT Research Associate
Mark Rowlinson, United Steelworkers Canadian Office
Fred Feinstein, former NLRB General Council and School of Public Policy, University of Maryland (to be confirmed)
Alan Tate, Campaigns Director, UNI Global Union, Switzerland

Chair: Gregor Murray, School of Industrial Relations & CRIMT, Université de Montréal
SESSION VII. FINAL THOUGHTS

12:15–1:15 p.m.

Presenting:

Kevin Banks, Queen’s University
Matthew Finkin, University of Illinois College of Law
Sanford Jacoby, UCLA