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Preface

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This volume brings together selected peer-reviewed full papers presented at the *6th Conference on Comparative and International Law*, held online via Zoom on June 26, 2026.

All papers included in this volume were presented at the Conference and were open to discussion with participants.

The Conference was jointly organized by the World Academy of Art and Science, United States of America, through its Existential Threats and Risks for All Working Group; Hertfordshire Law School, University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom; the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Department of International and European Law, University of Szeged, Hungary; the International Observatory for Law and Transdisciplinarity (IOLT) of the Centre International de Recherches et Études Transdisciplinaires (CIRET), Paris, France; and the Society of Juridical and Administrative Sciences, Romania.

Further information about the Conference, including its scientific programme, committees, publication policies, and organizational framework, is available on the official conference website: <https://comparativelawconference.eu>.

The studies included in this volume are organized into four thematic parts that reflect some of the major contemporary challenges facing comparative and international law.

Part I – Legal Traditions, Sovereignty, and Constitutional Order examines the role of colonial law in the formation and consolidation of contemporary legal families; the principle of the separation of powers in relation to the judiciary and jurisdictional disputes; questions concerning the legality of the abduction of Nicolás Maduro; and the evolving architecture of sovereignty in connection with intelligence services and the governance of cloud diplomacy in international law.

Part II – Human Rights, Migration, and Procedural Justice addresses the impact of the ECtHR judgment in *M.S.S. v. Belgium and Greece* on asylum transfers and subsequent reforms, as well as procedural unilateralism in civil justice and the limits of the adversarial principle.

Part III – Comparative Criminal Law and Transnational Judicial

Cooperation focuses on the convergence of continental criminal law and common law systems in the context of legal globalization; the principle of mutual trust in criminal matters from European Union and United States perspectives; contemporary developments in European and international judicial cooperation in criminal matters; corruption offences from a comparative criminal law perspective; and the evolution of criminal law concerning match-fixing.

Part IV – Market Regulation, Data Governance, and Artificial Intelligence explores comparative case law on capital market manipulation; the relationship between dominant market positions, personal data protection, and competition law; regulatory models governing the use of artificial intelligence in education across European Union Member States; artificial intelligence and the principle of transparency in decision-making, including the transition from opaque algorithms to explainable justice in European and Romanian law; and the legal dimensions of the environmental and climate sustainability of artificial intelligence.

All full papers submitted for publication in these proceedings underwent double-blind peer review by at least two independent reviewers. Acceptance for presentation at the Conference did not automatically entail acceptance for publication. Only manuscripts that successfully completed the peer-review process, addressed the reviewers' recommendations, and complied with the scientific and editorial requirements of the proceedings were included in this volume. The peer-review procedure and publication ethics are described on the Conference website: https://comparativelawconference.eu/peerreview_en.html.

The volume is addressed to researchers, academics, legal practitioners, doctoral candidates, and students interested in contemporary developments in comparative law, international law, European law, and related fields. By bringing together studies examining legal developments across jurisdictions and legal traditions, the volume seeks to contribute to the broader scholarly dialogue on the transformation, convergence, and interaction of legal systems in an increasingly interconnected world.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the authors, reviewers, members of the scientific and organizing committees, partner institutions, and all those who contributed to the success of the Conference and to the preparation of this volume. We hope that the studies collected here will provide a valuable contribution to ongoing research and debate in comparative and international law.