



Panel Discussion in  
English and Italian

**Legal Pandemic:  
Non-Performing Loans and the Role of Europe**  
Coordination by Dr. Valeria Confortini (*Freie Universität Berlin*)

*Monday, 22 March 2021, 18:00 (CET)*

Against the background of a global economy, the current pandemic is likely to bring about a "legal pandemic" of mass insolvencies, thus threatening an economic and social collapse. The banking system remains the central pillar for the stability of a debt-structured, financialised economy, but – as shown by the financial crisis triggered in 2008 – it is also the possible epicentre of a domino-effect of insolvencies. The seminar aims at discussing the following: how did Italy and Germany tackle the emergency in the credit sector? Is the EU-legal framework on NPLs and bank capital requirements capable of preventing the risks of a legal pandemic? What is the role of the European Union and of private law?

### Program

#### **Welcome Address and Introduction**

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Huss (*Director of the Italienzentrum, Freie Universität Berlin*)

Dr. Valeria Confortini (*Freie Universität Berlin*)

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#### **Speeches**

Prof. Mauro Orlandi (*Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano*)

#### **Ob-ligatio and state of exception**

Prof. Dr. Christoph G. Paulus (*Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*)

#### **Corona, NPLs and fragile States**

Prof. Pietro Sirena (*Università Bocconi*)

#### **Moratorium on Payments and Renegotiation of Bank Loans**

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#### **Discussion**

Prof. Ignacio Tirado (*Secretary general UNIDROIT*)

Prof. Andrea Zoppini (*Università Roma Tre*)

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#### **Debate**



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The Workshop will be held on the platform WebEx.

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until Friday, 19.03.2021.

