







THE ROLE OF UNIDROIT IN HARMONISING INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW AND THE WORK OF THE UNIDROIT ACADEMY

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The lecture will provide an overview of UNIDROIT's mandate, instruments and work programme, as well as guidance to faculty, alumni and students regarding how they can become further involved with the UNIDROIT Academy.

The Guest Lecture will be delivered in English.

WELCOME REMARKS PROFESSOR YUSEF CALISKAN

GUEST LECTURE - WILLIAM BRYDIE-WATSON, UNIDROIT SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER

William Brydie-Watson specialises in international instruments related to access to credit and secured transactions law. He is also the Co-Director of the recently established UNIDROIT Asian Transnational Law Centre and the manager of the UNIDROIT Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme. Previously, he was a Legal Officer in the Private International Law section of the Australian Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and worked on the implementation of private international law treaties in Australia.

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