



# BOOK LAUNCH

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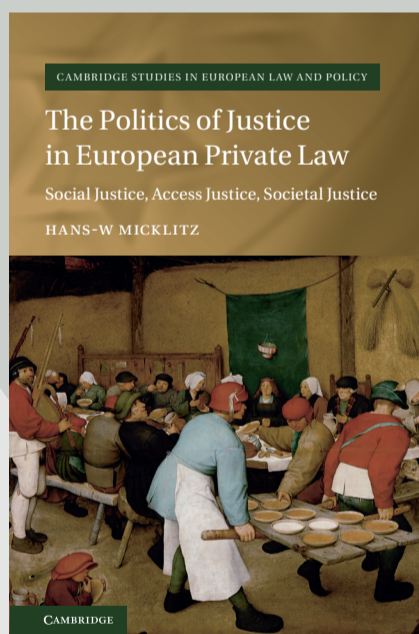
The Sonia and Edward Kossoy Conference Room (307),  
Buchmann Faculty of Law

### Book Launch:

## The Politics of Justice in European Private Law

Social Justice, Access Justice, Societal Justice  
Cambridge University Press

The 'Politics of Justice in Private Law' intends to highlight the differences between the Member States' concepts of social justice, which have developed historically, and the distinct European concept of access justice. Contrary to the emerging critique of Europe's justice deficit in the aftermath of the Euro crisis, I argue that beneath the larger picture of the Monetary Union, a more positive and more promising European concept of justice is developing. European access justice is thinner than national social justice, but access justice represents a distinct conception of justice nevertheless. It is both descriptive and normative. will neither defend national cultures and traditions nor proclaim European access justice as a substitute for national social justice. Member States/nation states remain free to complement European access justice and bring to bear their own pattern of social justice. However, the ongoing economic and societal transformations force us in light of "intuitively felt cracks" to rethink national patterns of social justice and their compatibility with the European concept of justice. The book defends the European experiment as good and useful. The European legal order and European society yield genuine social values. Nostalgia for the national welfare state of the 1970s or the sovereign nation state is not likely to be an adequate answer to the societal and economic transformations at the beginning of the 21st century.



### Introductory Remarks:

Prof. Roy Kreitner, Buchmann Faculty of Law

### Commentators:

Prof. Issachar Rosen-Zvi, Vice Dean at Buchmann Faculty of Law

Dr. Doreen Lustig, Buchmann Faculty of Law

### Concluding Remarks:

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