

Professor Ingeborg Schwenzer will teach the main part of the course on Comparative Private Law in the Autumn term 2013.

She is one of the leading authorities on comparative private and commercial law.

Her background is as a German jurist and she is Professor for private and comparative law at the University of Basel, Switzerland. She is the lead person in the Global Sales Law Project which is a project of comparative law in the field of sales law and contract law. The centerpiece of the project is the handbook Global Sales and Contract Law (GSCL), which Schwenzer authored together with Pascal Hachem and Christopher Kee. This handbook compares the sales and contract laws of more than 60 States. Particularly remarkable about the book is the approach of research in so far as the comparison is completely based on the functional comparative method rather than on the basis of separate country reports.

Schwenzer edits the leading commentary on the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). This commentary was published in German (5th edition 2007), English (3rd edition 2009), and Spanish (1st edition 2011).

In 2006, Schwenzer drafted a model codification of family law, called the Model Family Code, together with Mariel Dimsey. A comprehensive comparison of family law in European, Anglo-American, and Oceanian jurisdictions served as the basis for this model code. The distinct advantage of the Model Family Code as opposed to the continuous small changes undertaken in domestic family codes consists in it being an all-encompassing consistent codification. Moreover, the Model Family Code allows for the flexible implementation of cultural values into its core system in order to accommodate the respective realities of family law.

Schwenzer has published more than 15 monographs, and numerous journal articles. Best known is Schlechtriem/Schwenzer, Kommentar zum Einheitlichen UN-Kaufrecht - CISG, 6th edition, München/Basel: Verlag C.H. Beck/Helbing & Lichtenhahn Verlag 2013.