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Foreword

Organised by the Centre for European Private Law (Münster) and the European Legal Studies Institute (Osnabrück), the third “European Law Days” took place in Münster on the 24th and 25th July 2010. The conference brought together leading experts on civil, business and labor law from a number of European countries; it is their papers presented at this conference which form the basis of this volume. The task for the authors was to combine the experiences from different aspects of private law and to first gain an impression of the current status and the perspective of EU private law within the central fields of civil law and business law. The efforts towards a European contract law, which will likely be soon entering a decisive phase, are thus incorporated in the wide framework and the long-term development of the private law of the European Union.

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