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#### Venue – Veranstaltungsort

**Juridicum – Seminarraum 33**  
Staircase 2 /3rd floor - Stiege 2 / 3. Stock  
Schottenbastei 10-16  
1010 Vienna – Wien  
Austria

**An event in co-operation with:**



Chair o.Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bea Verschraegen, LL.M., M.E.M.  
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Invitation – Einladung

## Bridges across legal traditional divides: Oriental and Occidental Laws in Sri Lanka

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Dienstag, 17. Mai 2011, 19:00 Uhr s.t.

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## Introduction

Comparative lawyers have been fascinated by the challenges that are thrown by legal transplants. In mixed jurisdictions where two or more legal traditions have taken root comparative jurists are able to observe how these legal traditions sometimes conflict and sometimes mingle with each other.

In the case of Sri Lanka where Colonial masters found fairly well developed indigenous laws the introduction of their laws have had to be done in not a destructive way but in a complimentary manner. The British Colonial administration which is responsible for forming the present state of law and legal system in Sri Lanka respected not only the indigenous laws but also the Roman Dutch law that had been introduced by their predecessors the Dutch.

Legislative reforms during the British Rule continued into the post-colonial period and have modernized the law but not completely uprooted the indigenous laws and legal traditions. In a similar vain judges, both British and Sri Lanka, have interpreted relevant statutes and customary laws to minimize friction between local customs and the received laws.

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Lecture in English  
Vortrag in englischer Sprache

07:00 p.m. – 19:00 Uhr s.t.

Greeting and introductory comments  
Begrüßung und einführende Worte  
**o.Univ.-Prof. Dr. Bea Verschraegen, LL.M., M.E.M.**

Speaker – Es spricht

**Professor Anton Cooray, LLB (Sri Lanka),  
PhD (London), PhD (Sri Lanka)**  
Vice-Dean, City University Hong Kong

End of the event at approx. 08:30 p.m.  
Schluss der Veranstaltung gegen 20:30 Uhr

Refreshments will be served afterwards.  
Im Anschluss wird zu Getränken geladen.