

**Conference at VU University Amsterdam**

**Wednesday 19 November 9.30 – 15.00 hours**

***The Public Private Divide, Public Contracts and Semi-Public Institutions***

The main purpose of this conference is to discuss the public-private law divide from various points of view. Special attention will be paid to the position and role of semi-public institutions and of public contracts.

Keynote speakers:

- Prof. Geo Quinot: *Semi-Public Institutions and the Public-Private Law Divide*

Geo Quinot is professor of Administrative Law at Stellenbosch University (South Africa). He is director of the African Public Procurement Regulation Research Unit and Co-Director of the Socio-Economic Rights and Administrative Justice Research Project. He co-edited the volume 'Public Procurement Regulation in Africa' (Cambridge University Press 2013).

- Prof. Ulrich Stelkens: *Public Contracts and the Public-Private Law Divide from a Comparative Point of View*

Ulrich Stelkens, is professor of German and European Administrative Law at the University of Administrative Sciences Speyer (Germany). He co-edited the volume 'Comparative Law on Public Contracts' (Bruylant 2010).

Closing Remarks:

- Prof. Mark Freedland: *The Public-Private Law Divide*

Mark Freedland is professor of Law at the University of Oxford (UK). He is a former director of the Oxford Institute of European and Comparative Law. His research focusses on labour law and public law, especially legal aspects of public administration. He co-edited the volume 'The Public Law / Private Law Divide, Une entente assez cordiale?' (Hart 2006).

***Followed by (15.45 hours)***

*Public defence* by Niels Jak of his dissertation '*Semipublieke instellingen*' in the Aula of the VU University Amsterdam.

**Please be informed that seats are limited (40). If you would like to receive an invitation to participate in this conference, please contact prof.dr. Chris Jansen ([c.e.c.jansen@vu.nl](mailto:c.e.c.jansen@vu.nl)).**