

The A2DC: the First Global Network for Continental Law

In a globalized economy, openness to others remains a blessing, and the encouragement of trade, a virtue. And because law is a major economic lever for change, it now seems necessary to establish links between legal cultures.

Far from being a simple utopia, the realisation of this design requires the creation of an international network in which all legal cultures of the world are represented.

The birth of the *Association des Amis pour le Droit Continental* (A2DC) therefore comes as a reaction to the lack of an international platform for liaison between continental lawyers. Consequently, it is the first network of lawyers from around the world to develop strategic partnerships with legal players in France and abroad.

*Dans une économie mondialisée, l'ouverture sur l'autre demeure un bienfait, et l'encouragement des échanges, une vertu. Et parce que le droit est un levier majeur de l'économie, il semble aujourd'hui nécessaire d'établir des liens entre les cultures juridiques. Loin d'être une simple utopie, la concrétisation de ce dessin passe par la création d'un réseau international au sein duquel sont représentées toutes les cultures juridiques du monde. La naissance de l'*Association des Amis pour le Droit Continental* (A2DC), vient ainsi en réaction à l'inexistence d'une plate-forme internationale permettant la liaison des juristes continentaux. Elle constitue le premier réseau mondial réunissant des juristes du monde entier et développant des partenariats stratégiques avec des acteurs de droit en France comme à l'international.*



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Joining the *Fondation pour le droit continental* (Civil Law Initiative)¹, a major player in the development of legal standards in different countries of the world, A2DC was created to meet three fundamental objectives².

1. The FDC (Civil Law Initiative) was founded in 2007 as an organisation allowing legal professionals from Romano-Germanic legal systems to express their views in international forums, which concern over two-thirds of the world's countries, i.e. 56.4% of global GDP and 60% of the global population. To find out more about the Civil Law Initiative, see: <http://www.fondation-droitcontinental.org/fr>.

2. See: <http://www.fondation-droitcontinental.org/fr/associationdesamispourledc>.

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Developing an Active Global Network of Lawyers

The association draws its strength from the legal multiculturalism of its members

Being a major player and precursor in this field, the *Association des Amis pour le Droit Continental* has developed a wide international network of lawyers. Its members come from 30 different nationalities representing Asia, Africa, Europe and America. The Association draws its strength from the legal multiculturalism of its members as well as the diversity of their professions (lawyers, notaries, researchers, corporate lawyers, magistrates...).

The ambition behind their pan-continent implantation is to facilitate exchanges and opportunities for collaboration between A2DC members.

The *Fondation pour le droit continental* organises the Summer University of Continental Law each year in Paris³. Open to all lawyers who have completed at least one course of study, the annual event is a good opportunity for A2DC to present its projects to the 300 people in attendance. A2DC then integrates the best profiles on offer, either as members or as ambassadors.

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Promoting Research in Comparative and Continental Law

A2DC has the best human potential at its disposal for contributing to research, and offers its research members and practitioners all the logistical and supervisory means necessary to carry out comparative legal studies in continental law.

3. Next edition will take place in July 2017 (3-21 July 2017): http://www.fondation-droitcontinental.org/en/ai1ec_event/summer-university-july-3rd-21st-2017/?instance_id=. On condition of regular attendance, participants receive a participation certificate to the Summer University of Continental Law. Students having signed up for the final exam receive a Civil Law Initiative Certificate (master's level) delivered by the Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II).

These are published through its own diverse formats, those of its global editorial partners and elsewhere.

A2DC develops a practical guide annually, the purpose of which is to present its own actions and projects as well as gathering testimonies from former university prize winners. This guide is made available to new participating lawyers.

A directory of members is published each year in order to facilitate opportunities for editorial collaboration, to better understand the profiles of its own members and finally, to offer greater visibility to their relevant audience.

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Maintaining the International Alumni Network of the University of Continental Law – Paris Assas

With a view to maintaining and strengthening mutual relations, the first nucleus of A2DC was made up of former prize-winning jurists from the University of Continental Law. The Association network quickly expanded to become an international network open to all legal cultures of the world.

A permanent multilingual team located in France facilitates general coordination, meetings and exchanges between A2DC members and ambassadors.

Thanks to its international openness, it provides its active members with real opportunities for change in their legal environments, introducing them to its partners where necessary.

As a fast-growing network, the Association hopes to contribute to the spread of law – in its continental sense – to further enrich its network and multiply actions and partnerships in favour of global legal exchange.

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تعد جمعية أصدقاء من أجل القانون القاري أول شبكة دولية ناشطة في مجال القانون القاري، وت تكون من أعضاء وسفراء يمثلون مختلف المهن والثقافات القانونية حول العالم. وتهدف جمعية أصدقاء من أجل القانون القاري الكائن مقرها في باريس إلى تطوير شبكتها الدولية الناشطة في جميع القارات، وإلى تشجيع الدراسات والبحوث المقارنة، وكذلك تنويع شراكاتها في هذا المجال مع الفاعلين القانونيين.

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