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University of Luxembourg + University of Illinois Spring 2026 Colloquium

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15:00 **Arrival (Light Refreshments)**

15:30 **Opening Remarks**
Prof. Margareth Etienne, Senior Associate Dean (Illinois)
Prof. Eleftheria Neframi, Head of the Doctoral School of Law (Luxembourg)

15:40 – 17:00 **Student Presentations** 15 minutes each, followed by Q&A

- ***Re-examining U.S. Courts' Cooperation with Foreign Courts in Corporate Transnational Bankruptcy Proceedings***
  Oluwakemi Adeyemi, JSD Candidate (Illinois)
- ***The Importance of EU Procedural Law in Shaping the Constitutional Role of the Court of Justice – Some Recent Developments***
  Tanja Hilpold, PhD Candidate (Luxembourg)
- ***The Major Questions Doctrine as a Bulwark Against Constitutional Backsliding: A Comparative Analysis***
  Mohammad Khalilzadeh, JSD Candidate (Illinois)
- **Discussants**: Prof. Thomas Mastrullo (Luxemboug), Prof. Lesley Wexler (Illinois).

17:00-17:10 **Break**

17:10-18:00 **Faculty Keynote:**

- ***Transitional Justice, Rule of Law, and the Trump Administration***
  Prof. Colleen Murphy, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Illinois)
- **Faculty Commentator:** Prof. Johan Van der Walt (Luxembourg)

18:00-19:20 **Student Presentations** 15 minutes each, followed by Q&A

- ***Excusing Legal Requirements on Claims Based on Poverty Status***
  Thallyta P. F. Cavoli, JSD Candidate (Illinois)
- ***Revisiting the Concept of Constitutional Pluralism***
  Emmanuel Renoud Delarque, PhD Candidate (Luxembourg)
- ***Between Borrowed Law and Local Realities: Legal Transplants, Societal Context and the Crisis of Fisheries Governance in Ghana***
  Edna Obiri, JSD Candidates (Illinois)
- **Discussants:** Prof. Kenworthey Bilz (Illinois), Prof. Luigi Lonardo (Luxembourg), Prof. Elise Poillot (Luxembourg)

19:20 – 19:30 **Closing Remarks**