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**International Project of Judicial Independence of the  
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**International Conference on Judicial Independence:  
Judicial Impartiality and Independence  
Ensuring Fairness in Cases Involving Foreign Parties in Domestic Courts  
Osnabrück University, 24-26 October 2014**

Everyone is equally entitled to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial court. “Otherness” does not justify discrimination in courts. Foreigners, members of ethnic, racial, cultural or religious minorities, multinational marriage partners, or same-sex partners should not be in any way discriminated against or treated unlawfully in domestic courts. However discrimination does happen. This conference will focus on problems arising in cases in domestic courts involving the Foreign Party.

The proposed Themes are:

- Foreign parties in domestic civil courts. The attitude of judges towards the party’s “otherness”.
- Foreign parties in domestic criminal courts and under the domestic penalty system. Does the ethnicity or race diversity influence the severity of law-enforcement bodies?

- Foreign investors in a dispute against the State. The role of the domestic courts and ADR bodies in investment protection cases. Does the defendant's nationality affect the impartiality of arbitrators?
- Foreign parties before arbitral and extrajudicial authorities. The recognition of and enforcement of the arbitration awards of foreign jurisdictions.
- Child custody cases involving foreign parents. The position of parents under the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

The working language of the conference is English.

**Please submit a brief abstract of the proposed conference papers  
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