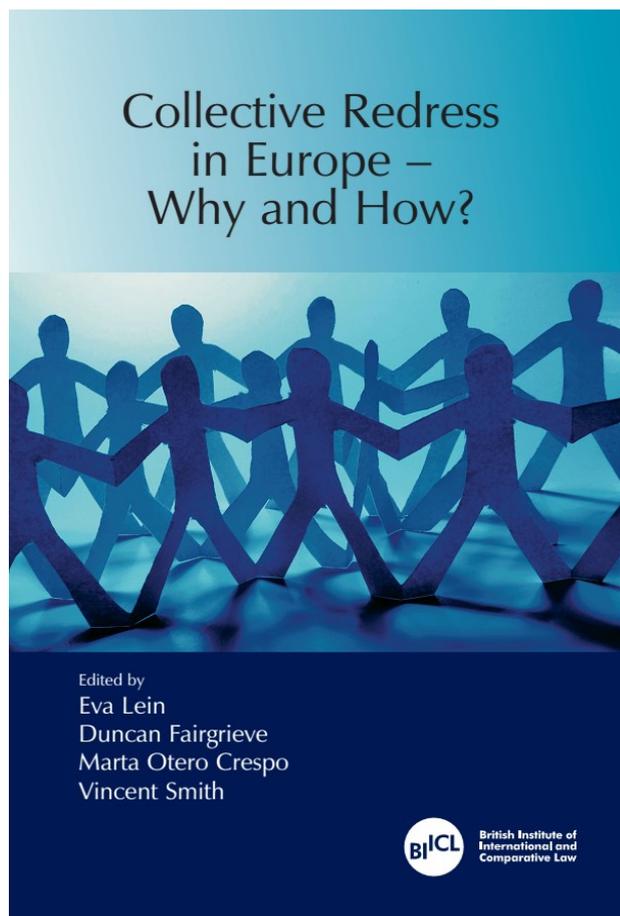




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Dr Eva Lein, Dr Duncan Fairgrieve, Dr Marta Otero Crespo and Vincent Smith led the 'Focus on Collective Redress' project at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, funded for two years by the European Commission.

The project consisted of various events, research resulting in a comprehensive website on European Collective Redress: (www.collectiveredress.org) and this book, based on contributions by a network of academics and practitioners involved in the project.

The European Commission Recommendation on Collective Redress establishes a framework to ensure a coherent horizontal approach to collective litigation across the EU. Member States are advised to implement collective redress mechanisms and new national legislation is emerging. The topic gained much interest recently with litigation being brought in the wake of the Volkswagen scandal.

This book explores the need for mass litigation mechanisms in Europe from a series of interdisciplinary perspectives (economics, behavioural perspectives, lawyers' and judicial perspectives). It also analyses the current collective redress landscape in Europe in light of the Commission Recommendation. This includes an assessment of national collective redress mechanisms; views from overseas on the present and future of collective litigation in Europe; commentary on various specific areas of collective redress including competition law, product liability and consumer protection; and the options for and relevance of collective ADR mechanisms.

The book is a very useful tool for practitioners and academics with an interest in collective redress in Europe and overseas.

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