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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, SESSION FEBRUARY 2010 (MIAMI)

International Law/International Institutions Topics

- A. U.S.-Swiss conflict over bank secrecy in the context of tax evasion
- B. US-European trade disputes: Is judicial process under the WTO really better than diplomatic resolution?
- C. The role of formal international financial institutions (e.g. IMF) and consultative organizations (G20, IOSCO, Central Bankers) in dealing with the current financial crisis
- D. Do we have the right mechanisms for international cooperation and coordination in the field of competition/antitrust policy, or do we need some form of international regulation?

Comparative Law Topics

- E. In federations such as the US and Switzerland, what role should the states/cantons play in the regulation of corporations?
- F. The Swiss Verein as a structure for organizing multi-national professional firms (e.g. KPMG, Baker & McKenzie)
- G. The CISG vs. domestic contract law in international transactions: a trap only for the unwary or a real impediment to commerce?
- H. Bailing out banks in Switzerland and the U.S.: What can be done to regulate institutions "too big to fail"?