

Second Issue of 2011's ERA Forum

The first issue of Volume 12 of *ERA Forum* was just released.

It contains several articles of interest for conflicts specialists.

The first is authored by Jean-Philippe Lhernould, who is a professor of law at the university of Poitiers, and discusses *New rules on conflicts: regulations 883/2004 and 987/2009*. The abstract reads:

Regulations 883/2004 and 987/2009 fixed new rules on coordination of social security systems. In particular, they rearranged rules on conflicts of law, even if the core principles (one set of legislation only to be applicable and priority of workplace legislation) remain the same. Nevertheless, there are significant changes. The rules on conflicts have been simplified and several specific rules which were included in Regulation 1408/71 have been removed. The new rules also take into account the extension of regulations to all citizens and clarify the status of non-active persons. They adapt rules on conflicts for posting and for simultaneous activities in two member states.

The second, which is freely available here, is authored by our own Xandra Kramer and discusses the implementation of the Small Claims Procedure Regulation in Member states. The abstract reads:

The European Small Claims Procedure is in general an instrument welcome for the enhancement it brings about to cross-border enforcement in the European Union. However, the regulation has several flaws, relating, inter alia, to its lack of consumer friendliness, and the lack of uniform rules regarding appeal and enforcement. It is further submitted that more attention should be paid to proper implementation and interpretation in the member states in order to facilitate the uniform application and the cross-border enforcement of small claims at the European level.