Save the Date: Second German Conference for Young PIL Scholars "Private International Law between Tradition and Innovation" on 4/5 April 2019

By Stephan Walter, Research Fellow at the Research Center for Transnational Commercial Dispute Resolution (TCDR), EBS Law School, Wiesbaden, Germany.

In light of the success of the first German conference for young PIL scholars, held in April 2017 in Bonn (see the recent announcement of the conference volume as well as the conference report), we would like to continue the academic and personal exchange with a second conference. It will take place on **4 and 5 April 2019** at the University of Würzburg (Germany). The key note will be given by Professor *Jürgen Basedow* (emeritus director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law).

The conference theme will be

"Private International Law between Tradition and Innovation"

- German title: "IPR zwischen Tradition und Innovation" -

Today, anyone working on questions of private international law finds an area of law that is highly differentiated, shaped by theory, and characterized by a complex network of legal sources. It is up to young scholars in particular to question these structures, mechanisms and methods, which have been consolidated in over a hundred years of academic discourse and legal evolution. New political, social, and technological developments also provide an opportunity to take a fresh look at established approaches and possibly outdated solutions. In short, the relationship between tradition and innovation in private international law requires close scrutiny.

Against this backdrop, we are inviting contributions that address the tension inherent in the conference theme, that question dated rules and methodological

approaches, or that engage with new problems and challenges for PIL, such as mass migration, digitization, gender identities or modern forms of family. For this purpose, we understand PIL in a broad sense that includes questions of conflict of laws, international civil procedure, arbitration and uniform law.

Papers that are selected for presentation will be published in a conference volume by Mohr Siebeck. Presentations should take about 30 minutes and ideally be in German. The call for papers will be published in spring 2018.

Questions may be directed to ipr-nachwuchstagung@jura.uni-wuerzburg.de. For further information, please visit https://www.jura.uni-wuerzburg.de/lehrstuehle/rupp/tagungen/ipr_nachwuchstag ung/.