Book: Conflits de Lois et Régulation Economique

This interesting book on *Conflict of Laws and Economic Regulation* gathers the contributions of the speakers to a conference held in Paris a year ago. It is edited by three French scholars, Mathias Audit, Horatia Muir Watt (who was our Guest Editor last month) and Etienne Pataut, who all teach in Paris.

Here is how the conference was presented:

> *Within the specific instance of the internal market, the installation and the operation of mechanisms of economic regulation raise a well identified difficulty. Building legal instruments suitable to ensure this regulation supposes indeed to resort to community instruments, which have by nature vocation to transcend national legal orders. However, it is the object of private international law to implement the management tools of this normative diversity. Consequently, this raises the question which will be at the center of this conference: the relationship between the internal market's tools of regulation (set up by the European Union) and private international law.*

The first part of the book discusses the influence of economic regulation on choice of law in fields which are regulated, such as companies, products, services, banks or securities. The second part wonders whether other areas such as culture, environment, employment, health and judicial services, could be subjected to economic regulation, and how this would influence choice of law.

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