

Conference on Party Autonomy in PIL

The eighth regional scientific conference on private international law is scheduled to take place in Opatija, Croatia, today and tomorrow (16 and 17 October 2010). The conference titled **“The Role of Party Autonomy in Contemporary Private International Law: A Study of International Instruments”** is organised by the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law, with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Society for Technical Cooperation, GTZ) and the Croatian Comparative Law Association.

The topic of the conference is regarded to belong to one of the most dynamic areas of PIL development. As Professor Šarcevic noted in one of his articles published in the beginning of the 1990s, the party autonomy in private international law is constantly being broadened, and at the same time it is being subjected to new restrictions. Appreciating the fact that international legal instruments in the field, including also the European ones, have significant impact on the national laws, these instruments are put in the focus of the conference. Additionally, the sections on national reports are envisaged as the fora where local issues related to party autonomy are discussed. Generally, the conference is divided into two sessions, one devoted to the choice of court clauses, and the other to the choice of applicable law. The conference program is available [here](#).

The last conference in this series was announced [here](#).