


First Issue of 2012's *Revue Critique de Droit International Privé*

The last issue of the *Revue critique de droit international privé* was just  released. It contains four articles and several casenotes.

The first article is a survey of the 2011 Polish law of private international law by the late Tomasz Pajor, who was a professor at Lodz University (*La nouvelle loi polonaise de droit international privé*).

The second article is authored by Isabelle Veillard and explores the scope of res judicata of arbitral awards (*Le domaine de l'autorité de la chose arbitrée*). It is this only one to include an English abstract:

Expanding from specific arguments to the cause of action itself, the requirement that the dispute be concentrated may, in the field of arbitral res judicata, be beneficial from the standpoint of procedural speed and fairplay, but it threatens the adversarial principle all the more so that there is a presumption in favour of renunciation of the right to appeal ; this is why the non-concentration of the legal grounds of action should not be sanctioned unless it is the fruit of gross negligence or abuse in the exercise of the right to bring suit. The distrust of French law towards res judicata could be mitigated in respect of arbitral awards given the contractual nature of arbitration, by the adoption as between the parties of a mechanism of collateral estoppel, along with safeguards designed to guarantee both efficiency and fairplay with the requirements of a fair trial ; the distinction between res judicata and third party effects suffices no doubt to protect the latter.

In the third article, Aline Tenenbaum, who lectures at Paris Est Creteil University, discusses the issue of the localization of financial loss for jurisdictional purposes in the light of the Madoff case (*Retombées de l'affaire Madoff sur la Convention de Lugano. La localisation du dommage financier*).

Finally, in the last article, Fabien Marchadier, who is a professor at Poitiers

University, explores the consequences of the ECHR case *Genovese v. Malta* as far as awarding citizenship is concerned (*L'attribution de la nationalité à l'épreuve de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme. Réflexion à partir de l'arrêt Genovese c. Malte*).