

Call for Papers: Boundaries of European Private International Law

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The European Union is undertaking a vast, complex process to standardise the rules of private international law among the Member States (rules on conflict of law, jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of foreign court orders). For legal experts in this discipline, who have historically been trained in private international law primarily on a national basis, and secondarily on an international basis, the changes will be considerable. The adoption of a large number of European regulations and the overhaul of the existing regulations also represent challenges to the training and education of legal experts.

Against this highly changeable backdrop, the Research Centre of Private International Law (CREDIP), at the University Jean Moulin - Lyon 3, has commenced a European research program on the theme of the **boundaries of European private international law**. Where does European private international law begin and end?

A demonstration of the existence of European private international law is no longer necessary. However, the question of the place of European private international law in a more globalised legal order, i.e. the difficult but crucial theme of reconciling European private international law to the legal frameworks that preceded it at national, international and European level, has been largely neglected to date.

The aim of this research program is to remedy this situation by holding discussions in different locations in Europe (Lyon - Barcelona - Louvain), bringing together European specialists in private international law or European law and doctoral or post-doctoral students.

Four main themes will be tackled:

1. Reconciling European private international law with (substantial and procedural) national and international frameworks;
2. Reconciling European private international law with private international law applicable in relationships with countries outside the EU;
3. Reconciling European private international law with other European law frameworks (internal market: free circulation of goods and reconciliation of private national legislations) and other areas of freedom security and justice (immigration and cooperation in criminal matters);
4. Reconciling the various European instruments of private international law.

Themes 1 and 2 will be the subject of an international workshop at the **Autonomous University of Barcelona** (March/April 2014).

Themes 3 and 4 will be the subject of an international workshop at the **Catholic University of Louvain** (May/June 2014).

If you are interested in one of these four themes, please submit your proposal before **1rst December 2013 (a 5-line summary, your title and presentation of 1-2 pages in Word format)** and send it to credip@univ-lyon3.fr. Please also attach a CV and letter of recommendation from your thesis director or your research centre director.

The papers will be published in English, French or Spanish in one volume by Editions Bruylant/Larcier. During the workshops, the presentations will be made in a working language understood by everyone. The discussion will continue in several languages, so that everyone can express themselves in their mother tongue. During the discussion, where necessary, participants will provide a translation from Spanish or French into English.

For candidates whose papers are accepted, all the costs of participating in the workshops related to their theme will be covered.

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