

# The Instrumentalisation of PIL (article on SSRN)

Veerle Van Den Eeckhout (Leiden University and University of Antwerp) has published a short, updated version of “The Instrumentalisation of Private International Law: Quo Vadis?” on ssrn ([click here](#)).

The abstract reads as follows:

“Private International Law is known as a very abstract, legal-technical and inaccessible discipline. Yet it is striking that PIL issues are conspicuously often interwoven with a number of heated, topical socio-legal debates, see for example the debate on transnational corporate social responsibility, the debate on posting of employees from Eastern to Western Europe, the debate on residency and social-security entitlements of foreigners based on family relationships. Both where it concerns situations governed by European PIL rules and national PIL rules, the question arises what position PIL should take in the forces at play and to what extent PIL can or should still adopt a *neutral* position.”

The author would also like to share her ppt presentation on “Choice and Regulatory Competition - Rules on Choice of Law and Forum”, which will be shown as part of the programme of the Maastrich Conference “The Citizen in European Private Law: Norm-setting, Enforcement and Choice”, next Friday ([click here](#)).