Save the date! Conference on the "Europeanness" of European Private International Law: 2/3 March 2018, Berlin

Over the course of the last decades the European legislature has adopted a total of 18 Regulations in the area of private international law (including civil procedure). The resulting substantial degree of legislative unification has been described as the first true Europeanisation of private international law and even as a kind of "European Choice of Law Revolution". However, until today it is largely unclear whether the far-reaching unification of the "law on the books" has turned private international law into a truly European "law in action": To what extent is European private international law actually based on uniform European rules common to all Member States rather than on state treaties or instruments of enhanced cooperation? Is the way academics and practitioners analyse and interpret European private international law really different from previously existing domestic approaches to private international law? Or is the actual application and interpretation of European private international law rather still influenced or even dominated by national legal traditions, leading to a re-fragmentation of a supposedly uniform body of law?

In order to discuss these (and other) questions Jürgen Basedow (Max Planck Institute Hamburg), Jan von Hein (University of Freiburg), Eva-Maria Kieninger (University of Würzburg) and Giesela Rühl (University of Jena) will be hosting a conference in **Berlin** on **2/3 March 2018**.

Registration will open later this year (We'll keep you posted!). Here is the Programme:

How "European" is European Private International Law?

Friday, 2 March 2018

9.00 am Registration

9.30 am Welcome addresses: *The Europeanisation of Private International Law*

- Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Jürgen Basedow, Max Planck Institute Hamburg (Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Giesela Rühl, University of Jena (Germany)
- Dr. Andreas Stein, Head of Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

1st Part: Europeanness of Legal Sources

10.00 am *The relationship between EU and international Private International Law instruments*

- Speaker: Prof. Pietro Franzina, Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italy)
- Commentator: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Jürgen Basedow, Max Planck Institute Hamburg (Germany)

10.45 am Discussion

11.15 am Coffee break

11.45 am *The relationship between EU and Member State Private International Law*

- Speaker: Prof. Johan Meeusen, Universiteit Antwerpen (Belgium)
- Commentator: Prof. Dr. Jan von Hein, University of Freiburg (Germany)

12.30 pm Discussion

1.00 pm Lunch break

2nd Part: Europeanness of Actual Court Practice

2.00 pm *The application of European Private International Law and the ascertainment of foreign law*

- Speaker: Prof. Marta Requejo Isidro, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- Commentator Prof. Paul Beaumont, University of Aberdeen (United Kingdom)

2.45 pm Discussion

3.15 pm Coffee break

3.45 pm *The application of European Private International Law and the role of national judges*

- Speaker: Prof. Agnieszka Frackowiak-Adamska, University Wroclaw (Poland)
- Commentator: Prof. Michael Hellner, Stockholms Universitet (Sweden)

4.30 pm Discussion

5.00 pm *The application of European Private International Law and the role of national court systems*

- Speaker: Prof. Xandra Kramer, Universiteit Rotterdam (Netherlands)
- Commentator: Prof. Pedro de Miguel Asensio, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain)

5.45 pm Discussion

6.15 pm End of day 1

8.00 pm Conference dinner

Saturday, 3 March 2018

3rd Part: Europeanness of Academic Discourse and Legal Education

8.30 am *National styles of academic discourse and their impact on European Private International Law*

- Speaker: Prof. Sabine Corneloup, Université de Paris/Sorbonne (France)
- Commentator: Prof. Dário Moura Vicente, Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal)

9.15 am Discussion

9.45 am Coffee break

10.15 am *Overriding mandatory laws, public policy and European Private*

International Law

- Speaker: Prof. Marc-Philippe Weller, University of Heidelberg (Germany)
- Commentator: Prof. Stephanie Francq, Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

11.00 am Discussion

11.30 am *Legal education and European Private International Law*

- Speaker: Prof. Thomas Kadner Graziano, Université de Genève (Switzerland)
- Commentator: Prof. Gilles Cuniberti, Université de Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

12.15 pm Discussion

12.45 pm Lunch break

2.00 pm Panel discussion: *The future of European Private International Law in theory and practice*

- Opening statement: Karen Vandekerckhove, Former Head of Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Discussants: Prof. Paul Beaumont, Prof. Gilles Cuniberti, Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Kieninger Prof. Johan Meeusen, Prof. Marta Requejo Isidro

4.00 pm Concluding remarks

- Prof. Dr. Jan von Hein, University of Freiburg (Germany)

4.15 pm End of conference