

# **Virtual Workshop (in English) on Mar 1: Geneviève Saumier on Security for Costs and Access to Justice in Cross-Border Dispute Resolution**



On Tuesday, Mar 1, 2021, the Hamburg Max Planck Institute will host its 20th monthly virtual workshop Current Research in Private International Law at 14:00-15:30 CET. Geneviève Saumier (McGill University) will speak, in English, about the topic

## **Security for Costs and Access to Justice in Cross-Border Dispute Resolution**

Several multilateral instruments prohibit, directly or indirectly, security for costs based solely on the foreign status of a plaintiff. Regional examples can be found in Europe and Latin America; two multilateral examples are the 1954 and the 1980 HCCH Conventions. The justification is typically based on anti-discrimination and access-to-justice arguments. The 2019 HCCH Judgments Convention has taken a slightly different approach following a lack of consensus among the negotiating states. Moreover, several states continue to impose security for costs on foreign plaintiffs. In this workshop, Geneviève Saumier will present the current results of

comparative research on security for costs and seek to identify remaining barriers to its elimination.

The presentation will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome. More information and sign-up [here](#).

If you want to be invited to these events in the future, please write to [veranstaltungen@mpipriv.de](mailto:veranstaltungen@mpipriv.de).