

# 18th Regional PIL Conference on 17 November 2023 at the University of Niš, Serbia

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The 18th Regional Private International Law Conference will take place on 17 November 2023 at the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, Serbia, with the support of the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH* (GIZ). The theme of the Conference is *Private International Law and International Organizations – Achievements and Challenges*.

The Conference will provide an opportunity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the inaugural regional PIL conference, which was also held in Niš in 2003. These regional PIL conferences are a result of the vision of Professor Mirko Živković (Faculty of Law, *University of Niš*) to re-establish a regional PIL network that had been broken by the tragic dissolution of the former Yugoslavia. Although PIL scholars from countries stemming from the former Yugoslavia continue to be the *nucleus* of these conferences, they regularly attract PIL scholars from other countries as well.

The opening panel will feature the following topics and speakers:

- *Reflections on the Complementarity of Global and Regional Unification of Private International Law*, Hans van Loon (Former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law), The Hague
- *Characterisation in the CJEU Case Law: Unity or Diversity?*, Vesna Lazic, Utrecht University and Asser Institute, The Hague
- *Centennial of the Hague Academy of International Law*, Maja Stanivukovic, University of Novi Sad

The full programme of the conference can be found [here](#).

The working language of the Conference will be English, and it will also be streamed online.

Those wishing to attend the Conference online are invited to register by emailing contact details and affiliation to *antanasijevic@prafak.ni.ac.rs* by 16 November at 12 CET.

Conference proceedings will be published in September 2024.