

Registration open: German Conference for Young Scholars in Private International Law 2023

As previously announced, the **4th German Conference for Young Scholars in Private International Law** will take place on **23 and 24 February 2023** at Sigmund Freud University in Vienna.

The theme of the conference is

Deference to the foreign - empty phrase or guiding principle of private international law?

Although primarily held in German, a significant amount of presentations will be offered in English, including

“The metaphor of the ‘dismal swamp’: an ecosophical approach to the conflict of laws” by **Prof. Horatia Muir Wat** (Keynote lecture)

“Overriding Mandatory Rules and Choice of Law Rule in Procedure: Opposite Trends?” by **Shahar Giller** (presentation)

“Mind the Gap - Adaptation Mechanisms in the Cross-Border Enforcement of Judgments” by **Tess Bens** (presentation)

“Connecting Factors: Tools or Loopholes in Achieving Deference to the Foreign” by **Stefano Dominelli and Michael Cremer** (short presentation)

For further information and registration, please visit the event’s homepage - the organizers kindly ask to register by 17 February 2023.

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Save the Date: German Conference for Young Scholars in Private International Law 2023

Following successful conferences in Bonn, Würzburg and Hamburg, we are pleased to announce the 4th German-speaking Conference for Young Scholars in Private International Law, which will take place on **23 and 24 February 2023** at Sigmund Freud University in Vienna.

The theme of the conference will be

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As part of the legal system, rules of private international law are bound by the principles of their national jurisdiction, but they also open up the national system to foreign rules. Is the claim of deference to the foreign merely an empty phrase or, at best, a working hypothesis, or can it serve as a meaningful guiding principle of private international law? Are there tendencies within or across specific areas of private international law to move away from deference to, and towards a general suspicion against, the foreign? To what extent does (mutual) trust become the basis of deference to the foreign in the process of internationalisation and Europeanisation? What, if any, is the relationship between deference to the foreign and the methods of private international law?

We would like to explore these and many other related questions at the 4th German-speaking Conference for Young Scholars in Private International Law. We are inviting contributions from all areas of private international law, including but not limited to contract and tort law, company law, family and succession law as well as international procedural law, international arbitration and uniform law.

The written contributions will be published in an edited conference volume. The conference will be held in German, but English presentations are also welcome. The call for papers will be released in spring 2022 and we expect the submission of abstracts until late summer 2022.

We cordially invite all interested scholars to save the date of the conference. Please feel free to contact us with any questions (ipr@sfu.ac.at). Further information on the conference is available at <https://tinyurl.com/YoungPIL>.

Kind regards,

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