Save the Date! Talk on BRICS Private International Law on 18 July 2023

On 18 July 2023, The Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, will host a 'Talk' on '**The Role of Private International Law in the Adjudication of Cross-Border Civil and Commercial Disputes in BRICS: Some Reciprocal Lessons'** from 11 AM – 12.30 PM (CEST) as a part of their 'Conflict Club' which is scheduled every Tuesday. The talk will be delivered <u>virtually</u> by Professor Saloni Khanderia, who, as many may know, is the co-author of the leading commentary on Indian Private International Law that was published in 2021 by Hart/Bloomsbury Publications.

The talk will highlight some of the findings of a project being co-coordinated by Dr Stellina Jolly from South Asian University, Delhi (India) and Prof Saloni Khanderia, which analyses the role of private international law in achieving the aims of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) as an economic bloc. The findings of this project will be published in 2024 by Hart/Bloomsbury: Oxford, UK and will comprise insights provided by approximately 20 leading scholars and practitioners from the BRICS region – many of whom are also editors of this blog. The project has currently received funding from the Max Planck Institute, Hamburg and the OP Jindal Global Univesity, Sonipat, India, in the form of a short-term scholarship and a research grant conferred upon Prof Saloni Khanderia.

While the project endeavours to engage in a holistic analysis of the convergences and divergences in the private international laws of BRICS – concerning jurisdiction, arbitration, the identification of the governing law, the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards, as well as the regulation of family matters, the 'talk' in the Conflicts Club on the 18th of July will chiefly focus on the impact of the principles of private international law in civil and commercial matters in fostering economic cooperation among these nations. In doing so, the talk will touch upon some areas where the BRICS governments, courts and arbitral tribunals may share reciprocal lessons to foster trade and commerce not merely among the bloc but also with non-members.

Interested participants may contact Prof Saloni Khanderia for the Zoom link using the contact details available here. The talk will be for 30 minutes followed by one hour of discussion. Hope to see many of you on 18 July at 11 AM!