

# 5th German Conference for Young Researchers in Private International Law, 14 and 15 Feb 2025, University of Heidelberg



On 14 and 15 February 2025, the 5th iteration of the German Conference for Young Researchers in Private International Law will take place at the University of Heidelberg. The conference – which is being organized by Felix Berner, Andreas Engel, Aron Johanson, Markus Lieberknecht, Sophia Schwemmer, Ann-Kathrin Voß, Charlotte Wendland, and Anton Zimmermann – is dedicated to the topic of ‘Digital transformation and Private International Law. Local connections in boundless spaces’:

*After statute theory, Savignyan PIL and Europeanisation, digitalisation has the potential to initiate a fourth evolutionary stage in the history of conflict of laws, which is characterised by decentralisation and delocalisation. We may therefore be on the threshold of a PIL 4.0. At our conference, we would like to discuss how the conflict-of-laws problems arising from the boundless spaces of digitalisation can be solved in European and autonomous German, Austrian and Swiss private international law. At the same time, we would like to look at the possibilities for legal changes at national, European and international level.*

A keynote will be given by Christiane Wendehorst (University of Vienna).

The programme can be found [here](#); registration is possible [here](#).

More information can also be found on the conference website.