

English and EU Perspectives on Hague 2019: Hybrid Seminar at UCL Laws

Ugljesa Grusic (UCL) has kindly shared the following invitation with us.

On 24 March 2025, at 6pm UK time, Marta Pertegás (Maastricht University; University of Antwerp; a fulltime member of the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law between 2008 and 2017) and Alex Mills (UCL; a Specialist Editor of *Dicey, Morris and Collins on the Conflict of Laws*, with particular responsibility for, inter alia, the rules on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments) will give a seminar on *The 2019 Hague Judgments Convention – English and EU Perspectives* at the Faculty of Laws, University College London. The event will be delivered in a hybrid format and the readers of the blog are welcome to join either in person or on line.

The seminar is part of the International Law Association (British Branch) Lecture Series and will be chaired by Ugljesa Grusic.

On 1 July 2025, the 2019 Hague Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters will enter into force in England and Wales. This historic regime establishes a general treaty basis for the recognition and enforcement of civil judgments between Convention States, supplementing the existing national rules and the Hague Choice of Court Convention 2005. Perhaps most significantly, it will provide common rules for the recognition and enforcement of judgments from England and Wales in EU Member States, and conversely, for EU Member State judgments to be recognised and enforced in England and Wales, to some extent filling a ‘gap’ created by Brexit.

This seminar will address the significance of this development from both an English and EU perspective, examining the main features of the 2019 Convention and considering the opportunities and challenges it presents.

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