Seminar Announcement – Private International Law Issues Arising in the Context of Blockchain



We are pleased to announce a hybrid seminar on **Private International Law Issues Relating to Blockchain**, to be held on **Friday, 20 November 2026**, at **The University of Osaka**.

The seminar will bring together **Professor Gerald Goldstein** (Université de Montréal) and **Dr Emeric Prévost** (University of Vienna/Kyushu University) to discuss emerging private international law issues arising from blockchain technology, e-money, and tokenised assets.

Details are as follows:

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Overview

The decentralised and borderless nature of blockchain and distributed ledger technologies raises novel questions for private international law, particularly where traditional connecting factors are difficult to apply. This seminar will examine emerging private international law issues arising from the use of blockchain and distributed ledger technologies.

The first presentation will address conflicts-of-laws issues relating to electronic money and blockchain technology, including questions of international jurisdiction and applicable law. The second will turn to the specific challenges posed by tokenised assets, with particular attention to solutions developed under French law, both *de lege lata* and *de lege ferenda*. Together, the presentations will highlight the challenges that digital assets and decentralised technologies pose for traditional private international law frameworks and consider emerging approaches to addressing them.

Guest Speakers

Gerald Goldstein

Emeritus Professor, Université de Montréal, Canada

Conflicts of Laws Relating to E-Money and Blockchain Technology

Emeric Prévost

Research Fellow, University of Vienna, Austria, and Visiting Scholar, Kyushu University, Japan

The Law Applicable to Tokenised Assets: A French Law Perspective

Date & Time : Friday, 20 November 2026, 16:00–18:00 (Japan time)

Venue: The University of Osaka, Toyonaka Campus
Graduate School of Law and Politics Building, 4th Floor, Large Conference Room

Hybrid event (in-person and online)

Registration: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/KpfNKTsPaf

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Those wishing to participate are kindly requested to register by **19 November 2026**.

We warmly welcome all those interested in private international law, blockchain technology, and the legal challenges raised by emerging digital technologies.