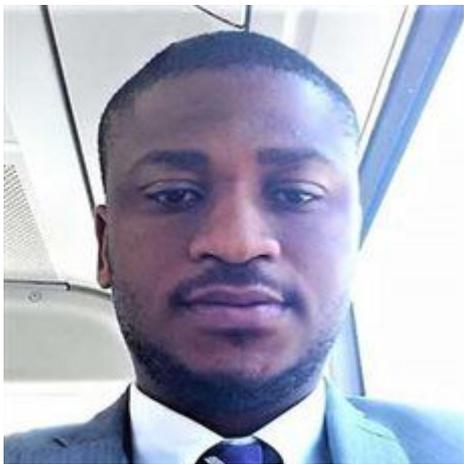


# **Virtual Workshop (in English) on April 7, 2026: Chukwuma Okoli on “Choice of Law for Employment Contracts in Africa: Rethinking the EU Methodology in an African Context”**



On Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the Hamburg Max Planck Institute will host its monthly virtual workshop Current Research in Private International Law at 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CEST). **Chukwuma Okoli** (University of Birmingham) will speak, **in English**, about the topic

## **“Choice of Law for Employment Contracts in Africa: Rethinking the EU Methodology in an African Context”**

This presentation examines how African courts have approached choice of law in cross-border employment contracts, often drawing—explicitly or implicitly—on the dominant EU methodology reflected in the Rome I framework. It argues that while the EU model has influenced doctrinal development, its underlying assumptions do not always align with African values and labour realities. Drawing on primary sources from across African jurisdictions, including case law and legislation, the paper proposes a modified methodology that better reflects

worker protection, and normative commitments embedded in African legal systems.

The presentation will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome. More information and sign-up [here](#).

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