Virtual Workshop (in English) on June 2, 2026: Thalia Kruger on „The Problem with Legal Certainty in Private International Law”



On Tuesday, June 2, 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).

Thalia Kruger (University of Antwerp) will speak, **in English**, about the topic

“The Problem with Legal Certainty in Private International Law”

Legal certainty is often considered foundational in private international law. It is used as justification for some of our connecting factors, and their application in time, as well as for our standards on recognition of foreign authentic instruments and judgments. However, if understood in a positivistic and precise manner, legal certainty can impede or complicate legal changes. The paper investigates where

legal certainty has undesired consequences, especially in a context of righting past wrongs.

The presentation will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome. More information and sign-up here.

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