

Call for Papers: “Recent Developments in Private International Law” at Moldova State University

The following announcement has been kindly provided by Mihail Buruiana, Senior Lecturer, State University of Moldova.

The Faculty of Law of Moldova State University in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, will host an international conference dealing with “**Recent Developments in Private International Law**” on Thursday, 20 October, and Friday, 21 October 2016. Prospective speakers are kindly invited to submit abstracts of not more than 500 words (in *Word*) addressing any aspect of the Conference theme. The abstracts should include the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) and should be submitted before **Saturday, 10 May 2016**. The Programme of the Conference will consist of a mix of plenary sessions and parallel sessions. The topics of the sessions will include, *inter alia*: Theory of Private International Law; Choice of Law and Choice of Law Clauses; Jurisdiction and Forum Clauses; Natural Persons in Private International Law; Legal Persons in Private International Law; Family (Children and Adults); Succession; Contract; Insolvency; Tort; Recognition and Enforcement; Arbitration. The languages at the Conference will be Romanian and English (with simultaneous translation). Further information is available at the Conference website [here](#).

Conference for Young PIL Scholars: “Politics and Private

International Law (?)” - Call for Papers

The following announcement has been kindly provided by Dr. Susanne Lilian Gössl, LL.M., University of Bonn:

Call for Papers

On 6th and 7th April 2017, for the first time a young scholars' conference in the field of Private International Law (PIL) will be held at the University of Bonn.

The general topic will be

Politics and Private International Law (?)

We hereby invite interested junior researchers to send us their proposals for conference papers. We envisage presentations of half an hour each in German language with subsequent discussion on the respective subject. The presented papers will be published in a conference transcript by Mohr Siebeck.

Procedure

If we have stimulated your interest we are looking forward to your application to

[nachwuchs-ipr\(at\)institut-familienrecht.de](mailto:nachwuchs-ipr(at)institut-familienrecht.de)

until **30 June 2016, 12 a.m. CET** (deadline!).

The application shall include an exposé of maximum 1,000 words in German language and shall be composed anonymously that is without any reference to the authorship. The author including his/her position or other affiliation shall be identifiable from a separate file.

Selection decisions will be communicated in October 2016.

For organisational reasons, a preliminary version of the paper (to measure 35,000 to 50,000 characters including footnotes) and the core statements must be received by not later than 31 March 2017.

Topic:

For our purposes, we explicitly understand PIL in a broader sense: international jurisdiction and procedure, the law of the international settlement of disputes (including ADR) as well as uniform law and comparative law and the comparison of legal cultures are included insofar as they allude to cross-border questions.

Ever since Savigny, conflict of laws rules have traditionally been perceived as “unbiased” or “value-neutral” in Central Europe as they are solely supposed to coordinate the applicable substantive law. However, during the second half of the past century the opinion that conflict of law rules may also strengthen or prevent certain results of substantive law has become prevalent. In the U.S., such discussion led to a partial abolition of the “classical” PIL in favour of balancing the individual governmental interests as to the application of their respective substantive law provisions (so called *governmental interest analysis*). But other legal systems have also explicitly or indirectly restricted classical PIL in some areas in favour of governmental interests. Our conference is dedicated to the various possibilities and aspects of this interaction between PIL and politics as well as to the advantages and disadvantages of this interplay.

Possible topics or topic areas are:

General questions:

- “Politicisation” of PIL on the national, European and international level, or the political target of “value-free” PIL rules (?)
- “Politicisation” of comparative law (?)
- Convergence of PIL and Public International Law, especially the protection of fundamental rights and human rights by means of PIL
- Uniform applicable law or harmonisation of PIL
- PIL in day-to-day application of law – theory and reality (?)
- General instruments of PIL to enforce political targets: overriding mandatory rules, public policy, *forum non conveniens*, extensive/narrow jurisdiction ...
- Allocative functions of PIL and International Civil Procedure Law
- Users, stakeholders and their interests in cross-border questions: parties, attorneys, judges, notaries, experts etc.
- Protection by formal requirements or third parties’ obligations to

- cooperate (e.g. notarial recording of the choice of law agreement)
- Parties' or courts' expenses due to the application of foreign law
 - Regulatory competition, e.g. in order to establish a national venue of arbitration
 - Forum shopping and locational advantages through low standards of protection (e.g. regarding data protection law, copyright law, family law or consumer protection law)
 - Issues of competences as regards European PIL rules
 - Extraterritorial application of national (private) law (*Kiobel, Bodo Community*)

Business Law:

- Financial crisis, e.g. resolution of globally operating banks
- Gender Quotas of in Corporate Law, e.g. application of German law on foreign companies or comparison between international regulatory models
- Protection of competition in case of worldwide groups operating, e.g. Google antitrust proceedings by FTC and EU Commission
- Law on co-determination within the European context, e.g. questions referred for a preliminary ruling by KG (Court of Appeal in Berlin) and LG Frankfurt
- Worker protection

Family and Inheritance Law:

- Protection of minors, i.e. regarding repatriation of children or international adoptions: successful legal unification (?)
- Cross-border protection of adults
- Application of religious law and judgements of religious courts

Consumer protection:

- Consumer protection and market freedom (i.a. in the Internet)
- Special jurisdiction, party autonomy and the enforcement of minimum standards in substantive law

Internet and new media:

- Territoriality of rights to ubiquitous goods (e.g. copyright law and data

protection rules) and cross-border trade

- Copyright Law and “Fair Use”
- Data protection/privacy and freedom of information

Other recent focal points:

- Migration and refugee crisis, e.g. the determination of the law of the person between integration or preservation of cultural identity
- Environmental protection, e.g. enforcement of titles from class actions or international litigation regarding mass damages
- Protection of cultural property - issues regarding ownership and repatriation

For more information, please visit <https://www.jura.uni-bonn.de/en/institut-fuer-deutsches-europaeisches-und-internationales-familienrecht/pil-conference/>.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Susanne Gössl, LL.M. (sgoessl(at)uni-bonn.de).

We are looking forward to thought-provoking and stimulating discussions!

Yours faithfully,

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Fourth “journées Mohamed Charfi de droit international privé” colloquium in Tunis

The following announcement has been kindly provided by Béligh Elbalti, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University.

Since 2008, the Research Unit on International Private Relations, Commerce, Arbitration and Migrations of the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis (Carthage University) has been organizing the “*journées Mohamed Charfi de droit international privé*” colloquium which address various Private International Law issues. These colloquiums are organized on the memory of the late Dr. Mohamed Charfi, an eminent and leading Tunisian scholar specialized in the field of family law, human rights and private international law.

On April 2016, the Research Unit will organize its fourth *journées Mohamed Charfi de droit international privé* under the theme of international contracts and private international law. The colloquium will be held at the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis on the 13 and 14 April 2016. Eminent and distinguished professors, as well as leading Tunisian law professors and private international law specialists will take part in this event.

The program will be as follow:

First Day : 13 avril 2016 (Wednesday) :

Les tendances générales dans le droit du contrat international

Morning Sesseion

8h30 - 9h15: Welcome Speech

9h15 - 9h30: Ali MEZGHANI (*Professeur, Faculté de Droit des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis*)

Présentation générale du colloque : « À propos du contrat international »

9h30 - 10h : Pierre MAYER (*Professeur émérite, École de Droit de la Sorbonne*)

Rapport introductif : « L’internationalité du contrat »

10h -10h30 : Jean-Michel JACQUET (*Professeur, Institut des Hautes études internationales et du développement de Genève*)

« Sanctions économiques internationales et contrats internationaux »

10h30-11h : Coffee Break

11h - 11h30 : Souhayma BEN ACHOUR (*Professeur, Faculté de Droit et des sciences politiques de Tunis*)

« L'essor de l'autonomie de la volonté en Droit international privé tunisien »

11h30 - 12h : Salma TRIKI (*Maitre-assistante, Institut supérieur des études juridiques et politiques de Kairouan*)

« La hiérarchie des normes dans le droit du commerce international »

12h - 12h30 : Debate

Afternoon Session

15h - 15h30 : Imed BÉJAOUI (*Maitre-assistant, École supérieure de commerce de Sfax*)

« La pérennité du contrat international entre *pacta sunt servanda* et *rebus sic stantibus* : réflexions au regard du pouvoir interprétatif de l'arbitre»

15h30 - 16h : Donia ALLANI (*Assistante, Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis*)

« La loi applicable au contrat d'après l'article 62 du Code tunisien de droit international privé »

16h-16h30 : Coffee Break

16h30h-17h: Thouraya AHMADI (*Assistante, Faculté des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis*)

« Les lois de police étrangères et le contrat international »

17h-17h30 : Debate

Second Day : 14 avril 2016 (Thursday) :

De quelques solutions particulières dans le droit du contrat international

Morning Session

9h - 9h30 : Lotfi CHEDLY (*Professeur, Doyen de la Faculté de Droit des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis*)

« La protection du consommateur en Droit international privé tunisien »

9h30 - 10h : Fatma BOURAOUI (*Maitre assistante, Faculté de Droit des sciences juridiques, politiques et sociales de Tunis*)

« Les contrats de transmission des créances en droit international privé »

10h - 10h30 : Rym BEN KHELIFA (*Maitre-assistante, Faculté de Droit et des sciences politiques de Tunis*)

« L'impact des traités relatifs à la protection des investissements sur les contrats conclus entre États-hôtes et investisseurs étrangers »

10h30 - 11h : Coffee Break

11h - 11h30: Jallel BACCAR (*Maitre-assistant, École supérieure de commerce de Sfax*)

« Le crédit documentaire international »

11h30 - 12h : Inès YOUSSEF (*Maitre-assistante, Faculté des sciences juridiques, économiques et de gestion de Jendouba*)

« Le payement d'un contrat international par crédit documentaire »

12h - 12h30: Debate

12h30 : End of the Colloquium

All presentations are in French. Participation to this event is free of charge and no prior reservation is required.

French conference on the

“UNCITRAL Contribution to International Trade Law”

Written by Eloïse Glucksmann

The Center for Private International Law and International Trade Law (CRDI) of the University Panthéon-Assas is pleased to invite you to a conference on the “UNCITRAL Contribution to International Trade Law” that will take place in the faculty premises at 92, rue d’Assas 75005 Paris, conference room no 315, on April 12, 2016. **Speeches will be in French.**

Please register by contacting laurence.tacquard@u-paris2.fr. This conference is also accountable for the lawyers’ continuing training (formation continue des avocats) of the French National Council of the Bars (Conseil national des barreaux).

This event is organized with the collaboration of the Department for Private International Relations Studies (SERPI-IRJS) of the Sorbonne Law School and the Foundation for Continental Law

Program:

Morning

8:45 - **Registration**

9:00 - **Opening remarks**

Marie Goré, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II, Director of the Center for Private International Law and International Trade Law (CRDI)

Géraud Sajust de Bergues d’Escalup, Deputy Director for Legal Affairs of Foreign Affairs

Renaud Sorieul, Director of the International Trade Law Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

Chairman: *Sylvain Bollée*, Professor at the Sorbonne Law School (University Paris 1), Co-director of the Department for Private International Relations Studies

(SERPI-IRJS)

9:20 - **The UNCITRAL methods**

Vincent Heuzé, Professor at the Sorbonne Law School (University Paris 1)

The UNCITRAL model, its influence on OHADA law

Dorothe Cossi Sossa, permanent secretary

10:30 - **International Sale of Goods: how to maintain or reinforce the UNCITRAL promotion of practices' unification?**

Claude Witz, Professor at the University of Saarland (Germany), Co-director of the Legal Center Franco-German

11:00 - **Break**

11:15 - **International Commercial Arbitration**

Daniel Cohen, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II

11:45 - **UNCITRAL and the aspiration to diffuse Security Interests model standards**

Jean-François Riffard, Lawyer, Associate-Professor at the University of Auvergne (Clermont 1)

12:30 - **Lunch break**

Afternoon

Chairman: *Pascal de Vareilles-Sommières*, Professor at the Sorbonne Law School (University Paris 1)

2:00 - **Insolvency of corporate groups**

Reinhard Dammann, partner at Clifford Chance Europe LLP

2:30 - **The sole ownership**

Antoine Gaudemet, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II

3:00 - **The Rotterdam Rules: how to convince?**

Philippe Delebecque, Professor at the Sorbonne Law School (University Paris 1)

3:30 - **Break**

3:45 - **The UNCITRAL contribution to the development of public-private partnerships' safeguarding**

Stéphane Braconnier, Professor at the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II

4:15 - **The UNCITRAL contribution to electronic trade development**

Thibault Douville, Associate-Professor at the Caen Normandie

4:45 - **Summary**

Rafael Illescas Ortiz, Professor of Commercial Law, Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, former president of the UNCITRAL

The event will be followed by a **cocktail**.

International Seminar on Private International Law 2016 (Program)

The programme of the 2016 edition of the International Seminar on Private International Law organized by Prof. Fernández Rozas and Prof. de Miguel Asensio, to be held in Madrid on 14-15 April 2016, has been released and is available **here**.

Venue:

Salón de Grados de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Complutense, Avda. Complutense, Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid.

Main speakers:

Jürgen Basedow (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg) - Consistency in EU Private International Law

Cristina González Beilfuss (Universidad de Barcelona, Spain) - On the recent reforms of Spanish international civil procedure law.

Christian Heinze (Leibniz University Hanover, Germany) - Competition law

damages claims and jurisdiction agreements.

Roberto Baratta (University of Macerata, Italy) - Fundamental Rights and Family Private International Law

Thalia Kruger (Antwerp University, Belgium) - The Hague, Strasbourg, Luxembourg and the Bosphorus. The best interests of abducted children?

Pietro Franzina (University of Ferrara, Italy) - Do we need a EU legislative measure on the international protection of adults?

Mauro Rubino-Sammartano (Corte Europea de Arbitraje) - Arbitration and Public Policy.

Sebastien Manciaux (Université de Bourgogne, France)- La oferta de arbitraje en arbitraje de inversión: especificidades y dificultades planteadas por esta modalidad de arbitraje.

Emmanuel Guinchard (University of Northumbria, UK) - La transposition en Europe de la directive 2013/11/UE relative au règlement extrajudiciaire des litiges de consommation. L'exemple de la France et du Royaume-Uni.

Bertrand Ancel (Université Paris II)

Additional information on the seminar is available **here**.

Praxis des Internationalen Privat- und Verfahrensrechts (IPRax) 1/2016: Abstracts

The latest issue of the "*Praxis des Internationalen Privat- und Verfahrensrechts (IPRax)*" features the following articles:

H.-P. Mansel/K. Thorn/R. Wagner, **European conflict of laws 2015:**

Reappraisal

The article provides an overview of developments in Brussels in the field of judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters from December 2014 until November 2015. It summarizes current projects and new instruments that are presently making their way through the EU legislative process. It also refers to the laws enacted at the national level in Germany as a result of new European instruments. Furthermore the authors look at areas of law where the EU has made use of its external competence. They discuss both important decisions and pending cases before the ECJ as well as important decisions from German courts pertaining to the subject matter of the article. In addition the article also looks at current projects and the latest developments at the Hague Conference of Private International Law.

K. Kroll-Ludwigs, Conflict between the Hague Protocol on the law applicable to maintenance obligations (2007) and the Hague Maintenance Convention (1973): lex posterior derogat legi priori?

On 18.6.2011, the European Union set into force the Hague Protocol on the law applicable to maintenance obligations of 23 November 2007 and established common rules for the entire European Union aiming to determine unanimously the applicable law where debtor and creditor are in different countries. The Protocol replaced the Hague Convention of 2 October 1973 on the Law applicable to maintenance obligations. Due to its universal application, its rules apply even if the applicable law is the law of a non-Contracting State. However, note that non-EU-States, as Turkey, Switzerland, Japan and Albania are not bound by the Protocol. As well as Germany they are Contracting States of the Hague Maintenance Convention. From the German perspective, in relation to these States the question raises whether the rules of the Hague Maintenance Convention still apply. Taking into account that the Protocol - unlike the Hague Maintenance Convention - enables the parties to choose the applicable law, determining the relevant legal instrument is of great practical importance.

F.M. Wilke, The subsequent completion of German judgments to be enforced abroad

Under certain conditions, a German court can pass a judgment without a statement of facts and even without reasons. This can lead to problems abroad if the decision is to be recognized and enforced there. This is why the implementing statute concerning recognition and enforcement (AVAG) contains provisions that

cover the subsequent completion of such decisions in light of certain international conventions and, so far, the Brussels regime. After the reform of the German Code of Civil Procedure (ZPO) in light of the Brussels I Recast, however, the scope of application of the AVAG does not extend to the Brussels I Regulation anymore. At first sight, this may seem plausible because of the abolition of *exequatur*. Yet it might be necessary for a court of an EU member state to examine the facts of a case and/or the reasons behind a decision in order to determine if its recognition/enforcement should be refused (Articles 45, 46 Brussels I Recast). This short article analyses for which cases the legal basis for subsequent completion seems to have vanished and how to deal with them. Essentially, the solutions *de lege lata* are to bypass the scope of application of the AVAG or to proceed by analogy. In a potential future reform, the respective AVAG provisions simply should be integrated into the ZPO.

S. Kröll, The law applicable to the subjective reach of the arbitration agreement

Defining the parties to an arbitration agreement, in particular whether nonsignatories are bound by the agreement, is one of the pervasive problems in international arbitration. It generally involves a number of conflict of laws questions some of which have been addressed by the German Supreme Court in its decision of 8 May 2014. A party's reliance on the „group of companies doctrine“ does not relieve the courts from a detailed analysis of the various relationships involved. In most cases, it is the law governing the arbitration agreement which also determines who are the true parties to the arbitration agreement.

M. Weller, No effect of foreign mandatory provisions on arbitration agreements under German law according to § 1030 ZPO

The material scope of arbitration agreements, in particular with regard to tort claims, is a constant point of controversy before state courts. The note on the judgment by the Upper Regional Court Munich identifies opposing trends in German and European case law. The judgment also decides on the (lack of) influence of foreign mandatory provisions, arbitrability according to foreign law and the foreign *ordre public* on arbitration agreements, subject to German law.

C. Althammer/J. Wolber, Cross-border enforcement of coercive fine orders in Europe and limitation on enforcement

The European Court of Justice ruled in the case of *Realchemie Nederland BV./.*

Bayer CropScience AG that decisions ordering a coercive fine fall within the scope of the Brussels I Regulation. This ruling made the German Federal Court of Justice decide upon the effects of a limitation on the crossborder enforcement of such an order. The judgment of the German Federal Court of Justice reveals a traditional understanding of the international law of enforcement and provokes the question if this approach is still appropriate for cross-border enforcement in Europe, especially as the recast of the Brussels I Regulation abolished the exequatur proceeding. The article examines the effects of obstacles resulting from national law of enforcement on the conditions of cross-border enforceability under the Brussels I and Ia Regulation. In this way the article leads into an issue that has so far not been discussed to a sufficient extent: the relationship between the cross-border enforceability of judgments and the national laws of enforcement.

P. Mankowski, **Inhibitions against arrest of ships abroad inside or outside an insolvency context?**

Sometimes seemingly technical cases at first instance open up a plethora of questions touching upon basics and fundamentals of international procedural law. Whether a court can inhibit parties from pursuing enforcement or arresting ships abroad in- or outside an insolvency context is precisely such a case. It touches upon the permissibility of measures against enforcement abroad and upon the universality approach in modern international insolvency law. Furthermore, it is inexplicably linked with the question to which extent (registered) ships are to be treated like real estate.

D. Otto, **Internationale Zuständigkeit indischer Gerichte bei Markenverletzungen**

In its decision of 15.10.2014, the Delhi High Court had to resolve whether it had competence in the international sense for a lawsuit by a U.S.-based claimant without a presence in India against an Indian-based defendant, who had his business in a different state. Under Indian civil procedure rules, a court has jurisdiction in the international sense against a defendant residing within the jurisdiction of the court. As per such rule, claimant would have to litigate before the Bombay High Court, not the Delhi High Court. The Claimant invoked a new legal provision that gives jurisdiction in disputes involving copy right or trademark violations in India also to a court at the place where the claimant carries on business. Claimant argued that it did “carry on business” within the jurisdiction of the Delhi court because its website could be accessed in Delhi. The

court accepted that. This Article questions such decision as previous jurisprudence by Indian courts required that an “essential” part of claimant’s business is carried out in India; access to a website alone was deemed insufficient.

F. Heindler, Austrian Supreme Court on Remuneration of Heir Locators

The Austrian Supreme Court in Civil Matters (Oberster Gerichtshof) has changed its jurisdiction on claims by commercial heir locators. Under Austrian law, according to the Oberster Gerichtshof, commercial heir locators are still entitled to reimbursement for expenses in negotiorum gestio. However, the amount of remuneration is no longer calculated in relation to the heir’s inheritance right.

Choice of Law in the American Courts in 2015: Twenty-Ninth Annual Survey

Prof. Symeonides’ Survey of American Choice-of-Law Cases, now in its 29th year, you can download it from SSRN by clicking on this link. It is also forthcoming in the American Journal of Comparative Law, Vol. 64, No. 1, 2016. The following are some of the cases discussed in this year’s Survey:

*Three Supreme Court decisions, the first declaring unconstitutional all state laws against same-sex marriages, the second interpreting the commercial activity exception of the Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act, and the third further constricting the range of state law in matters relating to arbitration;

* A Second Circuit decision resuscitating for now that court’s theory that corporations are not accountable for international law violations under the Alien Tort Statute (ATS), and two decisions holding that the violations at issue did not “touch and concern the territory of the United States . . . with sufficient force”;

* Two cases refusing to allow a Bivens action for an extraterritorial violation of

the Fourth Amendment and an intra-territorial violation of the Fifth Amendment, respectively, and several cases upholding the extraterritorial application of criminal statutes;

*Several cases refusing (and some not refusing) to enforce choice-of-law and forum-selection or arbitration clauses operating in tandem to deprive employees or consumers of their otherwise unwaivable rights;

* A New York Court of Appeals case explaining why a New York choice-of-law clause in a retirement plan did not include a conflicts rule contained in New York's substantive successions statute;

* Several cases involving the "chicken or the egg" question of which law governs forum-selection clauses;

* A New Jersey decision ruling on actions for "wrongful birth" and "wrongful life," and several other cases arising from medical malpractice, legal malpractice, deceptive trade practices, alienation of affections, and, of course, traffic accidents, along with products liability cases involving breast implants and pharmaceuticals;

* The first case granting divorce to a spouse married under a "covenant" marriage in another state, and a Texas case recognizing a Pakistani talaq;

* An Alabama Supreme Court decision refusing to recognize a Georgia adoption by a same-sex spouse on the ground that the Georgia court misapplied its own law regarding subject matter jurisdiction;

* A Delaware case holding that the Full Faith and Credit clause mandates recognition of a sister-state judgment that has recognized a foreign judgment, and does not allow examination of the underlying foreign judgment; and

* A case recognizing a foreign judgment challenged on the ground that the foreign country did not provide impartial tribunals or procedures compatible with due process.

U.S. Federal Judicial Center Publication on “Discovery in International Civil Litigation”

The Federal Judicial Center (FJC) has just published the most recent item in their series on international litigation. The text, entitled “Discovery in International Civil Litigation: A Guide for Judges,” was written by Timothy Harkness, Rahim Moloo, Patrick Oh and Charline Yim. The guide joins a variety of other titles, including those on mutual legal assistance treaties (T. Markus Funk), the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (David Stewart), international commercial arbitration (S.I. Strong), recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments (Ron Brand), and international extradition (Ronald Hedges).

The new text can be downloaded from the FJC website [here](#). The other texts are also available for download at [fjc.gov](#). If you would like a free copy of the new discovery guide or any of the judicial guides on international law, just contact the FJC.

International Seminar on Private International Law, Madrid 2016. Call for Papers

The 10th edition of the International Seminar on Private International Law, organized by Prof. Fernández Rozas and Prof. de Miguel Asensio will be held next 14 and 15 April 2016, at the Faculty of Law of the Universidad Complutense of Madrid .

At the sitting of Thursday 14 special attention will be paid to the recent reforms of Spanish private international law; the latest developments towards codification of

private international law in Latin America will also be addressed . The following sessions, on Friday, will focus on the development of private international law in Europe and within international commercial arbitration.

As in previous editions the main lectures of the seminar will be in charge of well-known scholars, including Jürgen Basedow (Max Planck Institute Hamburg), Roberto Baratta (University of Macerata), Bertrand Ancel (Paris II), Christian Heinze (University of Hannover) and Sebastien Manceaux (University of Dijon). Nonetheless, the seminar is open to all scholars, either Spanish or foreigners, willing to participate with brief presentations. In this regard proposals including both the title and a brief summary are to be sent no later than December 15 to Prof. Angel Espiniella Menéndez (espiniell@gmail.com). The final written version of the presentations, not exceeding 25 pages, is to be submitted before April 1, 2016. Subject to prior peer-review they will be published in the *Anuario Español de Derecho Internacional Privado*, vol. XVI.

The registration deadline to attend the seminar, as well as the programme and further information will be announced in due time.

Procedural Science at the Crossroads of Different Generations: a New Book published in the MPI Luxembourg Book Series

☒ Barely one month after the publication of the third volume of the MPI collection of Studies another volume has been released, edited by Prof. Loïc Cadet (Université Paris I, IAPL), and Prof. Burkhard Hess and Marta Requejo

Isidro (MPI).

The book is one of the outcomes of first Post-doctoral Summer School in procedural law, which was held in July 2014 at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg under the auspices of the International Association of Procedural Law and the Max Planck Institute itself. It reflects both the philosophy of the School and the contents of its first edition. As stated in the Foreword, “modern procedural law is characterized by its opening to comparative and international perspectives”, and “the opening of procedural science also requires a new approach of research which has to be based on comparative methodology”. The common will of the IAPL and the Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law to support modern research in procedural law, backing particularly young researchers, led to the School one year ago, and achieves another goal with this volume.

The book collects most of the papers which were presented by the students in July 2014, after having been reworked in the light of the discussions of last summer and the advice of the attending professors. Many different areas of procedural law, ranging from regulatory approaches to procedural law, to comparative procedural law, arbitration and ADR, as well as the Europeanisation of civil procedure, are addressed. In this way the treatise demonstrates the current trends of scientific research in procedural law and the specific approach of an incoming generation of researchers.

The contributions of the professors to the School are also to be found in the book. They constitute a kind of homage to an academic work or an author considered as a milestone in the development of procedural and comparative procedural law. In this way also former generations of proceduralists joined the meeting of the different generations: thus the title of the book.

As one of the editors I would like to thank all the authors, and to encourage other young researchers to apply to the next edition of the IAPL-MPI Summer School, July next year.

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