

# CURRENT RESEARCH IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

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## "An Intercultural Paradigm for Private International Law"

Tuesday, 2 November 2021, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (CET)

The virtual workshop will be held as a video conference via Zoom.

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#### About the speaker:

Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm is Senior Lecturer in International Private Law at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and she is currently a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg. Her research and teaching are in the areas of private international law and maritime law. She is member and vice-president (2019-2022) of the Asociación Americana de Derecho Internacional Privado (ASADIP) and associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

#### About the topic:

What does an interculturalist perspective bring to private international law? A dialogical constructivist intercultural paradigm for private international law reflects a post-modern conception of law that embraces cultural diversity and pluralism; strives to invert its technical indifference ('neutrality') into technical (pluralist) commitment to normative societal changes; and promotes broader intersectional bottom-up engagement (grounded on freedom and solidarity). This rupturist yet constructive relational (engaging with the concrete other) paradigm, challenges and crosses boundaries between the public and private, mobilises the discipline towards inclusivity and against inequalities, and interlinks the local, the national, the regional and the global spheres, promoting an ethos of fruitful intercultural and inter-systemic communication (fostering deeper dialogues between different modes of thinking, and different knowledge systems), of value to our multicultural societies.

### About the virtual workshop series:

The virtual workshop series "Current Research in Private International Law" is organised by Prof. Dr. Ralf Michaels and Michael Cremer. The series features guest speakers and Institute staff member who present and discuss their work on current developments and research topics in private international law. The workshops are geared to scholars who are researching in the field of private international law, but attendance is open to all individuals having an academic interest (including doctoral candidates and students).