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Workshop on

The Role of Academia in Latin American Private International Law

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Private international law (PIL) scholarship in Latin America (LATAM) has traditionally been founded in thorough doctrinal analysis. Despite some important theoretical and philosophical work by Goldschmidt and others, socio-legal and interdisciplinary research is less extended than in other regions, particularly the United States and Europe. However, PIL scholarship in LATAM is often based in a profound understanding of the region and on each individual country's needs and positioning in the global scene. As such it has had a noticeable impact in normative developments, in the national, regional and international spheres, from the end of the nineteenth century till our times. In particular legal unification, where LATAM was a fore rider, was always influenced by scholarship.

This conference aims to reflect on the role of PIL academia in LATAM. Exploring beyond national, regional and global developments the panelists will venture to answer questions such as the following: How does one become a PIL expert in Latin America? (i.e. access to the profession; the duality practitioner-academic; the scarcity of full-time academics; the lack of doctoral programs in some countries); Is PIL LATAM academia inclusive enough? (i.e. the sociology of the 'invisible college'). PIL scholarship pathways in LATAM countries may open up without the need for a doctorate degree, yet nowadays many scholars would acquire a doctorate at some point in their careers. Doctoral programs in many countries are the seeds of development of academic research, and in many countries is that pathway that will forge a researcher's skills and abilities. What are the main skills of a LATAM PIL academic and how are they acquired? What are the distinctive features of LATAM PIL scholarship? Is the normative impact noted above related to the common feature of practitioner-academic of many PIL LATAM scholars? Is it related to the sociology of LATAM scholars? Or does it respond to the openness of academia? What are the key stepping stones of the 'socialization' of PIL scholars? (i.e. the role of ASADIP, the OAS International Law courses, the Hague Academy courses, the MPI Hamburg). Have language differences between LATAM countries had an impact in that 'socialization'?

13:00 – 13:15

Welcome

Ralf Michaels and Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm

13:15 – 15:00

Round Table ONE:

Private International Law Culture in Latin America

Chair:

Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm

Panelists:

María Mercedes Albornoz: "Private International Latin American Scholarship and Bridges to the World"

Inez Lopes: "The Role of ASADIP in Building-up the Latin American Private International Law Culture"

Gonzalo A. Lorenzo Idiarte: "Pathways to Private International Law Academia in Uruguay"

Jan Schmidt: "Reflections on the Role of the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg"

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:15

Round Table TWO:

The Impact of Private International Law Schools of Thought in Latin America

Chair:

Ralf Michaels

Panelists:

Cecilia Fresnedo de Aguirre: "Reflections on Uruguayan Private International Law Academia: From the Montevideo Treaties 1889 to the 2019 HCCH Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments"

Valesca Raizer Borges Moschen: "The Role of the OAS in Bringing together Latin American Private International Law Schools of Thought"

Javier Ochoa Muñoz: "The Legacy of Tatiana Maekelt in Venezuela and in the Region"

Sebastián Paredes: "The Influence of Academia in the Latest Private International Law Normative Developments in Latin America"

17:15 – 17:30

Closing remarks

Jürgen Samtleben