



CURRENT RESEARCH TOPICS IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

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“New challenges to the Territoriality of EU Law”

Wednesday, 13 January 2021, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

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About the speaker:

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He authored the AG opinions for the two landmark cases [Google v CNIL](#) (C-507/17) and [Glawischnig-Piesczek v Facebook Ireland Limited](#) (C-18/18).

About the topic:

The Emergence of the Internet has substantially altered the concept of territoriality, completely blurring the distinction between territoriality and extraterritoriality. Obviously, this phenomenon has a potential impact on both jurisdiction rules and conflict of laws rules. As regards EU law in particular, this newly emerged conundrum becomes even more problematic. Here, the concept of territoriality overlaps with the difficulties, intrinsic to EU law, stemming from the division of competences between the Union and its Member States. The decisions of the Court of Justice in [Google](#) (Territorial scope of de-referencing) and in [Glawischnig-Piesczek](#) are first illustrations of this phenomenon and the challenges that come along.

About the virtual workshop series:

The virtual workshop series "Current Research Topics in Private International Law" is organised by Prof. Dr. Ralf Michaels and Christine Toman. The series features guest speakers and Institute staff members 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).