

Institute for Private International Law



TOPICS

Persons and families beyond borders

- Crossing borders: proving your personal status. Interactions between private international law and human rights law
- Interactions between private international law and migration / refugee law
- Transnational child protection

Legal and cultural diversity

- CUREDII - Cultural and Religious Diversity under State Law across Europe
- Foreign law before national courts and administrations

Cross-border enforcement of foreign judgments

- Transnational business and human rights litigation
- Enforcement of punitive damages

MISSION

The **Institute for Private International Law** aims at contributing to the core mission of private international law: cross-border continuity and harmony in private legal relationships.

The Institute has a long tradition of conducting both fundamental and policy-oriented research, with a specific expertise in empirical research.

At Ghent University, the Institute closely cooperates with the Human Rights Centre, the Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR) and the Institute for Procedural Law.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

- **Case law database:** The Institute for Private International Law provides a bilingual database on Belgian case law in the field of private international law. In addition to responding to scientific purposes, the database is often consulted by lawyers, judges, civil servants and other practitioners.
- **Societally relevant research and engagement with stakeholders:**
 - Research for the European Parliament (2017): 'Private International Law in a Context of Increasing International Mobility: Challenges and Potential' and 'Children on the Move: A Private International Law Perspective'
 - Book 'The private side of transforming our world: UN Sustainable Development Goals and the role of private international law' (2021)
 - National awareness raising seminars and transnational roundtables with stakeholders in the field of international family law and migration law (FAMIMOVE, co-funded by the European Commission, 2023-2024)
- **Practice-oriented teaching:** International Pax Moot Court, Street Law, university-wide course Migration and Society
- **Practice-oriented postacademic courses** (with CESSMIR): children in a migration context

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