



Cross-Border Assignment in Private International Law - Nordic Perspectives

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SPEAKERS



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PROGRAMME

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Petr Bříza, Joanna Lam

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Cross-Border Assignment - the Norwegian
Approach
Giuditta Cordero-Moss

17.05-17.30

Q&A



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The seminar focuses on the third-party effects of assignments of claims in the context of the conflict-of-laws standards. In particular, the long-debated European Commission's proposal for a regulation, laying down conflict-of-laws rules on this matter, will be considered.

This proposal sought to fill gaps left by the Rome I Regulation, which addresses contractual aspects of assignments, but does not cover all aspects of third-party rights. The proposal has encountered significant difficulties, reaching an impasse as the EU Council and the European Parliament have struggled to find a consensus on its key elements. The Commission eventually withdrew the proposal in early October 2025. The proposal's key features (as accepted by the Council) will be examined, along with the core reasons behind the stalled negotiations. In the absence of an EU-wide legislation, national solutions have become crucial.

The seminar will explore how the issue of cross-border assignment is currently handled in several Nordic countries, including Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Norway in a broader, European context. The seminar will also address the issue of lessons learned from the obstacles in the process of proposal's negotiations and from the various Nordic approaches. Finally, it will consider whether a streamlined, practical solution for the EU may still be achievable.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Giuditta Cordero-Moss

Dr. juris (Oslo), PhD (Moscow), Professor at Oslo University. She publishes and lectures in Norway and internationally on contract law, private international law and arbitration. She is a former corporate lawyer, arbitrator in international disputes since 2002, and she cooperates with UNIDROIT in various projects. She is a delegate for Norway, UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration (since 2007); Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law (since 2019); President of the International Academy of Comparative Law (since 2022); Member of the ICC Court of Arbitration (2018-2024); President (2017-20) and Judge (2007-2020) of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Administrative Tribunal.

Petr Bříza

Partner at the Czech law firm Briza and Trubac and an Assistant Professor (senior lecturer) at the Charles University Faculty of Law (Commercial Law Department). He specialises in international business law, cross-border litigation/arbitration and EU law. Petr also regularly lectures and publishes thereon, both in the Czech Republic and abroad. He has served as an arbitrator in more than 70 cases and, as an attorney, he has represented his clients before various prestigious arbitration institutions (ICC, LCIA, ICSID, PCA, DIS, etc.). Petr is a member of the Commission for European Law of the Czech Government Legislative Council and the Czech Bar Association's advisory sections for arbitration, EU law and international law. Since 2020 he is a member of the board of the Arbitration Court Attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic. He is a graduate from the Charles University Faculty of Law and the NYU School of Law. Petr is currently writing his habilitation thesis on cross-border assignment of claims.



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Joanna Lam

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