

Preface

The Interdisciplinary Association of Comparative and Private International Law (IACPIL) was founded in 2009 with the purpose of discussing in depth the areas of Comparative Law (private and public law) and Private International Law (focusing on conflict of laws, international civil procedural law and interactions with community and public international law). In addition, IACPIL aims to provide the opportunity to critically examine relevant issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The present second volume of IACPIL's »Interdisciplinary Studies of Comparative and Private International Law (Vol. 2)«/»Interdisziplinäre Studien zur Komparatistik und zum Kollisionsrecht (Band 2)« combines all lectures held between October 2010 and May 2011.

All of these events enjoyed considerable interest, which is also reflected in the growing number of memberships: From mid 2010 until mid 2011, IACPIL expanded by 20%.

I sincerely thank all lecturers and authors for their cooperation. Some contributions were published in the form of lectures, others as articles, either in English or in German.

The events took place in cooperation with the University of Vienna (Department for European Law, International Law and Comparative Law, Team Prof. Bea Verschraegen) and alternately, with the Institute of Civil Law (Prof. Martin Schauer), the Vienna Association of Legal History, the Institute of Company and Business Law (Prof. Josef Aicher) or the International Arbitral Centre of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. I would like to thank them very much for their cooperation.

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