

Call for papers: Bridging Jurisdictions: Rethinking Commercial Conflicts of Laws 10 Years After Brexit

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On **14 May 2026**, the roundtable **Bridging Jurisdictions: Rethinking Commercial Conflicts of Laws 10 Years After Brexit** will take place at the **University of Birmingham**, in the UK. This roundtable will focus on highlighting cooperation opportunities in commercial conflicts of laws between the United Kingdom and the EU in light of current developments including jurisdictional competition, digitisation, sustainability, and international sanctions. The roundtable will feature policymakers and internationally renowned scholars.

We invite submissions of draft articles from researchers and academics, especially at their early stages of their careers, on private international law in the aftermath of Brexit. The applications should be in English. Kindly email your application to Dr E. Pannebakker (e.s.pannebakker@law.leidenuniv.nl) and Dr G. Antonopoulou (g.antonopoulou@bham.ac.uk). The submissions should include:

- an abstract (max. 200 words);
- a draft or a detailed outline of the contribution (max. 5,000 words);
- a bio/curriculum vitae of the author (max. 2 pages long).

The **deadline** for submission is **1 February 2026**. The selected participants will be notified by the end of February 2026.

During the roundtable, the selected participants will give an in-person presentation of their articles and then receive feedback. **Accepted papers will be considered for publication in an edited special journal issue in an international law review. The roundtable will cover reasonable costs of travel, accommodation, and meals for the selected participants.**

Possible topics include:

- Jurisdictional competition including arbitration and international commercial courts;
- PIL in the United Kingdom post-Brexit;
- The impact of digitisation on private international law (applicable law and/or jurisdiction);
- Sustainability and private international law;

- The impact of trade sanctions on private international law.

We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups. Special consideration will be given to female participants vested with childcare and/or other domestic responsibilities.

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We are looking forward to receiving your application!



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