



## Course Outline

Course number	RMT138					
Course title	European Private International Law					
Credit points	3					
Total hours	75					
Contact hours	24					
Independent studies	51					
Course level	Masters					
Prerequisites	None					
Category	Mandatory	X	Restricted elective		Free elective	

### COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Aleksandrs Fillers, Ph.D.	Ph.D.	Associate Professor

### COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Aleksandrs Fillers, Ph.D.	Ph.D.	Associate Professor

### COURSE ABSTRACT

European Private International Law (PIL) primarily deals with the following three main questions:

- (i) international jurisdiction - which court has jurisdiction over a cross-border dispute?
- (ii) applicable law - which law applies in a cross-border dispute?
- (iii) recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments - whether a foreign judgment can be recognized and enforced in another country?

As world has become globalized, the relevance of PIL has significantly grown. Numerous contracts and delicts have a cross-border dimension. The parties involved in a contract should be able to know in advance where they could litigate in case of a dispute and which law would apply to their contract. A person involved in a tort and its victim also need to which court is competent to determine whether the tort existed to begin with and what could be its consequences. And if the victim wins, where can he/she enforce his/her judgment? Answers to these questions are provided in PIL. In fact, EU law brings an important advantage – PIL rules are to a large extent unified within the EU. The course will profit from this fact and focus on EU PIL rules.

## **ORGANISATION**

The European PIL course consists of both lectures and seminars. The theory of PIL is mainly presented in the lectures. In seminars students will be required to present CJEU landmark cases in the field of private international law and solve hypothetical case studies.

For each of the three main areas (Brussels I bis, Rome I and Rome II) a list of cases will be circulated among students at the beginning of the course. Each student is required to sign up and present one case during the course. More information regarding presentations will be given at the beginning of the course.

During seminars, students will also be required to present their findings of a hypothetical case-study uploaded on the RGSL Portal prior the respective seminar. By applying knowledge gained during lectures and presentations, students are required to solve the hypothetical case study and present their findings at the seminar.

## **GRADING CRITERIA**

<i><b>Criteria</b></i>	<i><b>Weighting</b></i>
Exam	70%
Presentations	30%

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The PIL course will be concluded by a written examination. Students will be allowed to use selected legal instruments during their exam.

The final exam will constitute 70% of the final grade for the course. Presentations during classes will constitute the remaining 30% of the final grade.