

# Institute for Private International Law



## 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.

It is embedded in the Department of Interdisciplinary Study of Law, Private Law and Business Law. At Ghent University, the Institute closely cooperates with the Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR) and the Human Rights Centre.

## TOPICS

### Persons and families beyond borders

- Crossing borders: proving your personal status. Interactions between private international law and human rights law
- Refugees in identity crisis. Interactions between private international law and migration/refugee law
- Rights of unaccompanied migrant children and young people

### Legal and cultural diversity

- **CURED**I - Cultural and Religious Diversity under State Law across Europe
- Application of foreign law before national courts and administrations. The treatment of diversity in family law.

### Private International Law and the SDGs

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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 'Rights of unaccompanied foreign minors in Belgium' (2019), purchased by the Guardianship Service of the Ministry of Justice to distribute among the guardians of unaccompanied minors in Belgium (350 volumes)
  - Book 'The private side of transforming our world: UN Sustainable Development Goals and the role of private international law' (2021)
- **Practice-oriented teaching:** International Pax Moot Court, Street Law, university-wide course Migration and Society

