

**Introduction to International and European Civil Procedure – Fall 2026****Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Helmut Rüssmann:**

Cross Border Contracts and Cross Border Dispute Resolution

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Thomas Rauscher:

Introduction to European Civil Procedure – Brussels Ia Regulation

Prof. Dr. István Varga:

International Commercial Arbitration on Both Sides of the Atlantic

Title	1 st Block: Cross Border Contracts and Cross Border Dispute Resolution 2 nd Block: Introduction to European Civil Procedure – Brussels Ia Regulation 3 ^d Block: Int'nat Commercial Arbitration on Both Sides of the Atlantic
Neptun-Code	J4:xV(ae):V06
Admittance	Graduate, Postgraduate and Erasmus
Credits	4
Responsible Prof	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. István Varga
Exam	An online open book written exam will take place on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at 4 pm.
Date and Venue	October 5-9 & November 16-20, 2026, each day 4-7 pm, venue as announced on Neptun.
Topics/Contents 1 st Block (Prof. Rüssmann – Prof. Varga)	Introduction to basic concepts, sources and current problems of the regulation and planning of cross-border transactions and ensuing legal disputes. Introduction to the central issues of the resolution of cross-border legal disputes, especially to the regimes of international jurisdiction, judicial assistance, commercial arbitration and recognition and enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards.
2 nd Block (Prof. Rauscher)	Deepening the knowledge acquired in the 1 st Block by means of a thorough analysis of the jurisdictional regime in cross-border civil and commercial legal disputes as regulated in European Union law (the Brussels-Ia Regulation) and as interpreted in the case law of the European Court of Justice.
3 rd Block (Prof. Varga)	Scientific foundations and practical use of comparative civil procedure with the aim of handling practical problems of international arbitration. Each topic will be dealt with partly on the basis of current problems raised in ongoing or closed cases of the lecturer as practicing counsel and arbitrator. Topics include: 1. The motivation of choice of forum agreements; 2. Transaction planning vs forum shopping; 3. Contractualization of civil justice – The arbitration agreement; 4. The sources of the law of commercial arbitration; 5. The arbitral principle of territoriality; 6. Subjective and objective arbitrability; 7. Initiation of action and its effects before state courts and in arbitral proceedings; 8. Taking of evidence in arbitration; 9. Interaction between state courts and arbitral tribunals during the pendency of arbitration; 10. The arbitral awards' fate – Remedies, setting aside; 11. Domestic, regional (EU-wide) and worldwide recognition and enforceability of awards; 12. The competition between state and private civil justice and its perspectives in the light of recent commercial and investment arbitration-related developments.
Course Materials	Presentations, videos and reading uploaded to the course's Teams platform
Further Reading	<i>Hartley</i> , International Commercial Litigation, 3d ed. 2020; <i>Rauscher</i> , Internationales Privatrecht – Mit internationalem Verfahrensrecht, 5., neu bearbeitete Auflage 2017; <i>Varga</i> , Beweiserhebung in transatlantischen Schiedsverfahren, 2006.