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Where: Stockholm Centre for Commercial Law (SCCL), Universitetsvägen 10 C, Library Building, 6th floor, large conference room and Zoom (a link will be sent to registered participants).

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Please register by 14 June 2026.

Private international law (PIL) has long cultivated a self-image of disciplined modesty. It presents itself as technique: a set of coordinating rules identifying jurisdiction, applicable law, and the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, while remaining ostensibly indifferent to the substantive merits of competing legal orders. This self-understanding has always been partly accurate and partly aspirational. The classical ambition of PIL is not to eliminate difference but to manage it by facilitating cross-border commerce and family relations without imposing uniformity. Yet the environment in which PIL operates has changed. Migration, global supply chains, strategic litigation, digitalisation, climate-related harms, regulatory competition, and renewed geopolitical antagonisms increasingly challenge PIL's traditional role, and call for a renewed assessment of its functions in a globalised and polarised world.

It is our belief that the perspectives presented in this volume of Scandinavian Studies of Law can ignite and inform discussions on the role that PIL should play in the future.

At the book release seminar, some of the contributors will briefly present their most important conclusions (see the attached programme).

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Programme

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14:20	Reconceptualizing Contract and the Politics of Private International Law in a World of Global Value Chains	Jaakko Salminen, Senior Lecturer with Title of Docent in Civil Law, Uppsala University Faculty of Law, Sweden
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15:35	The Principle of Non-Cumulation in EU Private International Law	Henrik Saugmandsgaard Øe, Partner at Gorrissen Federspiel, Copenhagen, Denmark and former Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union
15:55	Politicization of Private International Law – Some Reflections on Public Policy and Reciprocity	Yuliya Chernykh, Professor, University of Inland Norway and Marie Nesvik, Partner, PhD, Wikborg Rein, Oslo, Norway
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