

## Bio

**Prof. Matthias Lehmann** completed his legal education in Germany, France, and New York; and currently holds the Chair of Comparative Law at the Institute for European Law, International Law and Comparative Law at the University of Vienna (September 2020 - ongoing). His research interests centre around financial law and regulation, business transactions, and comparative law (including comparative private international law), with a particular focus on the international/transnational dimensions in these areas. Prof. Lehmann also has a keen interest in cutting-edge legal issues, such as those arising in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as in crypto-assets and decentralized ledger technologies. He was granted a Feodor Lynen Fellowship in 2005 by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, through which he pursued research at Columbia University, New York. Having studied Anglo-American law and language during his early legal studies in Germany, Prof. Lehmann also maintains an interest in common law legal systems.

Prof. Lehmann previously was the Director of the Institute for Private International Law and Comparative Law at the Friedrich Wilhelms University Bonn, Germany, and held the Chair of Civil Law, Commercial and Economic Law and European Law at the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. Other academic positions in Germany include former posts at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, the University of Dresden, and the University of Bayreuth. He has been an annual guest lecturer at the Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain since 2010; at the Université Fribourg, Switzerland since 2010; and at the Université Sorbonne, France, since 2020. Other recent teaching engagements include “Comparative Private International Law” at the Academy of International Law at The Hague, the Netherlands.

Besides his academic career, Prof. Lehmann is also a member of various associations in the legal and academic fields. He is a board member of the German-American Lawyer’s Association (DAJV) as well as the Association Henri Capitant, Amis de la culture juridique française (German section). He is also on the advisory panel of the “Forum Kapitalmarktinstrumente – Kapitalmarktfinanzierung e.V.” (Forum on Financial Instruments – Financing on Capital Markets). Prof. Lehmann is also a co-editor of the „Zeitschrift für das Privatrecht der Europäischen Union – GPR“ (European Union Private Law Review) and the “Zeitschrift für das gesamte Genossenschaftsrecht – ZfgG” (Journal for Cooperatives).

Prof. Lehmann is currently engaged in the following projects:

### 1. European Business Code

The project aims at the codification of EU business law and includes two books on banking and financial law. Currently 60 professors from different Member States are working on more structured, intelligible and accessible EU rules. In addition to a complete redraft of the acquis, proposals for new rules such as a euro mortgage or a euro derivative contract will be made.

### 2. Blockchain

In 2022, Prof. Lehmann will act, alongside, Prof. Tetsuo Morishita, as general rapporteur on the blockchain at the Annual Conference of the International Academy of Comparative Law. In 2023, he will give a week-long lecture at the Hague Academy of International Law on international aspects of the crypto economy. The blockchain and the law applicable to it will thus form a major part of his research in the next years.

### 3. Assignment of Receivables

The EU is currently finalising a Regulation on the law applicable to third-party effects of assignment. This Regulation will complement the existing conflicts rule in Art. 14 Rome I. Together with Prof. Francisco Garcimartín and Francesca Villata, Prof. Lehmann will edit a commentary on the forthcoming Regulation.