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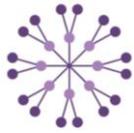
4th Workshop  
of the  
**International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law**  
on  
**„Current Topics in Procedural Law“**  
Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main  
October 4 and 5, 2018

**Description:**

Recent years have brought a vivid debate on issues of procedural law. One of the main themes of this debate is the establishment of structures that warrant an effective law enforcement and, at the same time, uphold traditional procedural safeguards and guarantees. The debate becomes even more complicated against the background of an increasing legal complexity (e.g., with respect to mass procedures) and fundamental changes of society (e.g., with regard to the soaring digitalization). Beyond that, an increasing internationalization of legal disputes, for example in the European Union, adds to the difficulty of finding adequate procedural solutions. The workshop shall give PhD students working in the field of procedural law the opportunity to present their research in an international environment and to discuss it with colleagues and professors from the partner network (Universities of Lodz, Paris-Nanterre, Vilnius, and Frankfurt). The ambit of the workshop is framed broadly and encompasses all procedural research projects in the fields of private law, public law, and criminal law.

**Possible Topics** (not exclusive):

- Relation between dispute resolution and other procedural goals
- Privatization of dispute resolution: risks and chances
- Relation between substantive law and procedural law and its impact on procedures
- Issues of complex procedures (mass claims in private law, complex procedures in public and criminal law)
- Digitalization of legal procedures
- Specific issues of cross-border procedures in a European and international framework
- Procedural law and constitutional law
- Procedures in specific areas of law (e.g., antitrust law, environmental law, economic crimes)



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**Important Dates:**

By August 1, 2018: Completion of the internal selection process at partner universities and communication of selected PhD students with topics and of participating professors to Frankfurt hosts

By September 15, 2018: Submission of abstracts to Frankfurt hosts (appr. two pages)

By October 1, 2018: Submission of presentation materials to Frankfurt hosts (ppt-files, etc.)