



We are delighted to present to you today

**Prof. Nadia de Araujo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

**Recovery of Maintenance in the EU and Worldwide  
- The Latin-American Perspective -**



Professor Nadia de Araujo is a member of the Law Faculty at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro ("Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro") since 1985. She works in the field of Private International Law, holds a Masters in Comparative Law ("M.C.L.") from George Washington University, 1984, and a doctorate of juridical science ("scientiae iuridicae doctor" or "S.J.D.") in International Law from the University of São Paulo Law School ("Universidade do Estado de São Paulo") in 1996. Among other participations in the international arena, Prof Nadia de Araujo was a lecturer at the Hague Academy of International Law, in the Summer Course of 2010, with the topic "Party Autonomy and International Contracts". She is currently a member of the Working Group of the Ministry of Justice that is preparing the text of the CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY OF CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER FORMS OF FAMILY MAINTENANCE and its PROTOCOL ON THE APPLICABLE LAW FOR MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS, with its reservations and declarations, to be sent to the Brazilian Congress for approval.

**Professor Nadia de Araujo will present her work which focusses on three main topics:**

#### **Situation on child support on the Mercosul's countries**

It is important to note that there is an Inter-American Convention on child support with rules on applicable law that is enacted by the OAS and has currently entered into force in the region. However, there is no available data in case law.

Mercosul's countries except Paraguay are parties to the New York Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, from 1956, and have participated in the The Hague Conference negotiations of the New 2007 Convention.

**Brazilian situation related to international cases of child support**

Extensive research on cases from abroad which were up for recognition and enforcement in the Superior Court of Justice will be analyzed and reported. Main consideration will be given to cases coming from the Mercosul's countries. Also, the position of the Brazilian Government on the issue of reservations and declarations allowed in the convention will be studied. Currently there is a working group to prepare the Convention to go to Congress for approval. The group is concerned with the difficulties in Brazilian legislation with regard to reservations and declarations.

**Party autonomy in the Convention and in the Protocol**

The Convention allows for parties to choose the forum, in article 20, e, and to celebrate private agreements. Also, the Protocol allows party autonomy in articles 7 and 8.

**We are very much looking forward to her presentation!**

**You are invited to share it together with us!**