

ID NETWORKS (INTERNATIONALIZATION OF LAW)

I – Objective: a permanent observation body on the internationalization of law

The internationalization of law is a phenomenon linked both to the universalism of values proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the globalisation of trade promoted by the establishment of the WTO. This phenomenon, which entails deep modifications not only in international law but also in the very conception of internal legal systems, must be studied as such, both from a theoretical viewpoint (monist, dualist or pluralist concepts of interaction between the national, regional and global levels) and a practical perspective (contribution to the reform of existing institutions and the establishment of new supranational institutions, such as the International Criminal Court).

In order to nourish reflection on practices in the internationalization of law throughout the world, three countries have been chosen: Brazil, the United States and China. This choice follows up on American, Brazilian and Chinese joint research and translations of numerous works published in France. The choice is also justified by the diversity of internationalization models illustrated by these three countries when compared with the European model of internationalization followed in France.

A first, Franco-American network was created following the conference given at the *Collège de France* (in June 2005) by Stephen Breyer, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice.

A Franco-Brazilian network is currently being set up, in line with existing scientific collaboration with Brazil and subsequent to contacts established in August 2005 by Mireille Delmas-Marty in Brazil with Francisco Rezek (then judge at the International Court of Justice).

Finally, in line with Franco-Chinese research conducted over the last 15 years with the People's University in Beijing and Fudan University in Shanghai, a Franco-Chinese network has also been established.

II – Description: the establishment of a network of ten personalities for each country

Annual meetings are planned, alternately in each of the countries concerned, although videoconferences are also being envisaged.

The objective is to pilot both theoretical and practical studies of the principle processes related to the internationalization of law and the necessary key concepts.

The preparation of meetings (or videoconferences), their organisation, follow-up and strategic distribution of the reflection and prospective recommendations made by the ID Networks are under the direction of Professor Delmas-Marty, assisted by Julien Cantegreil (coordinator of the Franco-American network), Kathia Martin-Chenut (coordinator of the Franco-Brazilian network) and David Lemétayer (coordinator of the Franco-Chinese network).