

ID NETWORKS (INTERNATIONALIZATION OF LAW)
FRANCO-BRAZILIAN NETWORK

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Brief presentation:

The objective of the ID Networks is to promote and valorise research on the internationalization of law from both a theoretical and practical perspective. From the theoretical point of view, the aim is to analyze interactions between different levels (national, regional and global) and understand their meaning for the construction of a global legal order that may be seen as *international* or *supranational*, unilateral or multilateral, hegemonic or pluralist. From the practical point of view, such research could contribute to the reform of existing organisations (such as the UN or the WTO), the establishment of new organisations (such as the World Environment Organization) and review of the operations of recently established organisations (such as the International Criminal Court).

Within the framework of a wider project aiming to reflect on the practice of internationalization of law throughout the world, the Franco-Brazilian network will concentrate on comparison of the French system (as representative of Europe) and the Brazilian system (as representative of Latin America) of internationalization of law and their contribution to the improvement of international (global and regional) and national institutions.

The interest of this comparison lies in the position of the two countries in the global system and their insertion into a well-founded process of regionalisation of law both in economic matters and concerning human rights. The capital role played by Brazil (fifth largest country in the world per head of population) as an emergent power in Latin America must not be overlooked. This country aspires to become a "leader" on the continent, capable of contributing to the equilibrium of the region. It also intends to be recognized as a spokesperson for poor or emergent countries and to impact World businesses.

The Franco-Brazilian ID Network will allow relations between high level personalities from the two countries, who are the real actors of the internationalization of law and, thus, capable of conducting reflection on normative interactions in national (French and Brazilian), regional (European and Inter-American) and global spaces (International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, World Trade Organization).

This network should help to show legal professionals the difficulties and benefits of introducing a pluralist common law. Publications resulting from working groups, and the organization of public events in order to share the results of the network's debates, will lead to heightened comprehension of *operadores do direito* (operators of the law) concerning the interaction of national and international legal orders.

For more information in French, see:

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