

School of Law and Justice
Academic Research Seminar presented by
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Institutional writings in private international law jurisprudence: ‘a haven of certainty in a sea of doubt or controversy’?



This seminar draws on judicial citation practices to frame the influence of scholarship in common law private international law jurisprudence, focusing on the contributions of three 19th-century scholars: Joseph Story, John Westlake, and A V Dicey. By analysing judicial citations from courts in England, Scotland and Ireland, this seminar seeks to explain the significant scholarly contributions of Story, Westlake and Dicey on the shape of modern private international law doctrine. Reviewing judicial citation practices in the identified courts reinforces the longstanding suspicion that special weight has been given to scholarship in private international law jurisprudence. It is argued that institutional writings, particularly those of Dicey, have assumed a *de facto* authority, particularly so in English courts.

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Date and Time:	Wednesday 26 June 2024, 12:30pm to 1:30pm (AEST)
Location:	UniSQ Toowoomba Campus (Q402), Ipswich Campus (T108) and Online via Zoom
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