



### THE INTERACTION BETWEEN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW - A SPANISH PERSPECTIVE

Administrative authorities face important challenges when they are called on to apply Private International Law rules in the current migratory context, in particular, problems related to missing and absent authentic documents, fraudulent documents, the application of foreign law or the recognition of child marriages, polygamy or institutions unknown in the West, such as the Islamic *kafala*. At the same time, national authorities may sometimes use Private International Law as an instrument to prevent non-European migrants from claiming residence, social security and nationality. This work analyzes relevant literature and practice to identify areas of interplay between Private International Law and Migration Law and assess possible solutions. Special focus is placed on Spain, a country with a considerable influx of migrants, to add yet another piece in the jigsaw that should provide a comprehensive picture of the current situation in the European Union.