Innovations in insolvency procedural law

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His research project in Luxembourg concerns the complex interaction between (near to) insolvent commercial debtors, appointed insolvency practitioners and advisors concerned and courts in national or cross-border rescues and insolvencies. Part of his research will be used for the European Law Institute’s project to draft a Legislative Guide for Business rescue in insolvency in Europe. His research can be followed via posts on his blog, see www.bobwessels.nl.