

International Society of Family Law — 19th World Conference
Draft Program (Subject to Change)

Wednesday 9 September 2026

08.00–09.00 Registration & Coffee
Registration desk open throughout conference

09.00–10.30
Opening Session

Thursday 10 September 2026

08.30–09.00 Coffee
Registration desk open throughout conference

09.00–10.30 SESSION 1

Room 1 **Medical Decision-Making in Minor Patients**
(Moderator: TBA)

Panel speaker / organizer:
Marie Goemaere, KU Leuven, Institute for Family Law and Juvenile Law
Panel participants:
Prof. Dr. Ingrid Boone, KU Leuven, Faculty of Law
Marie Goemaere, PhD Candidate, KU Leuven, Faculty of Law
Charelyty Gallant, M.D., PhD Candidate, KU Leuven, Faculty of Medicine
Hanne Vermeulen, PhD Candidate, KU Leuven, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Room 2 **Decision-Making by Minors in Europe: Their Vulnerability and Autonomy**
(Moderator: TBA)

Panel speaker / organizer:
Prof. Dr. Nina Dethloff, University of Bonn, Law Faculty
Panel participants:
Prof. Dr. Nina Dethloff, University of Bonn
Prof. Dr. Katharina Kaesling, Technical University of Dresden
Prof. John Asland, University of Oslo
Prof. Wendy Schrama / Prof. Dr. Merel Jonker, Utrecht University
Prof. Paula Távora Vitor, University of Coimbra

Room 3 **Courts, Divorce Procedure and Protection in Family Justice**
(Moderator: TBA)

The Evolving Role of the Judge in Divorce by Mutual Consent: From the French Family Tribunals of the 1790s to Contemporary Reforms and Proposals for Extrajudicial Divorce in Belgium and Selected European Jurisdictions — Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Alofs, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Maxim Hermans, Free University of Brussels
Women Divorce in Parallel Justice System Among West African Muslims in Germany — Dr Fulera Issaka-Toure, University of Ghana, Legon
Reassessing Vulnerability in Czech Family Law: Children and Adults at Risk of Domestic Violence — Prof. Dr. Zdeňka Králičková, Masaryk University
The Right to Marry of Vulnerable People in Poland — Prof. Piotr Fiedorczyk, University of Białystok

Room 4 **Domestic Violence, Child Abduction and Cross-Border Protection**
(Moderator: TBA)

Pitching against Power or Desperate Measures? Parental Refusal to Accompany Children Ordered to Return under the 1980 Child Abduction Convention — Ms Allison Wolfreys, The Open University, UK
Domestic Violence and the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of Child Abduction: The End of Grave Risk of Harm? — Ms. Molshree "Molly" Sharma, The Law Offices of Arnoux Sharma Standford
Rethinking Child Return Mechanisms: Structural Vulnerability and Maternal Protection under Brussels II ter — Dr. Marta Bono, University of Palermo
The Role of Significant Changes in Circumstances in the Enforcement of Privilege Decisions under Brussels IIb — Prof. Dr. Anabela Gonçalves, School of Law, University of Minho

Room 5 **When Parents Move: Judicial Consent to Child Relocation, Cross-Border Mobility and Vulnerability in Brazil and Poland**
(Moderator: TBA)

Panel participants:
Agata Kietczyńska, Attorney-at-law, KOI Legal Studio, Poland

Janaína Albuquerque Azevedo Gomes, Attorney-at-law / Research Associate, Albuquerque Advocacia Internacional / NOVA Centre for the Study of Gender, Family, and the Law, Brazil / Portugal

Friday 11 September 2026

08.30–09.00 Coffee
Registration desk open throughout conference

09.00–10.30 SESSION 1

Plenary 3
Caring and the law - trends and developments in family law and connected social policy and other areas of law

Saturday 12 September 2026

08.30–09.00 Coffee
Registration desk open throughout conference

09.00–10.30 SESSION 1

Room 1 **Parental Responsibility, Co-Parenting and the Right to Educate**
(Moderator: TBA)

From Paternal Authority to Parental Responsibility — Dr. Albert Pielak, Warsaw University of Technology

Co-Parenting by Divorced Parents: Regulatory Baselines and Promotive Initiatives — Prof. Dr. Li Deng, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Contours of the Right to Educate — Mrs. Alejandra Retamal, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Reform of Japanese Family Law from the Perspective of Child Welfare — Prof. Dr. Mika Aotake, University of Osaka

Room 2 **Children's Voice, Participation and Privacy in Proceedings**
(Moderator: TBA)

Children's Privacy and Medical Data in a Comparative Perspective — Prof. Domitilla Vanni di San Vincenzo, University of Palermo

Judges, Experts and Vulnerability: An Analysis of Post-Care Contact Decisions in Norwegian Child Protection — PhD Candidate Inger Skeimo, University of Oslo

Support for Children during Contact and Custody Proceedings in the Low Countries — Prof. Dr. Machteld Vonk, Radboud University Nijmegen

Children's Vulnerability and Autonomy: Balancing Protection and Participation Rights in Decision-Making Processes — Kirsten Kolstad Kvalo, University of Oslo

Room 3 **Therapeutic Justice in the Syariah Court, Singapore**
(Moderator: TBA)

Panel speaker / organizer:
Mdm Wileeza A Gapar, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
Panel participants:
Therapeutic Justice through Islamic Legal Principles—Senior President Ustaz/Mr Irwan Hadi Bin Shuhaimy
Embedding Therapeutic Justice within the Processes of the Syariah Court of Singapore—Deputy Registrar Ms Wileeza A Gapar
Child-Centred Therapeutic Justice: Supporting Children's Voices and Welfare in Family Disputes—Principal Court Therapeutic Specialist Mdm Nur Izzah Amir
Singapore's Co-Mediation Model as a Practical Mechanism for Resolving Family Disputes while Safeguarding Vulnerable Parties
Senior Mediator Mr Izan Sidek

Room 4 **Structuring Vulnerability: State Legal Processes and Registration Systems and the Imposition of the Archetype Family**
(Moderator: TBA)

Panel speaker / organizer:
Prof. Maebh Harding, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin
Panel participants:
Maebh Harding, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin, Ireland
Julie McCandless, Kent Law School, University of Kent, UK
Elise Goossens, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium
Katrine Kjørheim Fredwall, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway
Katja Karjalainen, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland, Finland
Ilayda Tuana Öztuncel, Istanbul Okan University, Türkiye

Room 5 **International Child Protection, Hague Instruments and Cross-Border Vulnerability**
(Moderator: TBA)

Continuity of Protection at the Minority-to-Majority Transition: A French Law Perspective on Supporting Children with Mental Health Disorders — Dr. Maryline Bruggeman, UT Capitole; Lukas Rassmussen, Université Toulouse Capitole

Children as a Vulnerable Group in International Abduction Cases: Legal Frameworks and Protections — Milica Zlatkovic, International Hague Network of Judges

Plenary 1
Centennial of the Turkish Civil Code co-hosted by Swiss
Embassy

Room 2	<p>The Child's Right to Be Heard in Latin America: Lessons and Challenges from a Comparative Review (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Panel speaker / organizer: Prof. Carmen Dominguez, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</p> <p>Panel participants: Carolina Salinas, Professor of Family Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Aracely Ornelas, Director of Research, INSIGHT, Centro de Innovación en Legislación y Políticas Públicas de México Carolina Muñoz, Professor of Social Work, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Ursula Basset, Professor of Family Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina y UBA Carmen Dominguez, Professor of Family Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</p>
Room 3	<p>Surrogacy, Cross-Border Parenthood and Legal Recognition (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The 'Best Interests of the Child' in Regulating Surrogacy: Neutrality or Distraction? — Dr Dafni Lima, Durham Law School</p> <p>The Best Interests of the Child in Same-Sex Parent Families: A Critical Analysis of Italian Case Law on Heterologous Fertilization and Surrogacy Towards a Child's Right to Affective Continuity Independent of the Procreation Technique? — Giada Cascio, PhD Student, University of Palermo</p> <p>Regulatory Tensions in Greek Surrogacy: Vulnerability, Compensation, and Access from Law 3089/2002 to Law 5197/2025 — Assistant Prof. Dr. Virginia Peraki, Democritus University of Thrace Law School</p> <p>Vulnerability, Origin and Constitutional Adjudication: Parentage Proceedings and the Implications of Recent Croatian Case Law on Surrogacy — Prof. Dr Nataša Lucić, Faculty of Law Osijek</p> <p>The Spectrum of International Legal Responses to Surrogate Motherhood: Between Modern Slavery and Cross-Border Recognition Frameworks — Prof. Dr Ursula Cristina Basset, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Faculty of Law</p>
Room 4	<p>Property, Inheritance and Economic Vulnerability (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Towards a Constructive and Integrated Approach of Testamentary Inheritance Hunting — Mrs. Célien Leeten, University of Hasselt</p> <p>"What Goes Around Does Not Come Around" — The (In)Adequacy of Inheritance Law's Response to Vulnerability — Prof. Dr. Rute Pedro, University of Porto</p> <p>The Legal Position of the Disinherited Child: The Empty-Handed Black Sheep of Inheritance Law? — Dra Anne-Sophie Vandenbosch, Vrije Universiteit Brussel</p> <p>Shareholding of Minors and Legally Incapacitated Persons: An Evaluation in Terms of Family Law and Company Law — İctal Nihal Barac Evcil, Piri Reis University</p>
Room 5	<p>AI, Care, Disability and Digital Protection (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>From Healing to Disability: Ethical and Legal Issues of AI Devices Failures — Prof. Dr. Elena Falletti, Carlo Cattaneo University-LIUC</p> <p>Who Takes Cares? Teo (the Robot) Does! The Use of Technology in Elderly Care: Challenges and Opportunities for Italian Families — Prof. Sara Rigazio, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Palermo, Italy</p> <p>Risks of Unequal Distribution of Care: An Online Tool to Empower Vulnerable Caregivers — Maaike Huijzer, Utrecht University</p> <p>Digital Spaces, Gendered Harm: Digital Violence against Women in ECHR Case Law — Dr Gözde Atasayan, Piri Reis University, Faculty of Law</p>

Room 2	<p>Vulnerable Workers, Vulnerable Families: The Domestic Work Paradox — Ph.D. Rita Daila Costa, University of Palermo – Department of Political Sciences and International Relations</p> <p>Money Transfer, Stigmas, and Gendered Power Dynamics within Communities of Non-Autochthonous People at Risk of Vulnerability — Ms. Antonina Albanese, Università di Palermo, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Relazioni Internazionali</p> <p>Digital Childhood, Privacy and Online Protection (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>An Uphill Childhood: The Burden of Family Surveillance Algorithms — Prof. Dr. Elena Falletti, Università Carlo Cattaneo-LIUC</p> <p>Digital Vulnerability and Age Assurance: Rethinking the Protection of Minors Online — Ms. Roberta Romano, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa</p> <p>Supporting Children's Rights in the Digital World: The Role of the CRC — Ms. Kim Schuurman, Utrecht University</p> <p>The Right to the Child's Digital Identity between Self-Determination and Parental Responsibility: Legislative and Jurisprudential Profiles in the Italian Legal System — Prof. Dr. Pasquale Peluso, Guglielmo Marconi University</p>
Room 3	<p>Gender, Surnames, Identity and Legal Recognition (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The Evolution of Women's Surname in Turkish Civil Law: A Comparative Analysis of Individual Autonomy vs. Legislative Persistence (1926–2026) — Dr Nügen Pelin Dalğç Atabaş, Ankara University</p> <p>Seeing What Neutrality Hides: Feminist Methodologies, Gender Stereotypes, and Family Justice in Dutch Surname Law — Dr Lorena Sosa, Utrecht University; Agnija Bajare</p> <p>Non-Binary Parenthood: Rethinking Law's Families and Family Law — Dr Johndré Barnes, Stellenbosch University</p> <p>Two-Speed Europe and the Management of Queer Families' Vulnerability — Prof. Nausica Palazzo, NOVA School of Law, Lisbon; Prof. Frederik Swennen</p>
Room 4	<p>Domestic Violence Law Reform and Institutional Responses (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Closing the Gaps? A Critical Analysis of the Domestic Violence Amendment Act 14 of 2021 — Dr Razaana Denson, Faculty of Law, Nelson Mandela University</p> <p>Domestic Violence in Kazakhstan: Analysis of Saltanat's Law — Dr. Aigerim Mussabalina, KIMEP University, School of Law Galina Derevenchenko, LL.M</p> <p>Current Status of Anti-Domestic Violence Legislation and Judicial Practice in China — Prof. Dr. Qing Ye, School of Law and Criminal Justice, East China University of Political Science and Law</p> <p>From Victim Protection to Perpetrator Accountability — Khurshida Saydvalieva</p>
Room 5	<p>Children as Digital Consumers, Creators and Market Actors (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Minors, Digital Food Practices and Vulnerability: A Comparative Legal Perspective — Dr. Jacopo Fortuna; Nicoletta Patti, Scuola Universitaria Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa</p> <p>Family Vulnerability in Digital Contracting: Comparative Legal Insights — Dr. Germaine Hillerström, Karlstad University</p> <p>The Vulnerability of Kidfluencers and Reframing the Custodial Rights in the Digital Age — Asst. Prof. Kemal Atasoy, Kadir Has University</p> <p>"Followers Growth": A Comparative Analysis of Laws Regarding Children Involved in Influencer Content — Dr. Giulia Binato, University of Padova</p>

Plenary 4
Financial Remedies on Divorce and Domestic Abuse – Law and
Practice
[co-hosted by IAFL]

Room 6	Parental Responsibilities, Conflict and the Best Interests of the Child (Moderator: TBA)
	<p>Balancing Parental Rights and the Best Interests of the Child: Limits on Religious Upbringing — Associate Professor Tuğçem Seçer, Başkent University</p> <p>Family Law Responses to Vulnerability and the Role of Fathers in South Africa and Nigeria — Dr Tebello Matsela, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa</p> <p>From Parental Conflict to Psychological Violence: The Legal Status of Parental Alienation in Romania — Associate Prof. Lucia Irinescu, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University from Iasi, Romania</p> <p>Delays, Formalism, and the Erosion of Parental Rights: Positive Obligations of the State under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights in Child Custody and Contact Proceedings — Dr Luana Mazreku, University of Miskolc, Central European Academy</p>
Room 7	Gender, Care and Access to Justice in Adult Unions (Moderator: TBA)
	<p>Women's Experiences of Family Law and Family Justice Processes in Qatar: Findings of an Empirical Study — Dr Rajnaara Chowdhury Akhtar, University of Warwick, UK</p> <p>Family, Care Services and Caregiver Reward: The Italian Experience — Full Professor Virginia Zambrano, University of Salerno, Italy</p> <p>Economic Empowerment Through Family Law Reform: Insights from Women, Business and the Law 2026 — Dr Daniela Behr, World Bank, Development Economics</p> <p>Divorce, Dignity and Vulnerability: A Case for Family Justice in the Nigerian Matrimonial Causes Regime — Mrs. Chioma Onyenuchey-Uko, Zest Legal Consults</p>
Room 8	Family Dispute Resolution and Vulnerability: Mediation, Evidence and Child Representation
	<p>An Eastern Paradigm of Mediation: A Comparative Study of China's "Governance-Based Mediation" and Singapore's "Professional Mediation" — Prof. Dr. Qiaofang WU, International Law School at East China University of Political Science and Law</p> <p>Therapeutic Justice in Singapore: Re-Designing Family Law to Address Vulnerability — Mrs Gloria James-Civetta, University of Wolverhampton, UK</p> <p>Privacy, Patriarchy, and the Domestic Panopticon: A Feminist and Evidentiary Critique of Vibhor Garg v. Neha — Ms. Akshra Mehla, Assistant Professor, Manipal Law School, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India</p> <p>Vulnerability and Legal Representation in Family Justice: Who Guards the Child? — Prof. Rosamaria Tristano, University of Messina</p> <p>Intergenerational Dispute Resolution via Mediation: Plus Points and Prospects — Dr. Charlotte Bendall, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham, UK</p>

Room 6	Private International Law, Vulnerability and Legal Status Across Borders (Moderator: TBA)
	<p>Determining the Habitual Residence of Children and Vulnerable Adults: A Plea for a Context-Sensitive Approach — Dr Jan Peter Schmidt, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and Private International Law</p> <p>Continuity of Protection at the Minority-to-Majority Transition: A Private International Law Perspective on Supporting Children with Mental Health Disorders — Prof. Dr. Lukas Rass-Masson, University Toulouse Capitole</p> <p>Maryline Bruggeman, Université Toulouse Capitole</p> <p>Waiver of Succession on Behalf of a Minor in the EU Private International Law — Dr Anna Wysocka-Bar, Jagiellonian University, Faculty of Law and Administration, Center of Private International Law</p> <p>The New Civil Registry Certificates and the Status of Natural Persons — Prof. Dr. Karine Boselli, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de São Paulo</p>
Room 7	Posthumous Reproduction, Cryopreservation and Procreative Intent (Moderator: TBA)
	<p>Law as an Instrument for Protecting Vulnerable Individuals in the Use of a Deceased Person's Genetic Material for Procreative Purposes — Prof. Dr Katarzyna Bagan-Kurtula, University of Białystok, Faculty of Law</p> <p>Post-Mortem Reproduction, Private Autonomy and Vulnerability in Family Law: A Comparative Perspective on Italy and the UK — Dr Nicoletta Patti, Scuola Universitaria Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa</p> <p>Assisted Human Reproduction Techniques Involving Cryopreserved Gametes and Embryos and the Procreative Intent of Male Donors — Nicolas Amadiel Ibañez Meza, Universidad Autónoma de Chile</p> <p>The Right Not to Be a Father and the Revocation of Male Consent in the Italian Law on Medically Assisted Procreation — Dr Livio Corseili, University of Palermo</p>
Room 8	Economic Violence, Housing and Financial Vulnerability (Moderator: TBA)
	<p>Economic Abuse and Child Maintenance in South Africa: Failing Victims while Enabling Further Abuse? — Dr Carmel Jacobs, Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, South Africa</p> <p>The Financial Consequences of Divorce for Women: Are English Law and Swiss Law Compatible with the Istanbul Convention? — Mr Michael Saul, Université de Neuchâtel, Faculty of Law</p> <p>A Hot Topic of Debate in England & Wales: Should Coercive Control, Be Given Greater Weight When Determining the Financial Division of Assets upon Separation — Mrs Lucy Greenwood, The International Family Law Group LLP</p> <p>Right to Housing and Protection of Women and Children Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence — Hugues Fulchiron, Judge at the Cour de cassation, France; Professor of Law, Jean Moulin University, Lyon, France</p>

12.30–14.00 Farewell Lunch

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Room 1	<p>Digital Identification & Representation: A Comparative Approach to Legal Gaps in Protecting Older Adults (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Panel speaker / organizer: Prof. Katja Karjalainen, University of Lapland</p> <p>Panel participants: Katja Karjalainen, Professor of Law and Welfare, University of Lapland, Finland Elisabeth Atofs, Full Professor of Family Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Katrine Kjarheim Fredwall, Professor of Civil Law, University of Oslo Rieneke Stelma-Roord, Assistant Professor of Family Law and the Law of Persons, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</p>

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Lady Brenda Hale	
14.00–14.30 Coffee break	
14.30–16.00 SESSION 3	
Room 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Child Identity, Selfhood and Legal Recognition (Moderator: TBA)</p>

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Room 1	<p>Parental Separation, Shared Residence and Family Lawyers (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Whose Interests Truly Support a Shared Residence Decision? — Dr. Filipa Tavares Moreira, Royal Holloway University of London</p> <p>The Black Box of Lawyer Conduct Concerning the Interests of Children in Parental Separation: The Importance of Empirical Research into the Role and Role Perceptions of Dutch Divorce Lawyers — Miss Esther Podbevšek, Radboud University</p> <p>In the Child's Best Interests: Repeated Court Battles or a Single Decision-Maker? — Prof. Dr. Wendy Schrama, Utrecht University</p> <p>Schools as Sites of Contest (and Support?) for the Exercise of Parental Responsibility by Separated Parents — Dr. Leanne Smith, University of Exeter</p>

Room 2	<p>Multidisciplinary Research on Contemporary Issues in the Protection of Children (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Panel speaker / organizer: Prof. Kartica van der Zon, Leiden Law School</p> <p>Panel participants: Professor Mariëtte Bruning, Leiden Law School, Leiden University, The Netherlands Dr. Maria de Kruijff, Leiden Law School, Leiden University, The Netherlands Dr. Nina van Capelleveen, Leiden Law School, Leiden University, The Netherlands Professor Kartica van der Zon, Leiden Law School, Leiden University, The Netherlands</p>
Room 3	<p>Divorce, Financial Settlements and Privatized Family Justice (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>A Paradox of Principles: The Role of Law in the Financial Remedies Outsider Space — Professor Emma Hitchings, University of Bristol Law School</p> <p>Vulnerability and Power in Privatized Family Justice: Gendered Inequalities in Financial Settlements upon Divorce in England and Wales — Dr Donna Crowe-Urbaniak, Cardiff University</p> <p>Divorce Settlement Agreements, Vulnerability, and the Limits of Contract Law: A Turkish Perspective — Dr Özğün Çelebi, Koç University Law School</p> <p>Fairness, Vulnerability and the Limits of Arbitration in Family Disputes: Perspectives from England and Wales — Ms Rafaella Kaufman, University of Westminster</p>
Room 4	<p>Family Violence, Judicial Reasoning and Secondary Victimisation (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Secondary Victimisation through Language in Family Law Judgments on Gender-Based Violence: Insights from the JUSTEqual Project — Prof. Joëlle Long, Law Department, University of Torino, Italy</p> <p>Systematic Case-Law Analysis of the Impact of Family Violence on Dutch Court Decisions Concerning Custody, Contact and Child Protection Measures — Dr. Nadia Ismaili, Universiteit Utrecht</p> <p>Article 8 ECHR in Parent-Child Relationships: From Presumptions to Vulnerability-Sensitive Standards — Ms. Jitske Mink, Utrecht University; Lisa van Roermund</p> <p>Love, Honour and Obedy: The Enduring Grip of Coverture on Modern Family Law: Child Arrangements and Domestic Violence — Dr Ruth Tweedale, University of Westminster</p>
Room 5	<p>AI, Children and Digital Vulnerability (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Minors, AI Companions, and the Law: Emotional Dependence and Emerging Legal Risks — Prof. Dr. Elena Falletti, Università Carlo Cattaneo-LIUC</p> <p>Protecting Children Against Dark Patterns: A Comparative Analysis of Family Law and Privacy Law Approaches — Onur Doğan Yörük, Piri Reis University</p> <p>Educational Platforms as Invisible Educators: Family Vulnerability and AI Literacy — Veronica Punzo, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy</p> <p>Vulnerable Families: Pedagogical Perspectives in the Digital Era — Lorenzo Marrali, Università degli Studi di Palermo</p> <p>Sharenting: Challenges of Legal Treatment and a Possible Answer Due the Hungarian Regulations — Dr. jur. Edit Kriston, University of Miskolc</p>
Room 6	<p>FAMIMOVE – Families on the Move: The Coordination between International Family Law and Migration Law (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Dr Leontine Bruijnen, University of Antwerp</p>

Room 2	<p>Children and Young People: Identity, Selfhood and Family Law — Prof. Nicola Taylor, University of Otago, New Zealand; Prof Marilyn Freeman, University of Westminster, England</p> <p>Deprivation of Nationality Accompanying Changes in Family Status — Dr. Yue Fu, Ibaraki University, Japan</p> <p>Between Self-Determination and Vulnerability: Trans Minors as a Case Study for Power Dynamics within the Family — Dr. Susama Robbath, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law</p> <p>The Conditional Nature of Parental Primacy: Evidence from Unilateral Parental Veto in Children's Name Changes in Post-Divorce China — Juan Tao, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich</p>
Room 2	<p>Adult Protection, Legal Capacity and Supported Decision-Making (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Powers and Duties in Adult Protection: An FL-EUR Comparative Analysis under Article 12 CRPD — PhD Candidate Marie-Laure Luyck, University of Hasselt</p> <p>It Takes Two: The Legal Position of Persons with Dementia in a Relationship — Ms. Amber Jans, Hasselt University, Faculty of Law</p> <p>Lasting Power of Attorney as Vulnerable Adults' Protection — Prof. Dr. Apostolos Tassikas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</p> <p>On the Validity of Clauses Providing for the Continuation of Authority of Representation Following Loss of Capacity to Act — Prof. Dr. Kadir Berk Kapanci, MEF University, Istanbul</p>
Room 3	<p>Safety, Risk Assessment and Family Court Responses (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Restored Safety Following Family Violence: A Phenomenology of Mothers' Lived Experience Across the First Year of Family Court Involvement — Ms Kristel Krella, The Bouverie Centre, La Trobe University</p> <p>Enhanced Safety in the Face of Family Violence Risk: A Study of Multi-Systemic Contributors for Litigating Parents and Their Children — Ms. Jess Barnes, La Trobe University, The Bouverie Centre</p> <p>Early Warning Signs: Identifying Families at Ongoing Risk of Family Violence After Entry to Court — Dr Felicity Painter, The Bouverie Centre, La Trobe University</p> <p>What Creates Safety from Family Violence through and beyond Family Court Processes, and What Does it Cost? New Longitudinal Evidence — Prof. Jennifer McIntosh, La Trobe University</p>
Room 4	<p>Matrimonial Property, Maintenance and Economic Dependence (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Protection of the Economically Dependent Spouse in Swiss and Turkish Laws — Dr Yasin Alperen Karasahin, Koç University Law School</p> <p>Distribution of Matrimonial Property, Maintenance Obligations and Private Ordering as Remedies to Vulnerability — Fabiola Cannizzaro, University of Catania</p> <p>From Solidarity to Restitution: Reconfiguring Post-Divorce Remedies in Light of Care-Work Inequity within the Peruvian Model — Prof. Héctor Campos-García, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú</p> <p>Development of Cohabitation Regulations: Empirical and Statistical Arguments for Alternative Legislative Approaches — Prof. Katrine Fredwall, University of Oslo</p>
Room 5	<p>Cross-Border Parenting, Relocation and Child Abduction (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The Time Problem in Transnational Parenting After Forced Displacement: Urgency, Contact, and Cross-Border Cooperation in Refugee Family Disputes — Prof. Dr. Patricia Gorisch, UNISANTA – Faculty of Law and Brazilian Family Law Institute – IBDFAM</p> <p>The Child's Best Interest in Relocation Cases: An Empirical-Legal Study of Divorce-Related Relocation in the Netherlands — Miss Loran Kostense, VU Amsterdam</p> <p>How Courts Do or Don't Children: The Mature Child and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction — Ms. Molshtree "Molly" Sharma, Law Offices of Arnoux Sharma Standeford</p>

Room 2	<p>Custody, Conflict and Judicial Decision-Making (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Prioritizing Home as the Best Interest in Child Eviction — Prof. Allyson Gold, Wake Forest University School of Law</p> <p>Have Turkish Courts Really Started to Enforce Joint Custody Judgments? An Analysis of Legal Gaps — Associate Professor Cahit Ağaoğlu, Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University</p> <p>The Voice of the Unheard: Children's Right to Be Heard and the Court's Duty to Inform the Child in Family Law Proceedings — Mrs. Gala Bogosavljević, Judge, Basic Court of Niš, Serbia</p> <p>Less Law, More Vulnerability? The Judge's Role in Chronic Parental Conflict — Prof. Maria Zuniga Basset, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina</p>
Room 3	<p>Cohabitation, Customary Marriage and Family Recognition (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Regulating Customary Marriage and Divorce Law for Indigenous People in West Malaysia: Challenges and Prospect — Prof. Dr Najibah Mohd Zin, International Islamic University Malaysia</p> <p>Cohabitation and "Vulnerable" Women: Revisiting Feminist Arguments against Reform — Prof. Andy Hayward, Durham University</p> <p>Bridging Legal Pluralism: The Muslim Family Law Hub as a Model for Empowering Religious Minorities in Constitutional Democracies — Dr. Fatima Essop, University of the Western Cape</p> <p>From Family Name to Individual Identity: A Paradigm Shift in the Case Law of the Constitutional Court and the Rule of Law Problem — Dr Gözde Atasayan, Piri Reis University</p>
Room 4	<p>Gender-Based Violence, Vulnerability and Human Rights in Comparative Perspective (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Invisibility of Violence in Matrimony: A Feminist Critique of Sovereignty from South Asia Perspective — Ms. Srishti Rajpoot, South Asian University, Delhi</p> <p>Towards the Effective Regulation and Combating of Domestic Violence and Gender-Based Violence against Women and Children in South Africa — Prof. Howard Chitimira, North West University</p> <p>Revisiting the Practice of Ukutwhala in South Africa and the Role of the Family in Its Retention — Ms Ebrezia Johnson, Stellenbosch University, Faculty of Law, Republic of South Africa</p> <p>Family Law & Vulnerability of the Children Victim of Domestic Violence: Child Friendly Justice and Human Rights Approach — Sandra Inês Feitor</p>
Room 5	<p>Reproductive Autonomy, Vulnerability and State Regulation (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Surrogacy as a Response to Minor Motherhood? A Comparative and Human Rights Perspective on Vulnerability in Family Law — Dominika Kuna, SWPS University in Warsaw</p> <p>Honey, I Froze the Kids: Altruism, Assisted Reproduction, and Female Vulnerability — Professor Lynne Marie Kohm, Regent University School of Law</p> <p>Beyond Protection? Protected Childbirth System and Vulnerability in South Korea — Min Kyeong Jeon, Attorney at Law, Onyul, Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Reconciling Vulnerability and Time Bars: Japan's Grand Bench on Forced Sterilization under the Former Eugenic Protection Act — Prof. Takeshi Miyashita, Bunkyo University, Faculty of Human Sciences</p> <p>Fertility Support in the Era of the Three-Child Policy in China: Legal and Policy Perspectives — Dr Qingmin Guo, Faculty of Law, Southwest Petroleum University, China</p>
Room 6	<p>Family, Kinship and Historical Constructions of Vulnerability (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Rights to Private and Family Life of Vulnerable Minority Groups: Venturing into Mega-Politics at Strasbourg and in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights? — Professor Helen Fenwick, Durham University; Dr Daniel Fenwick, Northumbria University</p>

	<p>Dr Mayeta Celis Aguiar, Assistant Professor, Department Private Law, Maastricht University, the Netherlands</p> <p>Dr Orsolya Szeibert, Full Professor, Department of Civil Law, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary</p>
Room 7	<p>Ongoing Reforms and Developments of Private Law Instruments for Disabled Persons' Protection in Italy and the EU (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <p>Agnese Alamanni, University of Florence</p> <p>Leonardo Dani, University for Foreigns of Perugia</p> <p>Gregorio Pacini, University of Florence</p> <p>Marco Rizzuti, University of Florence</p> <p>Tommaso Sica, Link Campus University of Rome</p>
Room 8	<p>Recognition, Strategic Litigation and Comparative Family Reform (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The Ghost of the Soviet Spouse? The Post-Soviet Tug-of-War over Unauthorized Alienation of Marital Property — Professor Jewoo Lee, Kyonggi University</p> <p>Paving the Path to Recognition: Strategic Litigation Transforming the Status of Same-Sex Couples in South Korea — Prof. Dongjin Lee, Seoul National University</p> <p>Family, Parenthood, and the Vulnerable People – Polish Case — Mr Wiktor Walewski, University of Białystok</p>

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 SESSION 4	
Room 1	<p>Child Capacity, Legal Age and Evolving Autonomy (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The Support System and Its Potential Application to the Exercise of Legal Capacity by Minors: Lessons from the Spanish Reform — Mrs. Nuria Serra Zamora, Universitat Pompeu Fabra</p> <p>The Role and Limits of Legal Age in Family Law — Dr. Jiawei Sun, East China University of Political Science and Law</p> <p>The Raising of Minimum Age to Enter Marriage and the Representation of Children as Especially Vulnerable Human Beings or as Capable Actors in Shaping Their Own Lives — Assistant Professor Rosa Cândido-Martins, University of Coimbra</p> <p>The Legal Grammar of Childhood: Vulnerability, Evolving Autonomy and Parental Responsibility — Prof. Cinzia Valente, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia</p>
Room 2	<p>Private Autonomy, Agreements and Relational Vulnerability (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Contractual Vulnerability within the Contemporary Family: Private Autonomy and Relations of Dependence — PhD Candidate Alberto Jaci, University of Messina</p>

	<p>The Right to Family Unity of Unaccompanied Migrant Minors: A Comparative Perspective — Dr Jacopo Fortuna, Scuola Universitaria Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa</p>
Room 6	<p>Cross-Border Child Protection, Return and International Family Status (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Towards a Definition of International Return of Children: The Path to Protecting the Vulnerability of Minors — Prof. Camila Brugnoli, Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, Faculty of Law</p> <p>Immediate Return for the Best Interest of the Child?: A Critical Comparison of the Stance of Turkish Constitutional Court Against the European Court of Human Rights — Dr. Mettem Ece Oba, Koç University Faculty of Law</p> <p>The Recognition of Brazilian Socio-Affective Filiation in Portuguese Law — Mrs Luiza Franco, Faculty of Law at the University of Coimbra</p>
Room 7	<p>Genetic Origins, Donor Anonymity and Birth Registration (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Rethinking the Assumptions on Genetics and Biology Pertaining to the Child's Right to Know and Its Implications for Law — Dr Laureen Hu, Utrecht University; Lisette ten Haaf, Utrecht University</p> <p>What's the Purpose of Birth Registration? — Dr Nishat Hyder-Rahman, Vrije Universiteit Brussel</p> <p>Anonymity of Sperm Donation and the Maze of Fatherhood — Dr Zoltán Navratyl, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences</p> <p>Rethinking Anonymity in Gamete Donation Beyond the Child-Centred Narrative: Parental Vulnerability and Legal Uncertainty — Roberta Romano, Veronica Punzo, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies</p> <p>Reforming the Swiss Reproductive Medicine Act: Between Opportunity and Challenges for Diverse Families — Dr Marie-Hélène Peter-Spiess, University of Zurich</p>
Room 8	<p>Empowerment and Protection of Adults across Europe: Comparative Insights from FL-EUR (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Panel speaker / organizer: Dr Rieneke Stelma-Roord; Prof. Dr Masha Antokolskaia, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</p> <p>Panel participants: Dr Rieneke Stelma-Roord, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands Prof. Dr Masha Antokolskaia, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands Prof. Dr Tim Wuyts, Hasselt University, Belgium Prof. Dr Katrine Kjørheim Fredwall, University of Oslo, Norway Prof. Dr Paula Távora Vitor, University of Coimbra, Portugal Prof. Dr Jordi Ribot Igualada, University of Girona, Spain Prof. Dr Wendy Schrama, UCERF, Utrecht University, the Netherlands Dr Femke de Kievit, UCERF, Utrecht University, the Netherlands</p>

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16.30–18.00 SESSION 4

	<p>The Arab Kinship Dynamic: Insights from Arab Emerging Adults Studying in the UK — Miss Rukaiya Al-Kabab, University of Salford Manchester</p> <p>What Is a Family? An Exploration of the Meaning of Arab Muslim Family Among Arab Muslim Emerging Adults — Miss Rukaiya Al-Kabab, University of Salford Manchester</p> <p>The Legal Framework of the Family in the Marriage Patent of Joseph II from 1783 — Assistant Professor Maja Cutić Gorup, University of Rijeka</p>
Room 7	<p>Children, Housing, Child Support and Economic Consequences of Separation (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Children's Vulnerability After Divorce: A Question of Custody — Prof. Dr. Şebnem Akipek Ocal, TED University</p> <p>Second Families and Child Support: The Case of Canada — Prof. Maia Roots, Tohoku University</p> <p>Economic Implications of Shared Custody in Swiss Law from the Perspective of Gender Inequality — Dr. Anaïs Hauser, Université de Neuchâtel</p>
Room 8	<p>Stepfamilies, Patchwork Families and New Family Forms (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The Portuguese Experience in Safeguarding Children's Needs under a "New" Family Form — Prof. Rossana Cruz, University of Minho; Prof. Cristina Dias, University of Minho</p> <p>Children's Vulnerability in Patchwork Families: Analysis of Polish Law and Proposals for Reform — Dr. Agnieszka Wojcieszak-John, Adam Mickiewicz University</p> <p>The Appropriate Recognition of Stepparent-Stepchild Relationships under the Law of Parental Responsibility: A German-Dutch Comparative Law Analysis — Mr Felix Leven, University of Bonn</p> <p>Toward a Better Recognition of the Best Interests of Children Living in Stepfamilies: A Research Report from Canada (Quebec) — Prof. Michelle Giroux, University of Ottawa</p>

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 SESSION 4	
Room 1	<p>The Role of Family Law at a Time of Demographic Recalibration (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Panel speaker / organizer: Prof. Robin Fretwell Wilson, Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Chair in Law, University of Illinois</p> <p>Panel participants: Robin Fretwell Wilson, University of Illinois College of Law / NOVA School of Law Ursula Basset, Austral University, Argentina June Carbone, University of Minnesota Law School, USA Konrad Duden, University of Hamburg, Germany Lilla Garayova, Pan-European University, Hungary Federica Giardini, University of Padua, Italy Débora Gozzo, São Judas Tadeu University / Max Planck Institute, Hamburg, Brazil Martin Kornel, Masaryk University, Czech Republic Nausica Palazzo, NOVA School of Law, Portugal</p>
Room 2	<p>High-Stakes Decision-Making in Family Law: Canadian Evidence from Parenting Plan Evaluations and Custody Reversal Decisions</p> <p>Panel speaker / organizer: Professor Amylie Paquin-Boudreau, Université de Sherbrooke, Department of Psychology</p>

	<p>Implementing Autonomy in Family Law: The Role of General Rules on Declarations of Intent — Prof. Dr. Christiane von Bary, University of Zurich</p> <p>Relational Autonomy, Vulnerability and Marital Agreements: A Comparative Analysis of Chinese and European Marital Property Agreements — Dr Dan Wang, Tohoku University</p> <p>Contractualization of Family Law and Vulnerability in Argentina — Prof. Dr. Eliana M. González, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina</p>
Room 3	<p>Domestic Violence, Parenting and Child Contact (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Negotiating in the Shadow of Abuse: Understanding What Happens in Canadian Family Law Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence — Assistant Professor Deanne Sowter, Toronto Metropolitan University</p> <p>Parental Contact in Contexts of Domestic Violence and Child Resistance: An Empirical Analysis under Brazilian Family Law — Profa Dra Luciana Nahas, UNICESUSC – Florianópolis, SC, Brazil</p> <p>Connecting the Spheres of Law and Care: Vulnerability, Joint Parenting, and the Judicial-Welfare Approach in Japan — Prof. Kyoko Takada, School of Law, Hiroshima University</p> <p>Pathological Affective Dependence as a Hidden Driver of Domestic Violence: Clinical and Legal Implications for Family Law — Prof. Nausica Cangini, Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi</p>
Room 4	<p>Family Law in the Age of Post-Neutrality (Moderator: Prof. Dr. Elise Goossens, University of Antwerp)</p> <p>Family Law Post-Neutrality: Exploring a Shift in Paradigm — Konrad Duden, University of Hamburg, Germany; Elise Goossens, University of Antwerp, Belgium; Alice Margaria, University of Zurich, Switzerland</p> <p>The Hidden Gender of Family Law — Elise Goossens, University of Antwerp, Belgium; Marco Poli, University of Turin, Italy</p> <p>Rethinking Consent in Nordic Marriage Acts: From a Civil Law “Neutrality” to an Inclusive We-Position? — Sanna Mustasaari, UEF Law School, Finland</p> <p>The ‘Best Interests of the Child’ in Regulating Surrogacy: Neutrality or Distraction? — Dafni Lima, Durham University, UK</p>
Room 5	<p>Digital Parenting, Contact and Family Justice (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Does Mother Know Best?: Parental Care in the Digital Sphere and State Responsibilities — Maarten Van Mol, Institute for Family Law and Juvenile Law, KU Leuven Child & Youth Institute</p> <p>Indirect Contact as a Space of Vulnerability: Children’s Family Relationships in the Contemporary World — Silvie Konopková, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic</p> <p>The Paradigm of Parental Responsibility in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: The S. Setzer Case as a Case Study for a Comparative Reflection between USA and Italy — Antonietta Opoku, Università degli Studi di Palermo</p> <p>Algorithmic Vulnerability in Family Justice: Refugee Families, Power, Agency, Care, and Kinship in AI-Mediated Systems — Prof. Dr. Patricia Gorisch; Judge Prof. Dr. Debora Caus Brandão, Unisanta and IBDFAM</p>
Room 6	<p>Divorce, Procedure and Vulnerability in Family Justice (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Extra-Judicial Divorce in Europe: State Control, Privatisation, and the Protection of Vulnerable Parties — Professor Masha Antokolskaia, Vrije University Amsterdam</p> <p>Unilateral divorce in the Civil Registry — Profa. Dra. Karine Boselli, Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de São Paulo – USP</p> <p>Joint representation for divorce matters: researching the ‘one-lawyer-two-clients’ format in England and Wales — Dr Rachael Blakey, University of Warwick</p> <p>Vulnerability in Divorce Proceedings: Do Therapeutic Jurisprudence-Aligned Lawyer Behaviours Relate to Chinese Clients’ Well-Being and Distress via Unconditional Positive Self-Regard? — Ying Shi, PhD Candidate, Psychological Science and Health, University of Strathclyde</p>
Room 7	<p>Children’s Right to Identity, Selfhood and International Family Law (Moderator: TBA)</p>

**Plenary 2
Seafarers and Families: Rights, Risks and Realities
[co-hosted by WISTA]**

	<p>Panel participants: Karine Poitras, PhD, Professor in Psychology, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières Simon Carrier, PhD Student, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières Fannie Locat, PhD Student, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières Michael Saini, PhD, Professor in Social Work, University of Toronto</p> <p>Vulnerability, Care and Family Law Theory (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>The Emotional Regulation of Care Relationships within the Family: “To Be Obligated to Care” vs. “To Be Obligated to Care” — Prof. Salvatore Casabona, University of Palermo</p> <p>Family Law in an Age of Uncertainty: Reframing Risk, Care, and Responsibility through Vulnerability-Based Empowerment — Dr Sumanta Bhattacharya, Asian International University, India</p> <p>The Paradox of Fragility: Vulnerability and Resilience in Modern Family Law — Prof. Dr. Dongying Hong, East China University of Political Science and Law</p>
Room 3	
Room 4	<p>Child Poverty, Labour, Money and Socio-Economic Vulnerability (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Alleviating Child Poverty in South Africa: An Analysis of Proposed Government Strategies — Prof. Hanneretha Kruger, University of South Africa</p> <p>Children and Their Money — Saara Tuulari, University of Lapland</p> <p>Child Labor from a Family Law Perspective: A Comparison of Türkiye and Germany — Res. Asst. Zeynep Özge Oğuz, Altınbaş University</p> <p>The Role of Male and Juvenile Curfews in Protecting Vulnerable Families in Turkey — Ms. Sinem Özyiğit, Yeditepe University</p>
Room 5	<p>Bioethics, Parenthood and Relational Vulnerability in Reproductive Law</p> <p>Parenthood Beyond Biology: Contract, Bioethics and Legal Identity in Ukrainian Family Law — Anatolij Kostuba, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</p> <p>The Inclusion of Unborn Human Life in Human and Family Relations — Dr Charlotte Termonia De Mulder, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp</p> <p>Addressing Maternal and Child Relational Vulnerability in Family Law — Dr Sarolta Molnár, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences</p> <p>Reproductive Rights and Legal Uncertainty before the ECtHR: The Position of Intended Parents in Assisted Reproductive Technologies — Ms Gaia Tramontano, University of Eastern Finland</p>
Room 6	<p>Marriage, Cohabitation and Economic Vulnerability in Adult Unions (Moderator: TBA)</p> <p>Why Marriage? – The Future of Adult Relationship Regulation — Dr Charlotte Wendland, LMU Munich</p> <p>Cohabitants and the European Court of Human Rights — Dr Helen Rodway, University of Manchester</p> <p>The Reform of the Brazilian Civil Code and the Protection of the Vulnerable Spouse — Prof. Dr. Giordano Bruno Soares Roberto, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais</p> <p>The Valorisation of Unpaid Care in Intimate Partner Relationships — Mrs. Kato Michiels, University of Antwerp</p>
Room 7	<p>Harmful Practices, Child Vulnerability and Juvenile Protection (Moderator: TBA)</p>

Panel participants:
 Professor Nicola Taylor, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, New Zealand
 Professor Marilyn Freeman, The Westminster Law School, University of Westminster, London, England
 Fiona Darroch, Clinical Psychologist, Sydney, Australia
 Professor Laura Carpaneto, EU Law, University of Genoa, Italy
 Professor Mariëtte Bruning, Leiden Law School, Leiden University, The Netherlands
 Carolina Marin Pedreño, Partner, Dawson Cornwell LLP, London, England
 Professor Claire Fenton-Glynn, Faculty of Law, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Room 8 **Family Property, Succession and Vulnerability: Power, Protection and Legal Reform**
(Moderator: TBA)
 Family Law and Family-oriented Inheritance: The Wrong Instruments for Protecting the Vulnerable? — Prof. Harry Willekens, retired, formerly University of Hildesheim
 Power Dynamics Between Contracting Family Members: The Case of Succession Agreements — Prof. Dr. Hannelore Thijs, KU Leuven
 Non-recognition of the Family Home and the Exacerbation of Economic Vulnerability in Family Law — Dr Fatima Osman, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town
 The 'Old' Testament in the 'New' Italian Society in a Comparative Analysis: The Last Will as a 'Innovative' Tool for Protecting Vulnerabilities — Prof. Antonello Miranda, University of Palermo, Department of Political Science and International Relations

19.00 Opening Reception

19.00 Gala Dinner

From Protection to Control: The Legal Construction of the Girl-Child's Vulnerability in Marriage Practices — Ms. Danielle Giorgi, North-West University
 Failure to Protect: State Accountability for Customary Betrothal in the Cradle — Prof. Dr. Zeynep Özlem Üskül Engin, Galatasaray University; Res. Ass. Dolunay Çörek Akyıldız, Galatasaray University; Res. Ass. Bengisu Mert, Galatasaray University.
 The Application of the Best Interest of the Child Principle during Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders: A South African Perspective — Ms/Adv René Koraan, North-West University
 Who Has Custody of the Text? Islamic Feminist Re-Readings and Child Custody in Morocco — Mrs. Oumaima Deroufi, NOVA School of Law
 Best Interests and Legal Pluralism: Regulating Child Marriage and Inheritance in Nigeria and South Africa — Dr. Hadiza Okunrobo, Faculty of Law, NorthWest University, South Africa

Room 8 **Child Protection Systems, Public Intervention and Institutional Responsibility**
(Moderator: TBA)
 Beware of the Wolf? Life Choices, the Best Interests of the Child, and Instruments of Protection — Dr. Annalisa Alongi, University of Palermo
 Listening to Children: A Participatory Approach to Child Protection Reform in Kazakhstan — Ms. Medina Farit, KIMEP University
 Family Law, Child Vulnerability and the Limits of Inter-Sectoral Protection: Insights from South Africa — Professor Christa Rautenbach, North-West University
 Child Protection Institutions: Towards a Common European Framework — Prof. Giuseppe Bruno, G. Marconi University

Room 9 **Adoption, State Care and Alternative Child Protection Models**
(Moderator: TBA)
 Socioeconomic Realities: State Care and the Outcomes for Children in State Care in Aotearoa New Zealand — Prof. Mark Henaghan, University of Auckland
 Child Participation in Adoption Proceedings: The Croatian Legal Framework — Mr. Matko Guštin, University of Osijek
 Rethinking Adoption and Family Boundaries in Italy: Children's Vulnerability and the Quest for Inclusive Parenthood — Dr. Fabrizia Cesarano, Scuola Superiore Meridionale
 Children Left in Hospital and Children Not Allowed to Return Home after Birth: At the Intersection of Family Law, Child Protection and Children's Rights — Prof. Dr. Orsolya Szeibert, Eötvös Loránd University