The Fifth Conference of the Commission on European Family Law centers on the new Principles of European Family Law regarding Property Relations between Spouses. The impact of the proposed EU Private International Law regulations for spouses and registered partners for international couples and their property relations will also be addressed as well as topics, which are currently at the forefront of policy debate and academic discussion, such as inheritance and compensation rights for non-formalized partnerships and biological, social and legal parentage.

Next to renowned specialists in family law twelve young researchers have been selected upon a call for abstracts. They present their innovative and original research in four parallel workshops.

The conference aims to enhance the exchange of ideas and arguments on comparative and international family law in Europe in their respective cultural contexts.

conference program

Thursday, 29 August 2013
3:00 pm Registration
4:00 pm Welcome
Jürgen Förstermann, Rüdiger Grundmann, Nina Detthoff, Katharina Boele-Woelki, Werner Gephart
4:30 pm “Family’s Fundamental Rights and the Challenge of Change” Suannise Baier
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Reception by the Rector of the University

Friday, 30 August 2013
8:30 am Registration
The CEFL Principles on Property Relations between Spouses
Chair: Walter Pintens
9:00 am Rights and Duties of the Spouses
Katharina Boele-Woelki
9:20 am Marital Agreements
Nigel Lowe
9:40 am Participation in Acquisitions
Dieter Madray
10:00 am Community of Acquisitions
Frédérique Ferrand
10:20 am Panel Discussion: Pros and Cons of the CEFL Principles
Chair: Dieter Madray
11:00 am Break
International Couples and their Property Relations
Chair: Miret Séverine-Janbergs
11:30 am The proposed EU PL Regulation for Spouses
Andrea Bononi
12:00 pm The proposed EU PL Regulation for Registered Partners
Miret Séverine-Janbergs
12:30 pm Discussion
1:00 pm Reception and Lunch by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Honour of Annemarie Müller Research Award Winner Katharina Boele-Woelki

Non-formalized Relationships (separation/death)
Chair: Mathis Antonakis
2:00 pm Saturday Regulation of Cohabiting Relationships in Scandinavia – Recent Developments and Future Challenges
Tone Johannsdottir
2:30 pm Towards Legislation on Cohabitation in Common Law Jurisdictions in Europe
Anna Dürre
3:00 pm Discussion
3:30 pm Break
4:00 pm Family Law and Culture in Four Workshops of Young Researchers
Contents of the workshops no. 1 to 4
7:00 pm Reception by the German Women Lawyers Association and Festive Dinner on a Rhine Ship
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Saturday, 31 August 2013
9:00 am Transnational Families and New Concepts of Parentage
Chair: Katharina Boele-Woelki
9:30 am The Right of the Child to Parents
Anna Singer
10:00 am Contracting on Parentage
Christine Gunckel
10:30 am Break
11:00 am Panel Discussion: Biological and Social Parentage: Where do we go from here?
Chair: Ingrid Lund-Andersen
Gabriele Britz, Angelika Nussberger, Nigel Lowe, Priscape Monegor
12:00 pm Closing Remarks: Family Law as Culture
Katharina Boele-Woelki
12:30 pm Conference Award Winner Katharina Boele-Woelki

workshops

1 Workshop 1: Cross-border Family Relationships
Chair: Cristina González-Beilfuss
“Habitual residence” in European Family Law: Diversity, Coherence and the Integrity of a Challenging Notion
Katharina Boele-Woelki
Protection orders provided for by articles 342 bis-ter, Italian Civil Code: Are they still valid when victims move across Europe?
Eva de Götzen
Notions of ‘diapage’ under European and National Regulations – Polish approach
Anna Sapota

2 Workshop 2: Transnational Families: Across Nations and Cultures
Chair: Jana Mar
Family Life and EU Citizenship: The Discovery of the Substance of the EU’s Child Rights and its Cumulative Enjoyment
Katja Kaeling
Private and Family Life vs. Morals and Tradition in the Case-law of the ECHR
Gaynor Williams
Real-life International Family Law – Belgian Empirical Research on Cross-border Family Law
Geoffrey Willems

3 Workshop 3: The (Un-)Wanted Child
Chair: Nina Dethloff
Anonymous relinquishment and Baby-boxes – Life-saving mechanisms or a Violation of Human Rights?
Claire Fendley-Glyn
Cross-border Recognition of Adoption – Martin Engler
Re-thinking Family Law: a New Legal Paradigm for Stepfamilies?
Angela Dinklage

4 Workshop 4: Relationship Breakup: Winners and Losers?
Chair: Ingrid Lund-Andersen
Maintenance between Former Spouses and Gender Equality
Marketa Ríhová
Cross-border Recognition of Divorce
Marie Egelund
The Swedish Cohabitees Act in the Society of Today
Kajsa Walleng
Comprehensive Cooperative Parenting – An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Resolution of Conflict on Family Law Matters
Conny Healy

Scientists Committee
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