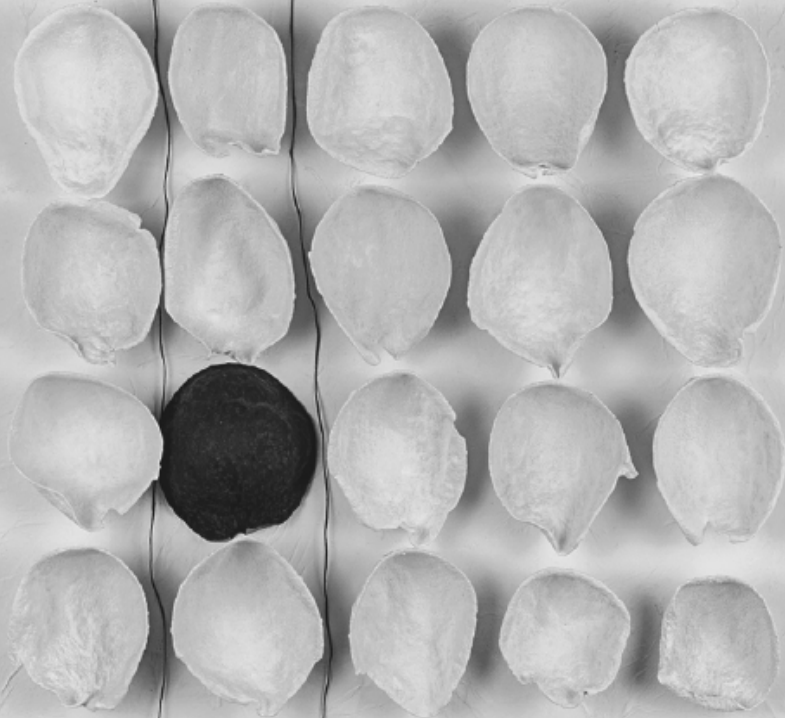


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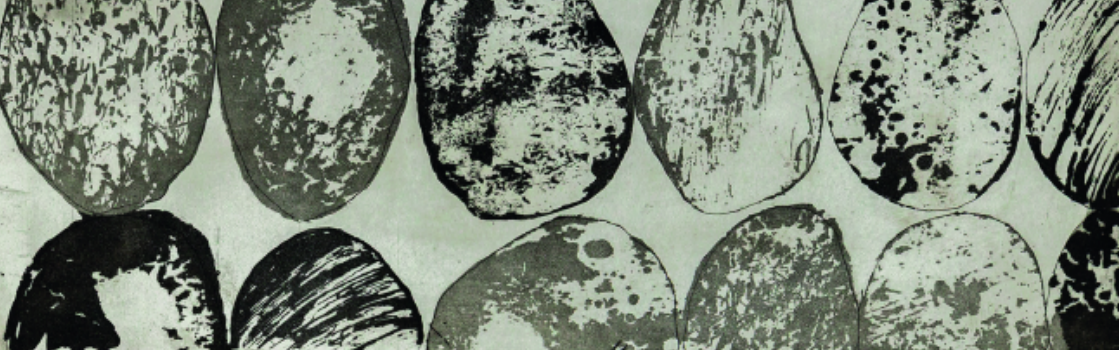
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Gender, sexuality and reproduction traditionally define the concept of family, with family law creating a framework for bearing and raising children, and organizing the parents' coupledness. The idea of marriage as sole seat of childbearing started to erode in many social systems, leading to the increasing separation of family and marriage in law and society. With the emergence of easily accessible methods of birth control and medically assisted reproduction, links between sexuality and reproduction were severed. With regard to both coupledness and reproduction, heteronormativities are gradually replaced in the legal and social realm by more inclusive concepts of parenthood. Diverse gender identities experience more and more recognition. Divides between physical characteristics and self-identification can be bridged by innovative medical procedures. Social and legal recognition of families continues to vary according to gender compositions, parents' sexual orientations, genetic relations between family members and religious identities. They are interrelated with the representation of families in media and art.



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Wednesday, November 17th, 2021

2:00 p.m. Nina Dethloff: **Welcome and Introduction**
From Marriage to Family – Plurality of Family Forms
from a Comparative Perspective

2:15 p.m. **PANEL 1 Coexistence of Legal Systems**
Moderator: Nina Dethloff

1. June Carbone: **Uncoupling and the Transformation
of Western Families in Time**

2. Dieter Martiny: **Diverse Legal Cultures, Common Core?
The CEFL Principles of European Family Law**

Small Break

3. Christa Rautenbach:
Families and Legal Pluralism in South Africa

4. Judith Hahn:
Church Conceptions of “Family” in the Secular State

Discussion

Coffee Break

4:45 p.m. **PANEL 2 Conceptions of Family and the International
Community of States**

Moderator: Katharina Kaesling

1. Angelika Nußberger: **Pluralization of Family Forms
from a Human Rights Perspective**

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2. Johannes Masing: **Shaping of the Law by Highest Courts in the Realm of Families**

3. Marta Bucholc: **Breaking Away from the Community of States? Conditions for LGBTQI* Families in Poland**

Discussion

06:30 p.m. Katharina Kaesling: **Closure of Day 1**

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Thursday, November 18th, 2021

09:30 a.m. **PANEL 3 Nature and Nurture and the In-Between: The Role of Genetic Links for the Recognition of Families**

Moderator: Katharina Kaesling

1. Andrea Büchler: **Female Same-Sex Couples and Assisted Reproductive Technologies: The Swiss Case from a Comparative Perspective**

Small Break

2. Paula Távora Vítor: **Throwing the Dice Again – The Determination of Parentage in the Portuguese Legal System and the Law of MAP**

3. Alice Margaria: **The Role of Genetics in the ECHR's Construction of Parenthood**

Discussion

Coffee Break

11:50 a.m. **PANEL 4 Diversity of Families in Media and Art**

Moderator: Nina Dethloff

1. Sascha Trültzsch-Wijnen:
Families, Images, Media: A Brief History of Family Images from Paint to Television to Social Media

2. Katharina Kaesling: **Family Representation as Part of Online Mass-Creativity on Social Networks**

Small Break

3. Paul Venzo: **Rainbow Connections: Representations of LGBTI+ Families in Children's Picture Books**

Discussion

13:30 p.m. Katharina Kaesling: **Closing Remarks and Farewell**

Overview of Speakers

Marta Bucholc is Professor of Sociology at the University for Warsaw, Poland, and Associate Researcher at the Centre de recherche en science politique, Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles. She is the Polish PI in the Volkswagen Foundation research project “Towards illiberal Constitutionalism in East Central Europe: Historical Analysis in Comparative and Transnational Perspectives”, led by the University of Jena (2021-2025). From 2015 to 2020, she was Research Professor at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture”.

Andrea Büchler is Professor of Law and holds the Chair of Private and Comparative Law at the University of Zurich. Since 2021 she is Director of the University Research Program “Human Reproduction Reloaded”.

June Carbone is Professor of Law and holds the Robina Chair in Law, Science and Technology at the University of Minnesota Law School. Her research interests are related to law and the family, including changes brought about by the Biotechnology Revolution.

Nina Dethloff is Professor of Private Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law, and European Private Law at the University of Bonn’s Department of Law. She is Director at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture” and of the Institute for German, European, and International Family Law at the University of Bonn.

Judith Hahn is a theologian and canonist. She is Professor of Canon Law at the Faculty of Catholic Theology of the Ruhr University Bochum and judge at the Ecclesiastical Labor Court in Bonn. Her work in the field of law and religion has a legal-theoretical focus. From October 2015 to March 2016, she was Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture”.

Katharina Kaesling is Research Coordinator at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture” and habilitation candidate at the Department of Law at the University of Bonn. Her research areas include European and Comparative Private Law, in particular Family Law, Private International Law, Intellectual Property Law and Data Protection Law.

Alice Margaria is a Senior Research Fellow in the Law and Anthropology Department of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle. She has published on parenthood and assisted reproductive technologies, anonymous birth, and the child’s right to an identity, with a focus on ECtHR case law.

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Dieter Martiny is Professor Emeritus at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), where he previously held the Chair of Civil Law and European and International Private Law. He is also Affiliate at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg. His research interests are related to European and International Family Law.

Johannes Masing holds the Chair of Public Law at the University of Freiburg and is a former justice at the German Federal Constitutional Court (First Senate). Since April 2021, he is a Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture”.

Angelika Nußberger holds the Chair of Constitutional Law, International Law and Comparative Law at the University of Cologne and is former Vice President at the European Court of Human Rights. Her research focuses on German and European fundamental rights and international human rights.

Christa Rautenbach is Professor of Law at North-West University in Potchefstroom, South Africa. Her areas of expertise include family law, legal pluralism, and cultural diversity. Since 2020, she chairs the South African Law Reform Commission. From September 2020 to March 2021, Christa Rautenbach was Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture”.

Sascha Trültzsch-Wijnen is Associate Professor at the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Salzburg. His research areas include social web use, privacy in everyday life, media history (film and television), and images of women and families in the media.

Paul Venzo is a Senior Lecturer in writing, literature and culture at Deakin University, Australia. He has published widely on child and young adult writing, including as co-editor of “Sexuality in Literature for Children and Young Adults” (2021). Paul Venzo is a poet and Italian studies scholar, and the co-author of a marine science education picture book, due for release in 2022.

Paula Távora Vítor is Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra and researcher of the Family Law Center and of the University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research (IJ | UCILeR), Portugal. She is a member of the Coordinating Group of Family Law in Europe Academic Network (FL-EUR) and of the Executive Council of the International Society of Family Law (ISFL).

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