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# EUfams II - Facilitating Cross-Border Family Life: Towards a Common European Understanding

## International Exchange Seminar

Friday, 25 October 2019

### Programme

#### 09:00 - 09:15 Welcome remarks

Professor Burkhard Hess (*MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law*)  
Professor Thomas Pfeiffer (*Heidelberg University*)

#### 09:15 - 12:45 Matrimonial matters and parental responsibility

(Brussels II-bis Regulation, Rome III Regulation, Brussels II-bis Recast, and relevant Hague instruments)

##### 09:15 - 10:45 Matrimonial matters

Chair: Professor Burkhard Hess (*MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law*)

Mr. Quincy C. Lobach (*Heidelberg University*)  
Short description of the problems

Professor Dagmar Coester-Waltjen (*University of Göttingen*)  
Assessment of the Recast

##### 11:00 - 12:30 Parental responsibility (including child abduction)

Chair: Professor Alegría Borrás (*University of Barcelona*)

Dr. Marlene Brosch (*MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law*)  
Short description of the problems

Professor Cristina González Beilfuss (*University of Barcelona*)  
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##### 12:30 - 12:45 'Brexit' ahead: Impacts on European Family Law

#### 13:30 - 16:30 Property regimes, succession and the interrelation with public documents

##### 13:30 - 15:00 Matrimonial property regimes and property regimes for registered partnerships

Chair: Professor Dimitrios Tsirikas (*University of Athens*)

Dr. Cristina M. Mariottini (*MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law*)  
Short description of the problems

Professor Thalia Kruger (*University of Antwerp*)  
Assessment

##### 15:15 - 16:30 Succession Regulation

Chair: Professor Brigitta Lurger (*University of Graz*)

Mr. Philippos Siaplaouras (*MPI Luxembourg for Procedural Law*)  
Short description of the problems

Mr. Richard Frimston (*Russel Cooke Solicitors, London*)  
Assessment

#### 16:30 - 16:50 Concluding remarks

Professor Thomas Pfeiffer (*Heidelberg University*)

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## **EUFams II – Facilitating Cross-Border Family Life: Towards a Common European Understanding**

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### **International Exchange Seminar**

Thursday, 24 October – Friday, 25 October 2019

The European Commission-funded *EUFams II Project* aims to develop a common European expertise and understanding of the EU instruments in family law. The Project focuses, notably, on identifying practical problems and on proposing improvements to secure a uniform, coherent and consistent application of such instruments. In addition to the Regulations on matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility, including child abduction ((EC) No 2001/2003 to be repealed by (EU) 2019/1111), maintenance obligations ((EC) No 4/2009), successions ((EU) No 650/2012), and the relevant Hague Conference instruments, the Project expands its scope to include the two Regulations implementing enhanced cooperation in matters of, respectively, matrimonial property regimes and the property consequences of registered partnerships ((EU) 2016/1103 and (EU) 2016/1104) as well as the Regulation adopted to simplify the requirements for cross-border use and acceptance of certain public documents in the European Union ((EU) 2016/1191). To ensure a comprehensive approach, the Project also tackles legal challenges arising from the current refugee crisis and offers an analysis of the potential impacts of Brexit on family law.

As part of this Project, the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg has organized an International Exchange Seminar to address the difficulties met at the national level, to identify common patterns, and to share good practices. Benefitting from the expertise of renowned academics from various institutions, judges, notaries, lawyers, and representatives of international organizations and family law associations, the International Exchange Seminar will address and explore possible solutions to controversial or problematic issues that were identified in the course of the National Exchange Seminars hosted by the Partner Universities (Universities of Heidelberg (coord.), Lund, Milan, Osijek, Valencia and Verona) in the framework of the Project.

### **Welcome dinner at the Restaurant Amarine at 20:00**

Thursday, 24 October 2019

**Restaurant Amarine**  
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**Assessment of the Recast**
- Discussion
- 10:45 - 11:00      Coffee break
- 11:00 - 12:30      **Parental responsibility (including child abduction)**
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- 12:45 - 13:30      Lunch break



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## Afternoon session

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15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break

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### Discussion

16:30 – 16:50 *Concluding remarks*  
Professor Thomas Pfeiffer (*Heidelberg University*)

16:50 Farewell coffee

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