



Migrants in European Family Law

Online, 6-7 February 2025

6 February 2025 from 9:00 until 14:00 CET and
7 February 2025 from 9:00 until 13:00 CET



EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW

Speakers

Leontine Bruijnen, PhD Researcher and Teaching Assistant, University of Antwerp

Mayela Celis Aguilar, Attorney at Law, Assistant Professor, Maastricht University

Martina Erb-Klünemann, Family Court Judge, Network Judge EJM and International Hague Network of Judges, Hamm

Iris Goldner Lang, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law, Head of the Department of European Public Law, University of Zagreb

Christian Höhn, Head of the International Custody Division, Federal Office of Justice, Bonn

Philippe Lortie, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague

Ralf Michaels, Director, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg

Máire Ní Shúilleabháin, Barrister, Associate Professor, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin

Marta Pertegás Sender, Full Professor, Maastricht University and University of Antwerp

Orsolya Szeibert, Chair Professor, Department of Civil Law, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

Erik Wennerström, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

Jeannette Wöllenstein-Tripathi, Director IRC, International Social Service (ISS) – General Secretariat, Geneva

Helena Wray, Professor of Migration Law, University of Exeter

Olha Zozulia, Head of Division on International Legal Assistance in Civil Matters, Ministry of Justice of the Ukraine, Kyiv

Key topics

- Personal status across borders, recognition of marriage and divorce
- Protection of minors, guardianship and childcare
- Child marriage and its effects
- International child abduction
- Cross-border cooperation
- Recent case law of the ECtHR

Language
English

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125D64

Organiser
Dr Angelika Fuchs (ERA)

Thursday, 6 February 2025

08:45 Connecting to the platform

09:00 **Opening of the seminar**
Angelika Fuchs

I. PERSONAL STATUS ACROSS BORDERS

Moderator: *Iris Goldner Lang*

09:05 **Looking at how immigration law and private international law interact**
Marta Pertegás Sender

09:15 **Recognition of foreign marriages and multiple marriages**
Leontine Bruijnen

09:30 Discussion

09:50 **Recognition of foreign divorces**
Focus on *Talāq* and private divorces
Máire Ní Shúilleabháin

10:10 Discussion

10:30 Short break

II. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, GUARDIANSHIP AND CHILD CARE

Moderator: *Máire Ní Shúilleabháin*

10:40 **Children on the move: a public law perspective**
Exploring the interplay between family law and migration law
Iris Goldner Lang

11:00 **Children on the move: a family law perspective**
The application of the 1996 Child Protection Convention to unaccompanied and separated children
Philippe Lortie

11:20 Discussion

11:40 **Taking into care and guardianship of unaccompanied minor refugees**
Orsolya Szeibert

12:00 Discussion

12:15 Break

Moderator: *Marta Pertegás Sender*

12:45 **Alternative childcare and *Kafalah* in European countries**
Jeannette Wöllenstein-Tripathi

13:05 Discussion

III. CHILD MARRIAGE

13:25 **Marriage of minors abroad and its consequences in the EU**
Ralf Michaels

13:45 Discussion

14:00 End of first seminar day

Objective

This online seminar addresses complex, practical legal issues at the interface between European family and migration law.

It will address issues related to the portability of the personal status of migrants, in particular the recognition of marriage and divorce.

We will discuss the protection of migrant children in Europe, care and guardianship of unaccompanied minors, the frictions between family law and migration law in the case of child abduction and the structuring of return procedures.

The seminar will also present the recent case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) on family and migration law, including the right to family reunification.

Who should attend?

Family lawyers, lawyers in private practice and notaries, judges, ministry officials, academics, youth welfare officers, representatives of NGOs and children's rights organisations, lawyers working in the field of migration and asylum law who wish to understand the points of friction with European family law.

Interactive Online Seminar

The online seminar will be hosted on the **Zoom** videoconferencing platform. You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-level speakers and other participants. We will make the most of the technical tools available to deliver an intensive, interactive experience. The highest security settings will be applied to ensure that you can participate safely in this high-quality online seminar.

What participants said in 2024:

"The issues discussed cross my desk every day"

"Excellent speakers and opportunity to debate"

"The timing of the programme was perfect, as always"

"Thank you!"

Friday, 7 February 2025

08:45 Connecting to the platform

IV. RECENT ECtHR CASE LAW

Moderator: *Angelika Fuchs*

09:00 **Recent ECtHR case law in family, migration and family reunification matters**
Erik Wennerström

09:25 Discussion

09:40 Short break

V. CHILD ABDUCTION

Moderator: *Orsolya Szeibert*

09:50 **Cross-border child abduction in the context of migration law**
Mayela Celis Aguilar

10:10 Discussion

10:30 **Can a child that was abducted by a parent from a country at war be returned?**
Olha Zozulia and Martina Erb-Klünemann

11:10 Discussion

11:30 Break

VI. FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

Moderator: *Martina Erb-Klünemann*

11:45 **Family reunification in the light of Article 8 ECHR**
Helena Wray

12:05 Discussion

12:20 **Childcare, abduction and family reunification: the cross-border cooperation of different professionals**
Christian Höhn

12:40 Discussion

13:00 End of seminar

For programme updates: www.era.int
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