



International Conference: Legal Pluralism and Human Rights within Family Disputes in Europe

26-27 October 2015
Ghent, Belgium

Program Monday 26 October 2015

Location: Law Faculty Board Room, Voldersstraat 3, Gent, 9000 Belgium

13:30 – 14:00 Registration of participants

14:00 – 14:10 Welcome and introductory remarks by Prof. Eva Brems (Human Rights Centre, Ghent University)

Panel 1: *Normative pluralism in non-disputing contexts*
Chair: Dr. Giselle Corradi, Ghent University

14:10 – 15:40

14:10 – 14:25	Unregistered Muslim Marriages in the UK; Examining Normative Influences Shaping Choice of legal protection <i>Rajnaara Akhtar</i>
14:25 – 14:40	Revisiting 'Law': Marriage and Family Life among Somali Muslim Immigrants in Finland <i>Mulki al-Sharmani</i>
14:40 – 14:55	In Search of Authority and Authenticity? UK Shari'a Councils and Muslim Women's Rights <i>Shaheen Sardar Ali</i>
14:55 – 15:40	Q&A + debate

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

Panel 2:

Normative Pluralism and the State

Chair: Prof. Barbara Truffin, Université Libre de Bruxelles

16:00 – 17:30

16:00 – 16:15	State Justice, Human Rights and Non-State, Religious Normative Orders: the Case of Jewish and Muslim Women in Marital Captivity <i>Pauline Kruiniger</i>
16:15 – 16:30	“Non-Muslim Mujtahids”: Viability of Judicial Interventions in Muslim family laws by Civil Courts in non-Muslim Regimes <i>Yüksel Sezgin</i>
16:30 – 16:45	The Slow Emergence of a Legal Pluralism “à la française” and its Consequences <i>Anicée Van Engeland</i>
16:45 – 17:30	Q&A + debate

17:30 End of conference day 1

19:00 – 21:00 Diner with conference panelists

Program Tuesday 27 October 2015

Location: Law Faculty Board Room, Voldersstraat 3, Gent, 9000 Belgium

08:30 – 09:00 Keynote speech: Prof. Marie-Claire Foblets (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

09:00 – 09:15 Q&A

Panel 3:

Normative pluralism in disputing contexts

Chair: Prof. Eva Brems, Ghent University

09:15 – 11:00

09:15 – 09:30	Women Negotiating Muslim Family Justice in Belgium <i>Kim Lecoyer</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Counselling and Mediation among Muslims in the Netherlands <i>Arshad Muradin</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Hybrid Pathways to Justice: Muslim Families in Italy <i>Federica Sona</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Q&A + debate

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

Panel 4: *Normative Pluralism and the State (continued)*
Chair: Dr. Jinske Verhellen, Ghent University

11:15 – 12:45

11:15 – 11:30	Family Judge Encounters Family With a Migrant Background: An Empirical Study of Cultural Diversity and Pluralism in Belgian Family Courtrooms <i>Caroline Simon</i>
11:30 – 11:45	Dilemma's for European Family Migration Law: Rejection or Accommodation of Plurality <i>Encarnación La Spina</i>
11:45 – 12:00	Secular Sexism in the Regulation of the Islamic Family <i>Pier-Luc Dupont</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Q&A + debate

12:45 – 14:15 **Lunch break**

Panel 5: *Normative pluralism in disputing contexts (continued)*
Chair: Dr. Thalia Kruger, Antwerp University

14:15 – 16:00

14:15 – 14:30	Intersecting Hierarchies of Power in Migrant Offspring Women's Negotiations of Marriage and Divorce <i>Anika Liversage</i>
14:30 – 14:45	ADR in Family Disputes under the Auspices of Cultural and Religious Norms in Germany (Socio-Legal Perspective) <i>Matthias Rohe</i>
14:45 – 15:00	ADR in Family Disputes under the Auspices of Cultural and Religious Norms in Germany (Field Findings) <i>Mahmoud Jaraba</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Internormativity at Play: Disputing Experiences of Congolese Families in Belgium <i>Barbara Truffin</i>
15:15 – 16:00	Q&A + debate

16:00 – 16:15 Closing remarks

Please register on-line via the [website of the Human Rights Centre](#), Ghent University.