

Family Law in Europe: New Developments, Challenges and Opportunities

5th Conference

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The Fifth Conference of the Commission on European Family Law will be held at the University of Bonn in August 2013 following previous conferences in Utrecht (2002 and 2004), Oslo (2007) and Cambridge (2010).

The conference aims to enhance the exchange of ideas and arguments on comparative and international family law in Europe. It is open to academics as well as practitioners.

Topics:

1. Matrimonial property law – The CEFL Principles on Property Relations between Spouses
2. International couples and their property relations – The proposed EU Regulations regarding matrimonial property regimes and the property consequences of registered partnerships
3. Inheritance and compensation rights for non-formalized partnerships – Recent legislation on cohabitation
4. Biological, social and legal parentage

Programme

The conference centres on three themes involving the new Principles of European Family Law regarding Property Relations between Spouses as well as topics which are currently at the forefront of policy debate and academic discussion.

1. The first topic focuses on the presentation of the CEFL's current work on Principles of European Family Law regarding Property Relations between Spouses. This is the CEFL's third working field, following the successful publication of its Principles regarding Divorce and Maintenance between Former Spouses (2004) and Parental Responsibilities (2007). It thus picks up on where the conference in Cambridge provided the first impressions. The rights and duties of spouses, marital property agreements and two matrimonial property regimes will be presented: the participation in acquisitions and the community of acquisitions. Additionally, the impact of the proposed EU private international law regulations for property regimes of spouses as well as registered partners will be addressed.

2. The second theme concentrates on the growing number of countries which legislate on non-formalized relationships. At the core of this session is the position of cohabitants upon the termination of their relationship either by means of death or dissolution. Here the common law countries – especially Ireland with the Cohabitation Act 2010 – as well as the Nordic countries with new legislation in Norway (inheritance) and Finland (compensation) are worth a closer look.

3. Last but not least, the current decisions of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the rights of biological and social fathers will lead to a session on social, biological and legal parentage. It will end with a panel discussion with the participation of Gabriele Britz, Justice at the German Constitutional Court Justice, Angelika Nußberger, Justice at the European Court of Human Rights as well as Françoise Monéger, Justice at the Cour de Cassation.

Call for papers

Early career researchers are invited to present their research in national, European and international family law in parallel working groups. Innovative work in all areas is welcome; a wide variety of research in family law will be presented.

Abstracts of no more than 500 words for a paper (20 min.) and a short biography including a list of recent publications should be sent to info@cefl2013.org until **15 February, 2013**. Selected papers will be put forward for publication.

Please mention in your e-mail your name, affiliation, position, the title of the abstract and the subject.

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