

The objective of this conference is:

To inform legal practitioners on the latest developments in legislation, jurisprudence and best practice in European Family Law.

Key topics include:

- Cross-border divorce:
 - in-depth analysis of the so-called "Rome III" Regulation, applicable since 21 June 2012 in 14 (and soon 15) EU member states
 - financial consequences of divorce, including maintenance
- Parental responsibility and child abduction
- Property rights of international couples
- The new EU Regulation of June 2012 on cross-border successions

Who should attend?

Family lawyers; lawyers in private practice and notaries involved in family litigation

Travel to Trier:

Shuttle services from Luxembourg airport to the ERA Conference Centre can be booked at special rates with our partner Taxi Franken: www.taxi-franken.de/era

Speakers

Professor Masha Antokolskaia, University of Amsterdam

Professor Katharina Boele-Woelki, UCERF, Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, University of Utrecht

Professor Wolfgang Hau, Vice President for International Relations, University of Passau

Dr Thalia Kruger, University of Antwerp

Dr Eva Lein, Senior Research Fellow, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London

Ms Carolina Marín Pedreño, Partner, Dawson Cornwell Solicitors, London

Dr Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens, Family lawyer, Potsdam

Professor Guillermo Palao Moreno, University of Valencia

Ms Salla Saastamoinen, Head of Unit, Unit A 1: Civil Justice Policy, DG Justice, European Commission, Brussels (invited)

Professor Louise Ellen Teitz, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague

Professor Ilaria Viarengo, University of Milan

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN FAMILY LAW

CROSS-BORDER DIVORCE
AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

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Dr Angelika Fuchs

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Monday, 24 September 2012

- 08:45 Arrival and registration
- 09:10 Welcome
Angelika Fuchs
- Chair:
- I. SETTING THE SCENE**
- 09:15 **Divorce and its consequences: recent developments in Europe**
Masha Antokolskaia
- 10:00 Discussion
- II. WHICH LAW APPLIES TO CROSS-BORDER DIVORCE?**
- 10:15 **"Rome III": scope of application**
Interplay of divorce law and other rules, including jurisdiction, property regimes, maintenance and pension rights adjustment
Wolfgang Hau
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break
- Chair: *Wolfgang Hau*
- 11:30 **Which law(s) can be chosen?**
Party autonomy, formal requirements and material validity
Thalia Kruger

- 12:00 **Limitations to the choice of law, applicable law in the absence of choice and public policy**
Guillermo Palao Moreno
- 12:30 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- Chair:
- 14:00 **Where does my client live?**
The meaning of habitual residence in a family law context
Ilaria Viarengo
- 14:40 Discussion
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:15 **WORKSHOP: Divorce and financial consequences**
- Which court is competent?
 - Which law is to be applied?
 - Recovery of maintenance claims
- Kerstin Niethammer-Jürgens*
- 16:15 **Results of the workshop and discussion**
- 17:30 End of the first conference day
- 19:00 Evening programme and dinner

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

- Chair: *Katharina Boele-Woelki*
- III. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CROSS-BORDER CHILD ABDUCTION**
- 09:00 **Recent case law on child abduction**
Louise Ellen Teitz
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 **Brussels IIbis Regulation: Seven years on and proposals for reform**
Carolina Marín Pedreño
- 10:30 Discussion
- 10:45 Coffee break
- IV. PROPERTY RIGHTS OF EU COUPLES**
- 11:15 **Property rights of international couples: state of play**
Salla Saastamoinen
- 12:00 Discussion
- V. CROSS-BORDER SUCCESSIONS**
- 12:15 **The new Regulation on cross-border successions**
Eva Lein
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch and end of the conference