



Family Law at Four

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**“Open Adoption:
Problems, Opportunities and Legal Perspectives”**

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Hybrid Lecture

in Gerhard Kegel Hall and via Zoom

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About the Speaker

Sara Tina is a PhD candidate in Civil Law at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan (Italy) and qualified as an Italian lawyer in 2024. She is currently a scholarship holder at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg and was a visiting researcher at Boston University from January to June 2024. She also serves as a teaching assistant in Civil and Family Law at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan and Piacenza. Her research lies in the field of Private Law, and she is currently working on Family Law and open adoption from a comparative perspective.

About the Topic

The growing recognition of open adoption in contemporary family law calls for a reassessment of the traditional model of adoption as a definitive severance of biological ties. By allowing adoptees and birth families to maintain forms of post-adoption contact, open adoption raises significant legal and psychological questions. In light of the Italian Constitutional Court Judgment No. 183/2023, which admitted the possibility of open adoption under specific conditions, and of broader legislative developments in several jurisdictions, it becomes necessary to examine the phenomenon from a legal and comparative perspective.

About the Series:

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