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- Prof. Dr. Marie-Claire Foblets
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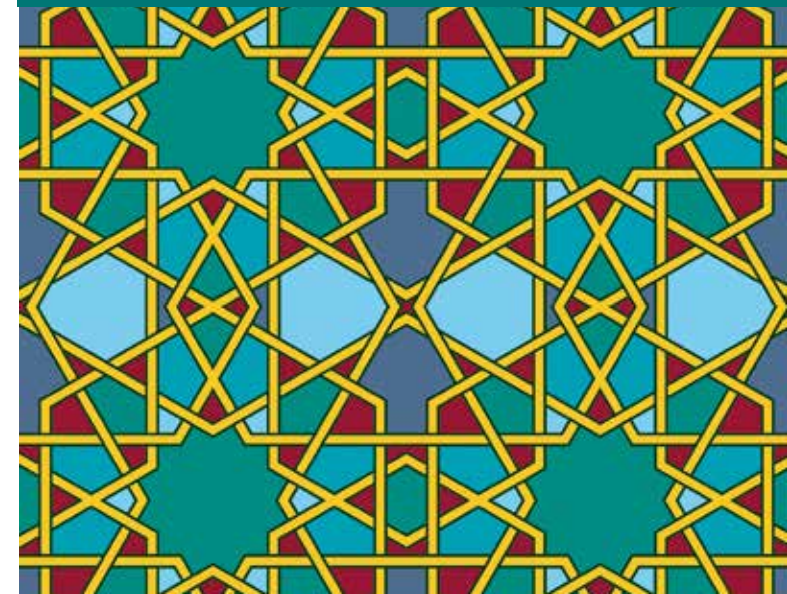
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The Dynamics of Legal Development in Islamic Countries - Family and Succession Law -

Conference 17-19 October 2013

Hamburg (Germany)



PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

Thursday, 17 October 2013

- 4:30 pm Registration and get-together
- 5:00 pm **Welcome address**
Jürgen Basedow
- 5:15 pm **Welcome and opening remarks**
Nadjma Yassari
- 5:30 pm **Keynote address**
"Breaks and Continuities in Middle Eastern Law after the 2011 Revolutions"
Chibli Mallat
- 6:30 pm Closing

Friday, 18 October 2013

Lectures

- 9:30 am "Egyptian Family Law Reform between Law in the Books and Law in Action"
Nathalie Bernard-Maugiron
Discussion
- 10:30 am "Personal Status Law and the Political Transition in Tunisia"
Monia Ben Jémia
Discussion
- 11:30 am **Coffee break**
- 12:00 pm "Contextualising Family Law Reform and Plural Legalities in Post-Colonial Pakistan"
Shaheen Sardar Ali
Discussion
- 1:00 pm Lunch

Workshops

- 2:30 pm **Workshop 1: LEGISLATION**
Discussants: Lorenzo Ascanio: The Moroccan Mudawwana 2004
Nadjma Yassari: The Iranian Family Protection Act 2013
Nora Alim: Reform through Procedural Law in Egypt
Chair: Chibli Mallat
- 2:30 pm **Workshop 2: PARTY AUTONOMY**
Discussants: Brian Kritz: Palestinian Sulha, Party Autonomy, and the Rule of Law
Annelies Moors: Dealing with Property Issues: Inheritance and Dower
Lena-Maria Möller: Party Autonomy upon the Dissolution of Marriage
Chair: Shaheen Sardar Ali
- 2:30 pm **Workshop 3: JUDICIARY**
Discussants: Salma Abida: Les pouvoirs du juge tunisien dans le droit de la famille (engl. translation provided)
Adel Omar Sherif: Being a Judge in Egypt
Imen Gallala-Armdt: Interreligious Marriages in the Courts
Chair: Marie-Claire Foblets
- 3:30 pm **Coffee break**
- 4:00 pm Continuation of the workshops
- 5:30 pm Reception at the Max Planck Institute

Saturday, 19 October 2013

Findings

- 9:30 am Workshop 1
Chibli Mallat
- 10:30 am Workshop 2
Shaheen Sardar Ali
- 11:30 am **Coffee break**
- 11:45 am Workshop 3
Marie-Claire Foblets
- 12:45 pm The Dynamics of Legal Development:
A Synthesis
Nadjma Yassari
- 1:15 pm Closing

The conference looks at the different means of developing family and succession law. The dynamics of this development will be traced through lectures on the national laws of selected Islamic countries and three simultaneously held workshops, in which the main actors of legal development, i.e. the legislator, the parties through party autonomy and the judges will be examined in detail.

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