



(Dis)CONNECTING PEOPLE? THE LAW AND PRACTICE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The Institute for Private International Law, Ghent European Law Institute and the Migration Law Research Group (Ghent University), and the Department of Sociology and the Government & Law Research Group (UAntwerpen) are glad to invite you to the International Conference “(Dis)connecting People? The law and practice of family reunification” on 9-10 September 2021 in Ghent (Belgium).

The conference originates from the research of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in different branches of law and sociology within these research groups. The conference aims to establish a dialogue on family reunification between the legal and the social sciences, as well as to cross bridges between academia, policy and practice.

DAY 1

9:00 Walk-in and coffee

9:30 Welcome

9:45 Keynote I: Prof. Kees Groenendijk

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Sarah Den Haese

11:15 Hester Kroeze

11:45 Discussion

12:15 Lunch

13:30 Parallel session I (panels 1 & 2)

15:00 Break

15:30 Parallel session II (panels 3 & 4)

17:00 End of first day

19:00 Conference dinner for the speakers

DAY 2

09.30 Keynote II Prof. Federica Infantino: 'True' love and the bureaucratic bordering of Europe

10.15 Discussion

10.30 Parallel session I (panels 5 & 6)

12.00 Lunch

13.30 Parallel session II (panels 7 & 8)

15.00 Break

15.15 Parallel panels III (panels 9 & 10)

16:30 Closure / Reception

Programme parallel panels

In light of our objective of facilitating encounters between academics, policy makers and practitioners on the one hand, and between different disciplinary perspectives of the other, we have composed the panels in such a way as to maximize these exchanges.

Day one: 9 September	Day one: 9 September
13:30 – 15:00	13:30 – 15:00
Panel 1 Family reunification before CJEU and ECtHR	Panel 2 Obstacles for exercising family life
<p><i>13:30 – 13:45</i> Trans(forming)national fatherhood: Exploring Family Reunification Claims before the ECtHR - Alice Margaria</p> <p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> Between utopia and reality: the right to family reunification of “paperless” refugees - Daniel Mekonnen and Sara Palacios Arapiles</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Different means, one goal: family reunification under EU law and practice - Laura Carpaneto and Francesca Maoli</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Love, life, move: Free movement of EU citizens and family law – Hanneke van Eijken</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 – Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>13:30 – 13:45</i> Turkish migrants in Ghent and family reunification – Ayse Güdük</p> <p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> COVID19 Disconnecting families. Impact on the non-EU nationals - Arina Lazareva</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Family lives in limbo – (dis)connectivity and (trans)local family relations of refugees in Germany - Simone Christ and Benjamin Etzold</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Emerging needs, boundaries and thresholds to the right of family reunification – Pascal Debruyne</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 - Discussion</i></p>

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Panel 3 Family reunification in policy and practice	Panel 4 Proving family ties and identity
<p><i>15:30 – 15:45</i> Family reunification and the integration of refugee families in Belgium - Roos-Marie van den Bogaard</p> <p><i>15:45 – 16:00</i> I have; therefore I am? Questions around the resource requirement in Belgian family reunification law – Noemi Desguin</p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:15</i> Marriage, Mobility, and Notions of Belonging – Rama Srinivasan</p> <p><i>16:15 – 16:30</i> Together forever, indefinitely apart: families navigating the wait for Swedish family reunification – Hilda Gustafsson</p> <p><i>16:30 – 17:00 – Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>15:30 – 15:45</i> Your Relationship is Genuine, but Your Marriage is Not. Defining Marriages of Convenience in EU and UK Law - Aleksandra Jolkina.</p> <p><i>15:45 – 16:00</i> The Disconnection of Eritrean Families - A Perspective of Social Work – Julia Willemijn Fopp</p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:15</i> The proof of identity in family reunification procedures of refugees - Corinna Ujkasevic and Charlotte Bertal</p> <p><i>16:15 – 16:30</i> Marriage Recognition under Private International Law and Migration Law in Denmark - Nicole Stybnarova</p> <p><i>16:30 – 17:00 - Discussion</i></p>

Day two: 10 September	Day two: 10 September
10:30 – 12:00	10:30 – 12:00
Panel 5 Access to family reunification 1	Panel 6 Impediments to family reunification
<p><i>10:30 – 10:45</i> Family reunification in Switzerland – An « object lesson” for the phenomenon of “reverse discrimination” - Sarah Progin-Theuerkauf</p> <p><i>10:45 – 11:00</i> Family reunification for asylum seekers in Europe post Brexit - Efthymia Stathopoulou and Rebecca Chapman</p>	<p><i>10:30 – 10:45</i> Institutional racism within the securitization of migration. The case of family reunification in Belgium - Giacomo Orsini, Sarah Smit, Jean-Baptiste Farcy and Laura Merla</p> <p><i>10:45 – 11:00</i> (Dis)connecting people trough race? A critical race perspective on family reunification law in Europe – Betty de Hart</p>

<p><i>11:00 – 11:15</i> Article 17.2 of the Dublin III Regulation: Limiting Entrance, Gatekeeping Values - Ifigeneia Intzipeoglou and Maria-Nefeli Skotori</p> <p><i>11:15 – 11:30</i> Suspecting Refugee Families: everyday border practices of family reunification in Brazil - Patricia Nabuco Martuscelli</p> <p><i>11:30 – 12:00 - Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>11:00 – 11:15</i> Beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and access to family reunification in the EU: Are States' restrictive policies justified? – Claudia Zugno</p> <p><i>11:15 – 11:30</i> Dublin Family Reunification: the consequences and struggles of last year's administrative barriers - Iliana Bompou and Anne Pertsch</p> <p><i>11:30 – 12:00 – Discussion</i></p>
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Panel 7 Access to Family Reunification II	Panel 8 Children's rights
<p><i>13:30 – 13:45</i> Family reunification in a transnational context: a theoretical framework – Milena Belloni and Gert Verschraegen</p> <p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> The right to family reunification for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection: A legal and policy assessment – Evita Armouti</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Higher Employment Status, More Human Rights? A comparison of family visas for 'high' and 'low' skilled workers in the U.S. – Lily Espinoza</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Welfare state protection as pretext? The (ab)use of income requirements in Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands – Miriam Quené</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 – Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>13:30 – 13:45</i> Best interests of the child in family reunification: A citizenship test disguised? – Sanna Mustasaari</p> <p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> The assessment of the best interests of the child by the Belgian migration authorities in cases of family reunification – Laura Cools and Sylvie Sarolea</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Better Off Without Parents? – Irene Olivero</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Child marriages in Belgium: recognized for the purpose of family reunification? – Leontine Bruijnen</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 – Discussion</i></p>

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15:15 – 16:30	15:15 – 16:30
<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The notion ‘family’ in family reunification</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dependent relationship dynamics</p>
<p><i>15:15 – 15:30</i> Family Union, Re-union, or Dis-union? Vietnamese immigration in Germany and their intimate experiences of migration legality – Thanh Nga Mai</p> <p><i>15:30 – 15:45</i> Legal Violence and (in)visible families: How law shapes and erases families in SOGI asylum in Europe – Nuno Ferreira & Carmelo Danisi</p> <p><i>15:45 – 16:00</i> Family reunification and refugee protection in Sub-Saharan Africa: One-step forward, two steps back? – Christiano d’Orsi</p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:30 - Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>15:15 – 15:30</i> Relationship Triangle: Can durable partners access derived right of residence under citizens’ directive if they are simultaneously married? – Nicole Stybnarova</p> <p><i>15:30 – 15:45</i> Violent By Law. How Restrictions on Family Reunification Help (re)Producing Conjugal Violence: The Case of Belgium - Giacomo Orsini and Laura Merla</p> <p><i>15:45 – 16:00</i> Protection from Domestic Violence for Family Migrants – Discrepancies due to Status and Rights – Lisa Kerker</p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:30 - Discussion</i></p>