

Families Beyond Borders

Migration with or without private international law

Day 1 (28 March 2019)

13u-13u30	Registration
13u30-13u45	Welcome: Prof. Michel Tison , Dean Faculty of Law, Ghent University Introduction: Prof. Jinske Verhellen , Ghent University
13u45u-14u45	Keynote speaker: Prof. James C. Hathaway , University of Michigan Law School (USA) <i>Can Refugee Law Really be Reconciled to the Private International Law of Personal Status?</i>
15u-16u30	Session 1 Persons in need of international protection (speakers see next page)
16u30-17u	Coffee break
17u-18u30	Session 2 Refugee and migrant children (speakers see next page)

Day 2 (29 March 2019)

8u-9u	Welcome Coffee
9u-10u	Session 3 Migrants and their families (speakers see next page)
10u-11u	Discussion, launched by the rapporteurs of the 3 thematic sessions (conclusions, results, recommendations): Dr. Susanne Lilian Gössl , Universität Bonn (Germany) Hans van Loon , former Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (the Netherlands) Prof. Patrick Wautelet , Université de Liège (Belgium)
11u-11u30	Coffee break
11u30-12u30	Impact of Human Rights Law on Private International Law and Migration Law, chair Prof. Yves Haeck - Judge Turkovic , European Court of Human Rights - Prof. Silvia Pfeiff , Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
12u30-13u	Conference conclusions Prof. Jean-Yves Carlier , Université catholique Louvain (Belgium)
13u	Lunch
Afternoon	Guided city tour by Prof. Georges Martyn , Ghent University

Speakers thematic / people-centered sessions

Session 1: Persons in need of international protection

- Academic: **Prof. Sabine Corneloup**, Université Paris II and **Prof. Fabienne Jault-Seseke**, Université Versailles (France)
The appropriateness of Private International Law Methodologies
- Practice:
 - o **Samarie Wijekoon Lofvendahl, UNHCR**
Title TBC
 - o **Dr. Andrea Struwe**, attorney, Germany
Practical Challenges regarding the Proof of Identity in the Asylum Procedure

Chair: **Prof. Ellen Desmet**

Rapporteur: **Hans van Loon**

Session 2: Refugee and migrant children

- Academic: **Prof. Laura Carpaneto**, University of Genoa (Italy)
Cross-border placement of migrant children
- Practice:
 - o **Christelle Hilpert**, Head of the Central Authority (Hague Child Protection Convention 1996), France
The assistance of the Central Authorities in cases related to the migration of children
 - o **Martina Erb Klünemann**, Family Court Judge, Germany, network judge (EJN and International Hague Network of Judges)
Representation of unaccompanied minors - appointment of guardians and the problems in the German practice
 - o **Katja Fournier**, Coordinator Platform Minors in Exile/Plate-forme Mineurs en Exil/Platform Kinderen op de Vlucht, Belgium
Age assessment : a tool and a protection gap. A discussion on irreversible consequences, medical reliability, procedural safeguards and perspectives for the future

Chair: **Prof. Thalia Kruger**

Rapporteur: **Dr. Susanne Gössl**

Session 3: Migrants and their families

- Academic: **Prof. Maarit Jänterä-Jareborg**, Uppsala University (Sweden)
Refugees' Right to Family Life – A critical look on recent European developments
- Practice:
 - o **Steve Heylen** (vice-president European Association of Civil Registrars)
The registrar and foreign civil status documents: the entire world at a glance
 - o **Lise Van Baelen**, Restoring Family Links Officer, Belgian Red Cross-Flanders
Challenging obstacles when dealing with Tracing and Family Reunification

Chair: **Prof. Jinske Verhellen**

Rapporteur: **Prof. Patrick Wautelet**