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Call for Abstracts

The **Law Department of the University of Udine** (Italy) welcomes abstract submissions for consideration at the conference “**Il riconoscimento dello status filiationis acquisito all'estero: prospettive europee e resistenze nazionali – Recognition of status filiationis established abroad: European perspectives and national resistance**”. The conference will be held on 24 October 2019 in Udine. It is coordinated by Elisabetta Bergamini (Associate Professor of International Law, University of Udine) and Francesco Deana (Lecturer of European Union Law, University of Udine) and it involves renowned scholars as well as young researchers on trending international, private international and EU law topics on the protection and recognition of status filiationis.

Background of the conference

This event is the final conference of the research project on “*Continuità transfrontaliera dello status filiationis e tutela dell'interesse superiore del minore – Cross-border continuity of status filiationis and the best interests of the child*”. The project is supervised by Elisabetta Bergamini and funded by the programme “Piano Strategico di Dipartimento” promoted by the Law Department of the University of Udine. It is aimed at providing a consistent framework and a systematic discussion of the issue of recognition of status filiationis in cross-border family situations. Therefore, it examines the impact of international law (notably, European law) on this issue, in the light of recent institutional, regulatory and case-law developments.

The final conference will consist of a morning session, including four speeches of 25/30 minutes each, and an afternoon session consisting of two round tables that will involve a total of ten participants respectively on the subject of “*New frontiers of legal parentage*” and “*National identity v. individual identity. Limits and counter-limits to the recognition of status filiationis*”. Up to two presentations per round table will be selected through this call for abstracts.

Target & Topics of the Call for Abstracts

This Call for Abstracts is directed at advanced Ph.D. students (or within three years of its completion), post-doc research fellows and academics at early stages of their career of any nationality and affiliation, who are encouraged to submit proposals concerning public international law, private and procedural international law, or EU law, including also comparative perspectives. Within this broad scope, the proposed topics need to present a timely character and innovative methodological approach to the research, or explore new challenges and fields of inquiry. The goal is thus to provide an invaluable opportunity to share and exchange views with renowned academics and legal practitioners, and to network with other researchers in the respective fields of interest.

Presentation type

Selected applicants will hold oral presentations, of 10 minutes duration, to be delivered in Italian or English in a panel format.

Presentation themes

Abstracts may be submitted under one of the following 2 themes:

1. *New frontiers of legal parentage.*

We welcome presentations on specific issues concerning:

- The establishment and contestation of legal parentage in internal law (including comparative studies)
- Bilateral, regional or international efforts towards greater co-operation or unification of private international law rules concerning legal parentage and / or related areas
- Key problems identified concerning international surrogacy arrangements



- The rights and legal status of children being brought up in various forms of marital or non-marital partnership and cohabitation
- Rainbow families and parentage
- Cross-border recognition of adoption orders in Europe

Etcetera

2. *National identity v. individual identity. Limits and counter-limits to the recognition of status filiationis*

We welcome presentations on specific issues concerning:

- Multiculturalism, plurality and legal parentage in cross-border family relationships
- Constitutional identity and integration in the EU
- Constitutional identity and fundamental rights in the EU
- How constitutional identity impacts on cross-border status recognition
- Domestic values and public policy clause in status recognition
- Status filiationis and the defense of national identity by domestic supreme courts

Etcetera

Submission guidelines

To submit your abstract, please write an email to eufamlaw.uniud@gmail.com according to the following guidelines.

The body of the email must contain:

- Submitter's contact details (Full first and family name(s), email, phone number, country)
- Affiliation details: Institution/University, city, country
- Abstract topic: please choose one of the two main themes mentioned above under the "presentation themes" section
- Abstract title: please do not add the title in the abstract text! Add the title only in this specific field
- Keywords: up to 3 keywords may be provided (at least 1 keyword is required to go ahead with the submission)

Please attach to the email

- Abstract text (in PDF): the abstract should not exceed 6000 characters including spaces
- CV (in PDF): a brief curriculum vitae (up to 1 page)

As the official languages of the conference are Italian and English, all abstracts must be presented in one of these languages.

The deadline for submission is 15 September 2019 at midnight. The Academic coordinators for the conference will review abstracts and acceptances will be made on 20 September 2019. There is no opportunity or obligation to publish connected to the conference.

Coverage of expenses

The Law Department of the University of Udine will reserve and pay for the selected speakers' hotel accommodation for one night (23 October 2019). In addition, travel expenses to and from Udine incurred by the selected speakers will be covered according to the internal guidelines of the University of Udine (upon submission of the supporting documents).

Info

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the conference coordinators at eufamlaw.uniud@gmail.com