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Selected list of talks and conference participations

“Die Familiengesetze der christlichen Minderheiten in den arabischen Ländern: Eheschließung und Scheidung“, Aktuelle Entwicklungen des ausländischen Familien- und Namensrechts, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, June 26, 2024.

“The Byzantine Family Code in Focus: An Imprint of Roman, Christian, and Islamic Legal Concepts?” Law’s Making, Unmaking, and Remaking of Religion? Middle Eastern and Comparative Perspective, organized by Baudouin Dupret, Gianluca Parolin, Ido Shahaar, Science Po Bordeaux, May 16-17, 2024.

“‘Inheritance Creates a Grudge’: Towards a New Inheritance Law for Christian Communities in Middle Eastern Countries”, The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund Conference on New Developments in the Accommodation of Religious Law in Modern States: Critical and Comparative Perspectives, organized by Karin Carmit Yefet, Ido Shahaar and Muhammad Al-Atawneh, University of Haifa, August 23-24, 2022.

“Attitudes toward Inheritance and Inheritance Practices of Muslim and Christian Jordanians”, 10th Islamic Legal Studies conference, convened by the International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (ISILS), London, May 19-21, 2022. Participation in the ISILS podcast Shar3i: <https://isils.net/isils/the-podcast-shar3i/>.

“The struggle towards a new inheritance law for Christian communities in Jordan”, Workshop: Canonization and Codification in the Middle East, Universität Bergen, November 26, 2021.

“Applying Byzantine Family Law in the Greek Orthodox courts in Amman and Jerusalem: Adjudication in Settings of Legal Pluralism”, DAVO Konferenz, Hamburg, October 4, 2019.

“Book launch: Reforming Family Law: Social and Political Change in Jordan and Morocco”, University of Oxford, St Antony’s College, Oxford, June 14, 2019.

“Inheritance law reform in Jordan: procedural law as a tool to protect women’s inheritance rights”, workshop on: Islamic Law and Gender Equality in the Balance: Inheritance Law Reform in Tunisia, Aga Khan University, London, June 12, 2019.

“The application of Islamic and Christian family law in the Middle East and in Germany”, 45. Feministischer Juristinnen tag, Freiburg, May 11, 2019.

“Book talk: The Politics of Family Law Reform in Jordan & Morocco”, Centre for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman, April 9, 2019.

“Adjudicating Christian Family Law in Jordan: legal borrowing across Religious Lines?”, Law, Islam and Anthropology Conference, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, November 10, 2018.

“The exemption of Christian family law in Jordan from the CEDAW debate: diffusion of international norms through legal borrowing?” Workshop: The Family, Human Rights and Internationalism, University of Göttingen, November 2-3, 2018.

“Applying Christian family law in Jordan’s Greek Orthodox court: adjudication in settings of legal pluralism,” International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain, May 25, 2018.

“Family law reform in Algeria: national politics, key actors, and transnational factors” Faculty of Law, Centre for Migration Law, Radboud Univeristy, Nijmegen, Netherlands, March 23, 2018.

“The guardian position of the state: what role does the state play in establishing filiation and the organization of foster care?” Université Saint-Joseph, Beirut, November 10, 2017.

“Family law reform in Morocco and Jordan: historical legacies and contemporary law reform”, the Lichtenberg Kolleg, the Göttingen Institute of Advanced Study, Göttingen, June 7, 2017.

“Christian family law in Jordan: regulating legal pluralism and the challenge of reform”, Annual meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Boston, November 19, 2016.

“How Islamic Law reform influences Christian court practice in Jordan: Legal reform without state involvement”, Lichtenberg Kolleg, the Göttingen Institute of Advanced Study, Göttingen, October 28, 2016.

“Developments of civil society in Morocco after 2011: feedback effects of the “Democratic Spring?”, Department of Political Science, Tübingen University, December 9, 2015.

“Morocco’s Judges club: calling for dignity and judicial independence in the name of the king”, Annual meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Denver, November 24, 2015.

“Processes of Family Law Reform: Legal and Societal Change and Continuity in Morocco and Jordan”, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco, September 21, 2015.

“The Implementation of the 2004 Family Law in Morocco”, Harvard Law School, March 11, 2015.

“The Effects of the Legal System on Family Law Reform: The Case of Morocco and Jordan”, Harvard Law School, February 13, 2015.

“Party Identification in Post-revolutionary Tunisia: Nida Tunis and Ennahda Compared” (with Ferdinand Eibl), The Tunisian Revolution: Origins, Course, and Aftermath, University of Oxford, Oxford, May 17, 2014.

“Family law reform in Morocco and Jordan: a comparative approach”, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association’s, Denver, Colorado, November 19, 2012.

“Changing state-society relations in Morocco through family law reform: the state enters the home of the citizen”, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, Oxford, June 12, 2012.

“Jordan and Morocco during the Arab Spring”, Workshop: Reform and Revolution in the Middle East, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Nürnberg, February 10, 2012.

“Could the reform of the Christian family law in Egypt help to decrease sectarian tension?” German Council on Foreign Affairs (DGAP), New Faces Conference: Transitions in Egypt and Tunisia through the Prism of Gender Equality, Cairo, January 13-16, 2012.

“The family law reform process in Algeria and Morocco: cooperation between informal and formal actors?” 11th Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute Florence, Italien, April 6-9, 2011.

Conferences organized

Université Saint-Joseph and German Orient Institute, Beirut

“Establishing Filiation: Towards a Social Definition of the Family in Islamic and Middle Eastern Law?” Organized by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, November 8-10, 2017.

Göttingen University

“Legal Pluralism in Personal Status Law: Comparative and Historical Perspectives”, October 28-29, 2016. Organized by the Human Rights, Constitutional Politics and Religious Diversity” Research Group, funded by the Lichtenberg-Kolleg, the Göttingen Institute for Advanced Study.

Harvard University

“Islamic law reform: how change is advocated”, February 12-13, 2015. Co-organized with Professor Kristen Stilt and funded by Harvard Law School’s Islamic Legal Studies Program.

University of Oxford

“Legal reform and political change affecting women in the MENA region”, St Antony’s College, June 12, 2012, funded by the St Antony’s Annual Fund and the Middle East Centre. Organized together with Katja Žvan Elliott. Podcasts of the papers given at the conference are available online: <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/st-antony-college-podcasts>.