

Call for Papers for a Family Law Early Career Colloquium Hamburg, 5th and 6th June 2025

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Nordic Centre for Comparative and International Family Law (NorFam)

If you are an early career researcher (PhD student or PostDoc up to five years after award of PhD) in family law and interested in getting to know other young family lawyers and presenting the main theses of your current research, we encourage you to submit an abstract for our Family Law Early Career Colloquium, to be held on 5th and 6th June 2025 in Hamburg/Germany.

The aim of this Colloquium is to bring together early career scholars from different legal backgrounds and traditions in family law and to build networks across jurisdictions to promote future collaboration and research.

For the purpose of the Colloquium, 'family law' is understood widely and includes all topics relating to families and law from a comparative, transnational or theoretical perspective, including (but not limited to) papers on

- methods and theory of family law
- culture, religion, history and family law
- notions of family
- parenthood and parental responsibility
- families in cross-border situations
- legal status in family law
- family property and family finances
- family law and tax law, succession law, social security law, etc.

We offer two modes of active participation, either presenting a paper of 30 minutes with subsequent comment ('long paper') and discussion, or presenting your research in 7 minutes in the 'academic speed dating format' ('short paper'). If you are interested in

- **presenting a 'long paper'** of 30 minutes and/or
- **participating in the academic speed dating** by presenting your research in 7 minutes ('short paper'),

please send a short cv (no longer than one page) and a 200-word abstract to office-roethel@mpipriv.de by 15th February 2025.

For those who are invited to present their 'long paper' and/or their research in 7 minutes ('short paper'), travel costs to and from Hamburg as well as accommodation costs will be covered by the Max Planck Institute. In addition, limited funding is available from NorFam for the participants in the academic speed dating for travel and accommodation. When submitting your abstract, please indicate whether you would require financial assistance for travel and accommodation. – It is also possible to attend the colloquium without presenting a paper.

ORGANISERS

Jointly organised by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany and the Nordic Centre for Comparative and International Family Law (NorFam).

LOCATION

The Colloquium will take place at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Mittelweg 187, 20148 Hamburg, Germany.

DRAFT PROGRAM (Subject to change)

Day 1 – 5 June 2025

- 12.00 Brief welcome and introductions
Lunch
- 12.45 Official welcome – Anne Röthel & Jens Scherpe
- 13.00 2 Papers presented by Early Career Scholars/PhDs
30 minutes each, with 30 minutes for comment and discussion
- 15.00 *Coffee break*
- 15.30 2 Papers presented by Early Career Scholars/PhDs
30 minutes each, with 30 minutes for comment and discussion
- 17.30 *Coffee break*
- 18.00 Academic speed dating (part 1): explain your current research
5 short presentations of research projects (7 min)
- 19.00 End of Day 1 / *Dinner*

Day 2 – 6 June 2025

- 09.00 *Morning Coffee*
- 09.30 2 Papers presented by Early Career Scholars/PhDs
30 minutes each, with 30 minutes for comment and discussion
- 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 12.00 Academic speed dating (part 2): explain your current research
5 short presentations of research projects (7 min)
- 13.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 Closing Remarks / Presentation of the Institute / Library tour
Farewell