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South East Europe (and Beyond): Let's Talk About Law!

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“The right to know one’s origins:
a comparative perspective”.

In this short lecture, our lecturer will talk about the content and the autonomy of the right to know one’s origins, with regards to the adopted children and to those born after assisted reproduction, from a comparative point of view. The talk will concern, firstly, the conflict with the biological mother’s right to anonymity, in those countries where anonymous birth is permitted (France and Italy) and the new solutions due to the recent decisions of ECHR and of the national courts. Secondly, our speaker will give a brief overview on the donor’s anonymity rule in the European legal systems, wondering about the possible consequences of the child’s access to the identifying information on the child’s filiation. In this respect, she shall discuss the necessity to go beyond the traditional opposition biological/legal truth, considering the existence of a pluralism of truths, such as the one grounded in the affective relationship; the social truth (the tractatus) and the temporal truth.

Tuesday, 26 July 2016 – 4 pm

Conference Room 1, 1st floor

All employees and guests of the institute as well as
other interested parties are cordially invited to the lecture.

Bettina Mia Bujňáková