



## Summer Course on European Family Law

Trier, 14-18 June 2021

**UP  
GRADE**  
YOUR LEGAL  
EXPERTISE

**Family  
Law**



### Speakers

**Tim Amos QC**, Barrister, Mediator and Collaborative Lawyer,  
Chambers of Tim Amos QC, Queen Elizabeth Building, London

**Cristina González Beifuss**, Professor, University of Barcelona

**Michael Hellner**, Professor, Stockholm University

**Juliane Hirsch**, Consultant on Private International Law and  
International Family Law, Berlin

**Thalia Kruger**, Senior Lecturer at the University of Antwerp;  
Associate at the University of Cape Town

**Isabelle Rein Lescastereyres**, Partner, bwg Family Law  
Firm, Paris

**Nadia Rusinova**, Attorney-at-Law, Lecturer, The Hague University

### Key topics

- Cross-border divorce
- Parent-child relationship including parental child abduction
- Cross-border maintenance obligations towards children
- Property regimes of international couples
- Family law and human rights

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English

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Organiser  
Dr Angelika Fuchs, ERA



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## Monday, 14 June 2021

- 08:40 Arrival and registration of participants
- 09:00 **Welcome and getting to know each other**  
*Angelika Fuchs*

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### I. CROSS-BORDER DIVORCE

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- Speaker: *Tim Amos QC*
- 09:30 **Setting the scene: Key aspects of the EU *acquis* in family matters & interplay between the EU rules and international conventions**
- 10:15 **Scope and applicability of the Brussels IIa Regulation**
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Jurisdictional issues, including *lis pendens* and race to the court**
- Speaker: *Isabelle Rein Lescastereyres*
- 12:00 **Rome III and beyond: Which law is to be applied?**
- 13:00 Lunch
- Speakers: *Isabelle Rein Lescastereyres and Tim Amos QC*
- 14:00 **WORKSHOP (with coffee & tea)**  
**Cross-border divorce in legal practice**  
inter alia, pre-nuptial agreements, same-sex couples, out-of-court divorce, and the implications of Brexit
- 15:45 Results of the workshop and discussion
- 17:00 End of the first day
- 19:00 Guided city tour

## Tuesday, 15 June 2021

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### II. CROSS-BORDER PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

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- Speaker: *Thalia Kruger*
- 09:00 **Parental responsibility: jurisdiction and applicable law**
- 10:45 Coffee break
- Speaker: *Michael Hellner*
- 11:15 **Access rights and cross-border child abduction, including the interplay of Brussels IIa and the 1980 Hague Convention**
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **WORKSHOP (with coffee & tea)**  
**Parental child abduction**
- 15:45 Results of the workshop and discussion
- 17:00 End of the second day
- 19:00 Course dinner

## Wednesday, 16 June 2021

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### III. VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EU

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- 07:00 Departure from ERA to the CJEU
- 08:15 Arrival and registration at the CJEU
- 09:00 Briefing and hearing of case

## Objective

The purpose of this course is to introduce (family) lawyers to practical aspects of European and international family law.

This five-day course will focus on the most relevant topics in family litigation, namely

- Cross-border divorce
- Parent-child relationships including parental child abduction
- Covid-19 implications on family issues
- Family law and human rights
- Cross-border maintenance obligations towards children
- Property regimes of international couples

This course will provide you with hands-on experience on cross-border family cases and the recent jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

All relevant instruments in this field will be presented and analysed, by way of both lectures and case studies. You will benefit from daily workshops where active participation is encouraged.

## Who should attend?

The course is aimed at legal practitioners seeking a thorough introduction to the various instruments in EU family law and the interplay with the most relevant Hague conventions in this field.

## You will learn...

- ...which court has jurisdiction to hear your family law case
- ...which law will apply to a cross-border divorce
- ...which steps to take after a parental child abduction
- ...how the pandemic affects cross-border family relations, access rights and the hearing of the child
- ...how maintenance obligations towards children can be enforced
- ...to advise on how to draft pre-nups agreements in the framework of the new Regulations on property regimes
- ...to apply the recent CJEU and ECtHR case law in the field

## Visit to the European Court of Justice

Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg and attend a hearing.

- 11:00 General presentation of the Court of Justice  
 12:00 Return to Trier  
 13:00 Lunch

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#### IV. FAMILY LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Speaker: *Nadia Rusinova*

- 14:30 **Major jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in family matters, including same sex couples and gender issues**  
 15:30 Coffee break  
 16:00 **Reproductive rights and surrogacy**  
 17:00 End of the third day

### Thursday, 17 June 2021

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#### V. COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS ON FAMILY ISSUES

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Speaker: *Nadia Rusinova*

- 09:00 **Cross-border child custody 2020/21 with a focus on parental disputes and the hearing of the child during the Corona crisis**  
 10:30 Coffee break

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#### VI. MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS

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Speaker: *Juliane Hirsch*

- 11:00 **Cross-border maintenance obligations towards children**  
 The applicability and scope of the Maintenance Regulation, the 2007 Hague Convention and the 2007 Hague Protocol  
 11:30 **Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of maintenance decisions**  
 12:00 **WORKSHOP: The functioning of the EU Maintenance Regulation**  
 12:30 Results of the workshop and discussion  
 13:00 Lunch  
 14:00 **The applicable law: general rule and choice of law**  
 15:00 **WORKSHOP (with coffee & tea): Cross-border recovery of maintenance obligations**  
 16:00 Results of the workshop and discussion  
 17:00 End of the fourth day  
 18:00 Tour of the vineyards, wine-tasting and dinner

### Friday, 18 June 2021

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#### VII. PROPERTY REGIMES OF INTERNATIONAL COUPLES

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Speaker: *Cristina González Beilfuss*

- 09:30 **The new EU Regulations on property regimes: scope and content**  
 10:30 Coffee break  
 11:00 **CASE STUDY: Party autonomy in European Family Law**  
 13:00 Lunch and end of course

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#### Location

ERA Conference Centre  
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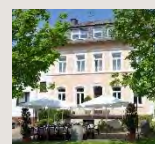
A tour of the historic city of Trier, the oldest in Germany, known for its well-preserved Roman and medieval buildings.



The course dinner with fellow participants from various countries.



A wine-tasting in the Moselle vineyards followed by a traditional dinner in a winery.



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