



PROGRAMME

The Institute for Private International Law, Ghent European Law Institute and the Migration Law Research Group (Ghent University), and the Department of Sociology and the Government & Law Research Group (UAntwerpen) are glad to invite you to the International Conference “(Dis)connecting People? The law and practice of family reunification” on 9-10 September 2021 in Ghent (Belgium).

The conference originates from the research of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in different branches of law and sociology within these research groups. The conference aims to establish a dialogue on family reunification between the legal and the social sciences, as well as to cross bridges between academia, policy and practice.

DAY 1

Zoom: Day 1 - Morning session

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8:45 Walk-in and coffee (Faculty Board room)

9:15 Welcome (Auditorium C)

9:25 Keynote I: Prof. em. Kees Groenendijk (Radboud University)

Family reunification, immigrant integration and equality in Europe

Chair: Prof. Ellen Desmet (Ghent University)

10:10 Discussion

10:25 Coffee break (Faculty Board room)

10:55 Sarah Den Haese (Ghent University)

Proving your family ties. Easier said than done

Chair: Prof. Gert Verschraegen (University of Antwerp)

11:25 Hester Kroeze (Ghent University)

The Scope of EU Citizens' Family Reunification Rights in EU Law

Chair: Prof. Gert Verschraegen (University of Antwerp)

11:55 Discussion

12:25 Lunch (Faculty Board room)

13:30 Parallel session I (panels 1 & 2)

Zoom links: see below

15:00 Coffee Break (Faculty Board room)

15:30 Parallel session II (panels 3 & 4)

Zoom links: see below

17:00 End of first day

19:00 Conference dinner for the speakers

DAY 2

Zoom: Day 2 - Morning session

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09.30 Keynote II Prof. Betty de Hart (VU Amsterdam) in Auditorium C

(Dis)connecting people through race? A critical race perspective on family reunification law in Europe

Chair: Dr. Milena Belloni

10.15 Discussion

10:30 Coffee break (Faculty Board room)

11:00 Parallel session I (panels 5 & 6)

Zoom links: see below

12:30 Lunch (Faculty Board room)

13.45 Parallel session II (panels 7 & 8)

Zoom links: see below

15.00 Coffee Break (Faculty Board room)

15:15 Panel 9 + Closure

Zoom links: see below

16:45 End of the conference

Programme parallel panels

In light of our objective of facilitating encounters between academics, policy makers and practitioners on the one hand, and between different disciplinary perspectives of the other, we have composed the panels in such a way as to maximize these exchanges.

DAY ONE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

Day one: 9 September	Day one: 9 September
13:30 – 15:00	13:30 – 15:00
Panel 1 (Auditorium C) Family reunification before CJEU and ECtHR Chair: Hester Kroeze Online support: Sarah Den Haese	Panel 2 (Auditorium B) Obstacles for exercising family life Chair: dr. Milena Belloni Online support: Roos-Marie van den Bogaard
Zoom: https://ugent-be.zoom.us/j/94382167956?pwd=T2svakd1YUpFeDBqWitOM2liUFViUT09 Meeting ID: 943 8216 7956 Passcode: n8890uwV	Zoom: https://ugent-be.zoom.us/j/92743495877?pwd=cDkrOEY0OW9vb2YzUmRvRmtBVWthdz09 Meeting ID: 927 4349 5877 Passcode: i2GCEVP7
<p><i>13:30 – 13:50</i> Between utopia and reality: the right to family reunification of “paperless” refugees – Dr. Daniel Mekonnen and Sara Palacios Arapiles (African Studies Centre, Leiden University; University of Nottingham) online</p> <p><i>13:50 – 14:10</i> Different means, one goal: family reunification under EU law and practice – Prof. Laura Carpaneto and Francesca Maoli (University of Genoa) online</p> <p><i>14:10 – 14:30</i> Love, life, move: Free movement of EU citizens and family law – Dr. Hanneke van Eijken (Utrecht University) online</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 – Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>13:30 – 13:45</i> Turkish migrants in Ghent and family reunification – Ayse GÜDÜK (Ghent University) on campus</p> <p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> COVID19 Disconnecting families. Impact on the non-EU nationals – Dr. Arina Lazareva (independent researcher) online</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Family lives in limbo – (dis)connectivity and (trans)local family relations of refugees in Germany – Dr. Simone Christ (Bonn International Center for Conversion) on campus</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Emerging needs, boundaries and thresholds to the right of family reunification – Dr. Pascal Debruyne (Odisee University College) on campus</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 - Discussion</i></p>

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15:30 – 17:00	15:30 – 17:00
Panel 3 (Auditorium C) Family reunification in policy and practice Chair: Prof. Dirk Vanheule Online support: Sarah Den Haese	Panel 4 (Auditorium B) Proving family ties and identity Chair: Ayse Gdk Online support: Hester Kroeze
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<p><i>15:30 – 15:45</i> Towards an integrated perspective on family reunification policies and practices in Belgium – Roos-Marie van den Bogaard (Ghent University) on campus</p> <p><i>15:45 – 16:00</i> I have; therefore I am? Questions around the resource requirement in Belgian family reunification law – Noemi Desguin (University of Antwerp) on campus</p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:15</i> Marriage, Mobility, and Notions of Belonging – Dr. Rama Srinivasan (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) online</p> <p><i>16:15 – 16:30</i> Together forever, indefinitely apart: families navigating the wait for Swedish family reunification – Hilda Gustafsson (Malm University) on campus</p> <p><i>16:30 – 17:00 – Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>15:30 – 15:45</i> Your Relationship is Genuine, but Your Marriage is Not. Defining Marriages of Convenience in EU and UK Law – Dr. Aleksandra Jolkina (Queen Mary University of London) on campus</p> <p><i>15:45 – 16:00</i> The Disconnection of Eritrean Families - A Perspective of Social Work – Julia Willemijn Fopp (Caritas Ludwigsburg-Waiblingen-Enz) on campus</p> <p><i>16:00 – 16:15</i> The proof of identity in family reunification procedures of refugees – Dr. Corinna Ujkasevic and Charlotte Bertal (Equal Rights Beyond Borders; International Refugee Assistance Project) on campus</p> <p><i>16:15 – 16:30</i> Family reunification and refugee protection in Sub-Saharan Africa: One-step forward, two steps back? – Dr. Christiano d'Orsi (South African Research Chair in International Law) online</p> <p><i>16:30 – 17:00 - Discussion</i></p>

DAY TWO: 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

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11:00 – 12:30	11:00 – 12:30
<p>Panel 5 (Auditorium C) Access to family reunification I Chair: Sarah Den Haese Online support: Roos-Marie van den Bogaard</p>	<p>Panel 6 (Auditorium B) Impediments to family reunification Chair: Prof. Peter Van Elsuwege Online support: Ayse Gdk</p>
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<p><i>11:00 – 11:15</i> Family reunification in Switzerland – An « object lesson” for the phenomenon of “reverse discrimination” – Prof. Sarah Progin-Theuerkauf (University of Fribourg) online</p> <p><i>11:15 – 11:30</i> Family reunification for asylum seekers in Europe post Brexit - Efthymia Stathopoulou and Rebecca Chapman (Refugee Legal Support) online</p> <p><i>11:30 – 11:45</i> Article 17.2 of the Dublin III Regulation: Limiting Entrance, Gatekeeping Values - Ifigeneia Intzipeoglou and Maria-Nefeli Skotori (European Asylum Support Office) on campus</p> <p><i>11:45 – 12:00</i> Suspecting Refugee Families: everyday border practices of family reunification in Brazil – Dr. Patricia Nabuco Martuscelli (UCL Institute for risk and disaster reduction) online</p> <p><i>12:00 – 12:30 - Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>11:00 – 11:20</i> Institutional racism within the securitization of migration. The case of family reunification in Belgium – Dr. Giacomo Orsini (Ghent University) on campus</p> <p><i>11:20 – 11:40</i> Beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and access to family reunification in the EU: Are States’ restrictive policies justified? – Claudia Zugno (University of Bedfordshire - Refugee Legal Assistance Project) online</p> <p><i>11:40 – 12:00</i> Dublin Family Reunification: the consequences and struggles of last year’s administrative barriers - Iliana Bompou and Anne Pertsch (Equal Rights Beyond Borders) online</p> <p><i>12:00 – 12:30 - Discussion</i></p>

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Panel 7 (Auditorium C) Access to Family Reunification II Chair: Sarah Den Haese Online support: Roos-Marie van den Bogaard	Panel 8 (Auditorium B) Children’s rights Chair: Prof. Ellen Desmet Online support: Sara Lembrechts
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<p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> Family Union, Re-union, or Dis-union? Vietnamese immigration in Germany and their intimate experiences of migration legality – Dr. Mai Thanh Nga (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity) online</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Relationship Triangle: Can durable partners access derived right of residence under citizens’ directive if they are simultaneously married? – Nicole Stybnarova (University of Helsinki) online</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Family reunification in a transnational context: a theoretical framework – Dr. Milena Belloni and Prof. Gert Verschraegen (University of Antwerp) on campus</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 Discussion</i></p>	<p><i>13:45 – 14:00</i> The assessment of the best interests of the child by the Belgian migration authorities in cases of family reunification – Laura Cools (UCLouvain) on campus</p> <p><i>14:00 – 14:15</i> Better Off Without Parents? – Dr. Irene Olivero (Politecnico di Milano) on campus</p> <p><i>14:15 – 14:30</i> Child marriages in Belgium: recognized for the purpose of family reunification? – Leontine Bruijnen (University of Antwerp) on campus</p> <p><i>14:30 – 15:00 Discussion</i></p>

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15:15 - 16:30

Panel 9 (Auditorium C)
Dependent relationship dynamics
Chair: Roos-Marie van den Bogaard
Online support: Liselot Castelyn

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15:15 – 15:30

Legal Violence and (in)visible families: How law shapes and erases families in SOGI asylum in Europe – **Prof. Nuno Ferreira and Prof. Carmelo Danisi (University of Sussex; University of Bologna) [online](#)**

15:30 – 15:45

Violent By Law. How Restrictions on Family Reunification Help (re)Producing Conjugal Violence: The Case of Belgium – **Dr. Giacomo Orsini (Ghent University) [on campus](#)**

15:45 – 16:00

Protection from Domestic Violence for Family Migrants – Discrepancies due to Status and Rights – **Lisa Kerker (Lund University) [online](#)**

16:00 – 16:30 - Discussion

16:30 – 16:45 Closure