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Rethinking legal kinship and family studies in the Low Countries

A Scientific Research Network (WOG) 2015-2019 of the Research Foundation Flanders

1st International Closed Expert Seminar

Family Studies' Perspectives towards Household Production and Informal Elderly Care

Ghent/Kortrijk 12-13 November 2015

Conveners: Gerd Verschelden (UGent) & Ingrid Boone (KULeuven/Kulak)

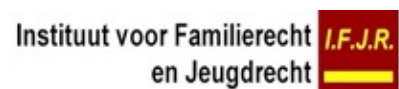
The researchers of the Scientific Research Network RETHINKIN. invite you to participate in their first expert seminar on Household Production and Informal Care for the Elderly.

RETHINKIN. chose the redefinition of family law on household production and informal care as theme for its 2015 activities on drawing a Roadmap. It will study the provision, valuation and compensation of household production and informal care in two types of family relations: Solidarity between Partners and Upwards Solidarity.

Questions will be addressed such as:

- Generally
 - o which insights can socio-economic studies provide legal researchers with?
 - o which types of household production or informal care are taken into account?
 - o how should household production and informal care be valued?
 - o who are to be considered 'family members'?
 - o are market mechanisms, tax incentives and social security schemes relevant?
- Solidarity between Partners
 - o which differences (should) exist between marriage, registered partnerships and informal relationships?
 - o if household production and informal care should be compensated in family law, which techniques (such as alimony or personal or property claims upon separation or death) should then be used?
- Upwards Solidarity
 - o should upwards financial care (maintenance obligations) be maintained?
 - o should upwards non-financial care be obliged in family law or in social security law?
 - o if informal care should be compensated in family law, which techniques (such as alimony or personal or property claims upon separation or death) should then be used?

We will elaborate those questions during three sessions.



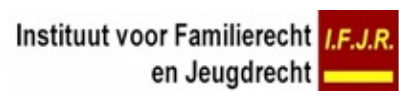
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RETHINKIN. conducts research activities that revolve around the scientific redefinition of family law in the Low Countries and aims to take up an international leading role in this area. Redefining family law is necessary in the light of the societal evolutions that have undermined the foundations of traditional family law. RETHINKIN. aspires to be the flagship in legal research in the Low Countries by providing new foundations for family law in a constant interplay with other scientific disciplines (intra- and interdisciplinary research) as well as with civil society (transdisciplinary research). Three research questions underlie the activities of RETHINKIN.:

1. *What should the competences of the state in the regulation of family relations be and what are the most adequate procedural and/or substantive regulatory instruments? What position in the state normative framework should the family be granted as the traditional distinction between the domains of the private and the public is being revised?*
2. *What should the contents of State policy measures be, from the perspectives of citizenship, police power and the parens patriae-doctrine?*
3. *Under what respects could/should law and policies be better attuned to social practices and public perception?*

RETHINKIN. currently joins the entire Flemish academic research into family law with the Dutch Alliantie Familie & Recht (Alliance Family and Law – ACFL, NIG and UCERF) as “Low Countries”.

RETHINKIN. will first draw a *Roadmap for Kinship & Family Studies in the Low Countries* as a stepping stone to the development of its further scientific activities under the EU Framework Programmes for Scientific Research and Innovation. A continuous dialogue with an international multi- and trans-disciplinary panel will allow expanding the current research landscape so as to cultivate new areas in alliance with other disciplines.



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PROGRAMME

Thursday 12 November 2015

Venue: Ghent University

13.30 Registration

13.45 Welcome address by prof. dr. Gerd Verschelden, UGent

SESSION 1. INTERDISCIPLINARY INSIGHTS: FAMILY AND ECONOMICS

Chair: prof. dr. Frederik Swennen (UAntwerp, RETHINKIN. chairman)

14.00 Welcome and introduction – prof. dr. Frederik Swennen (UAntwerp)

14.30 Economic Analysis of Household Production – prof. dr. Laurens Cherchye, prof. dr. Bram De Rock and prof. dr. Frederic Vermeulen (KU Leuven)

15.00 Distribution of Household Income – Prof. Dr. Gerre Verbist (UAntwerp)

15.30 Break

16.00 Household production in social security: the case for divorce insurance – dr. Joris Ghysels (Maastricht University)

16.30 The Role of Informal Childcare and Eldercare in Aging Societies – Beth Zikronah Rosen (The World Bank)

17.30 Discussion and Concluding Remarks – prof. dr. Frederik Swennen (University of Antwerp)

19:00 Diner and Tour in Ghent

Friday 13 November 2015

08:00 Transport to Kortrijk

Venue: KU Leuven Kulak

08:45 Welcome address by prof. dr. Ingrid Boone, KU Leuven Kulak

SESSION 2. VALORISATION OF HOUSEHOLD LABOUR THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS PROPERTY LAW

Chairs: prof. dr. Leon Verstappen (UGroningen) and prof. dr. Charlotte Declerck (UHasselt)

09.00 Introduction – prof. dr. Leon Verstappen (University of Groningen)

09.10 The Netherlands – prof. dr. Leon Verstappen (University of Groningen)

09.30 England & Wales and Scotland – prof. dr. Anne Barlow (University of Exeter)

10.00 Catalonia – prof. dr. Josep Ferrer Riba (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

10.30 Break

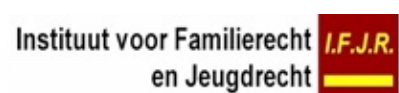
11.00 France – prof. dr. Véronique Barabé-Bouchard (Université de Rennes)

11.30 Norway – prof. dr. Tone Sverdrup (University of Oslo)

12.00 Belgium – prof. dr. Charlotte Declerck (UHasselt) and prof. dr. Ingrid Boone (KU Leuven KULAK)

12.30 Discussion and Concluding Remarks by the chairs

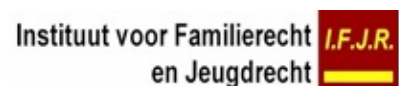
13:00 Lunch and Tour of the Campus



SESSION 3. UPWARDS SOLIDARITY: CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

Chairs: prof. dr. Elisabeth Alofs (Free University of Brussels) and prof. dr. Wendy Schrama (Universities of Groningen and Utrecht)

- 14.30 Introduction from the Low Countries' Perspective – *prof. dr. Elisabeth Alofs (Free University of Brussels) and prof. dr. Wendy Schrama (Universities of Groningen and Utrecht)*
- 15.00 'Old people and the things that pass'. Historical Perspectives on Ageing – *dr. Froukje Pitstra (University for Humanistic Studies)*
- 15.30 Perspectives from Employment Law – *prof. dr. Susanne Burri and dr. Susanne Heeger-Hertter (University of Utrecht)*
- 16.00 Break
- 16.30 Perspectives from Private Law – *prof. dr. Frauke Wedemann (University of Münster)*
- 17.00 Perspectives from Maintenance Law – *prof. dr. Jordi Ribot Igualada (University of Girona)*
- 17.30 Discussion and Concluding Remarks by the chairs
- 18:00 Closing reception
- 19:00 Transport to Ghent



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is a closed expert seminar by invitation only.

Registration

You can register with Nele.Voorspoels@uantwerpen.be until Friday, 30 October 2015.

If you wish to receive an invoice, you can request one upon registration.

Please note that your registration is only final after receipt of payment!

The registration fee amounts to € 150 EUR (*) and should be paid by bank transfer to:

KBC Bank, Eiermarkt 20, 2000 Antwerp, Belgium

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Please mention 'your name + SC150063'

(*) *The registration fee covers:*

- seminar documents
- dinner on Thursday, lunch and reception on Friday
- transport on Friday from Ghent and back to Ghent or Brussels National Airport or Brussels Midi Train Station

Cancellation

Of pre-paid registration fees, 70% can be reimbursed when participation is cancelled in writing (Nele.Voorspoels@uantwerpen.be) before 23 October 2015. No reimbursement is possible after that date.

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