

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

11:00-12:00 Registration - Coffee  
12:00-12:15 Welcoming addresses

12:15-13:00

**Opening lecture** by Jacqueline Guiral-Hadziiossif (University of Paris X-Nanterre).  
*The model of the medieval family reconsidered*

13:00-13:30 Discussion  
13:30-14:30 Buffet lunch on the premises

### Session I

**Law and custom - Theory and practice**  
Chair: Professor Darlene Abreu-Ferreira

14:30-14:55

Maria Drakopoulou (University of Kent).  
*Family, property and the politics of sexual difference in the 17th - century natural law philosophy*

14:55-15:20

Jurgitta Kunsmanaite (Central European University, Budapest).  
*Widows in normative law and legal practice*

15:20-15:45

Evgenia Kermeli (Bilkent University, Ankara).  
*Marriage and divorce for Christians and new Muslims in Crete, 1645-1670*

15:45-16:10

Maria Tsikaloudaki (independent researcher, Greece).  
*Mother, sister and heir: Familial configurations and inheritance practices in Ottoman Philippopoli before the Tanzimat reforms*

16:10-16:30 Discussion  
16:30-17:00 Coffee break

Marriage contract  
from central Greece, 1925



### Session II

**Dowry and inheritance**  
Chair: Dr Kirsten Fenton

17:00-17:25

Anna Bellavitis (University of Paris X-Nanterre).  
*Heritage and dowry in Venetian law and practice (13th-16th centuries)*

17:25-17:50

Jutta Gisela Sperling (Hampshire College, Amherst, MA).  
*Dowry or inheritance? Women's property rights in comparison: Lisbon, Venice, Florence (1572)*

17:50-18:15

Ida Fazio (University of Palermo).  
*Gender relationships, inheritance, and the market: The case of the Stromboli island (Sicily, Italy, 19th century)*

18:15-18:40

Stefania Licini (University of Bergamo).  
*Between law and social practice: top wealthy men and women's testamentary provisions in 19th-century Italy*

18:40-19:00 Discussion  
20:00 Evening meal

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Anton Van Dyck  
Family portrait, 1621

Couple of newlyweds  
Macedonia, 1949

Gender, family and property  
in legal theory and practice:  
The European perspective,  
from 10th - 20th century

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& The Institute of Mediterranean Studies

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P R O G R A M M E



**Session III****Women and economic power**

Chair: Professor Jutta Sperling

**9:30-9:55**Kirsten Fenton (University of Edinburgh).  
*Noblewomen, property and power: The Jumièges evidence, 11th -12th centuries***9:55-10:20**Kostas Moustakas (University of Crete).  
*Widows and the fisc: A comparison between late Byzantium and the early Ottoman Empire***10:20-10:45**Darlene Abreu-Ferreira  
(University of Winnipeg).  
*Women and family property in early modern Portugal***10:45-11:10**Alexis Malliaris (Ionian University, Corfu).  
*Cittadini families and rural families in the Venetian Peloponnese (1685-1715): Economic, social and legal considerations***11:10-11:30** Discussion**11:30-12:00** Coffee break**An interlude: Marriage contracts and gendered property rights****12:00-13:00**Teamwork: Marietta Kalogiratou, Elena Karatzi, Aglaia Kasdagli, Athina Tsambanaki, Meropi Vaggeli (University of Crete).  
*A database for marriage contracts in the Greek world and its potential***13:00-13:15** Discussion**13:15-15:30** Lunch at the University**Session IV****Conflict, exclusion and transgression**

Chair: Dr Eleni Sakellariou

**15:30-15:55**Grethe Jacobsen (The National Library of Denmark).  
*Family property in Danish towns and magisterial ideology during the Reformation period***15:55-16:20**Nina Koefoed (University of Aarhus).  
*Gender and sexuality in law: Sexual relations before marriage***16:20-16:45**Ellinor Forster & Margret Friedrich  
(University of Innsbruck).  
*Gendered standards of dealing with property in discussion and legal practice***16:45-17:10**Vasso Seirinidou (University of Athens).  
*Punishing after death: Stories of disinheritance of the Greek community in 19th-century Vienna***17:10-17:30**

Discussion

**17:30-19:30**

Optional guided tour of the old town (conducted by Dr Alexis Malliaris and Dr Antonis Anastasopoulos)

**20:00**

Evening meal

**Session V****Strategies of heirship**

Chair: Dr Evgenia Kermeli

**9:15-9:40**Margareth Lanzinger (University of Vienna).  
*Remarriage: Competing property interests and property mixture - Tyrol and Vorarlberg in the 19th century***9:40-10:05**Ikaros Mandouvalos (University of Athens).  
*Familial structures and relationships in a bourgeois environment: Inter-gender roles and practices among the Greeks and Macedonian-Vlachs of Pest***10:05-10:30**Maria Spiliotopoulou (Research Centre of the Athens Academy).  
*Childless nuclear family versus family of origin in the Greek island of Santorini (17th-early 19th century)***10:30-10:55**Domenico Rizzo (University of Naples).  
*Beyond kinship: Inheriting from single men (19th-century Rome)***10:55-11:10** Discussion**11:10-11:30** Coffee break**Session VI****Ruptures: The effects of modernization - the effects of war**

Chair: Dr Margareth Lanzinger

**11:30-11:55**Tsvetana Boncheva  
(Bulgarian Academy of Sciences).  
*Gender relationships and property among the Bulgarian Catholics in Plovdiv region during the first half of the 20th century***11:55-12:20**Evdoxios Doxiadis (University of California, Berkeley).  
*Women, property and the Greek War of Independence: Property transmission and conflict resolution during tumultuous times***12:20-12:45**Nicole Kramer (Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich).  
*Fighting couples: Divorces in national socialist society during the Second World War***12:45-13:00** Discussion**13:00-15:00** Buffet lunch on the premises, free time**15:00-15:45****Closing lecture** by Amy Erickson (Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure).  
*Skill as a gendered property asset in 18th-century London***15:45-16:15** Discussion**16:15-16:45** Coffee break**16:45-18:15****Round Table:**  
*Historical evolution - The value of comparisons***Co-ordinator:**  
Professor Efi Avdela (University of Crete)**Discussants:**  
Eleni Sakellariou (University of Crete): *The medieval perspective*Anna Bellavitis: *The early modern perspective*Ida Fazio: *The modern perspective*Antonis Anastasopoulos (University of Crete): *The comparative perspective***18:15-18:45**

Planning of the next (V) conference of the European network 'Gender differences in European legal cultures / Geschlechterdifferenz in europäischen Rechtskreisen'.

**Co-ordinator:** Dr Grethe Jacobsen**18:45-19:00**

Conference proceedings-Concluding remarks by Aglaia Kasdagli