**Session I**

**Law and custom - Theory and practice**

**Chair:** Professor Darlene Abuze-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 Kunsmannaitė (Central European University, Budapest).

Widows in normative law and legal practice.

15:20-15:45

Evgenia Kemeli (Bilkent University, Ankara).

Marriage and divorce for Christians and new Muslims in Crete, 1645-1670.

15:45-16:10

Maria Tsalobudzki (Independent researcher, Greece).

Mother, sister and heir. Familial configurations and inheritance practices in Ottoman Philippopolis before the Tanzimat reforms.

16:40-19:00

Discussion

19:30-17:00

Coffee break

**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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Under the auspices of the Department of History & Archaeology, University of Crete & The Institute of Mediterranean Studies

21-23 September 2006

Venue: Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Old Town, Rethymno, Crete
### Session III
**Women and economic power**
**Chair:** Professor Jutta Sperling

- **9:30-9:55**
  - Kirsten Fenton (University of Edinburgh).
  - Noblewomen, property and power: The Jumilhes 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 Mallis (Ionian University, Corfu).
  - Civic families and rural families in the Venetian Peloponnesse (1685-1715).

- **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 Kalogratou, Elena Karatzis, Aglaia Kasdagli, Athina Tsambanaki, Mariopi 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**
  - Family property in Danish towns and magisterial ideology during the Reformation period

- **15:55-16:20**
  - Nina Kofoed (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 Mallis and Dr Antonis Anastasopoulos)

- **20:00**
  - Evening meal

### Session V
**Strategies of heirship**
**Chair:** Dr Evgenia Kermeli

- **9:30-9:40**
  - Margareth Lanzinger (University of Vienna).
  - Remarriage: Competing property interests and property mixture - Tyrol and Vorarlberg in the 19th century

- **9:40-10:05**
  - Ikram 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**
  - Eudoxia Dodiak (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

- **13:00-13:15**
  - 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).
  - Soul 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 Ela Aveda (University of Crete)

  - **Discussions:**
    - 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 / Geschlechterunterschiede in europäischen Rechtssystemen

  - **Co-ordinator:** Dr Grethe Jacobsen

- **18:45-19:00**
  - Conference proceedings-Concluding remarks by Aglaia Kasdagli