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- Prof. Dr. Shaheen Sardar Ali
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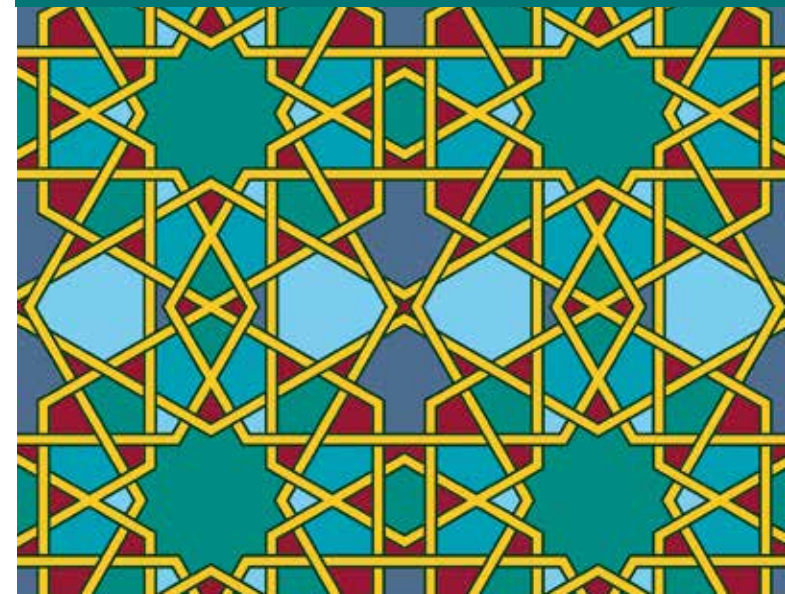


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The Dynamics of Legal Development in Islamic Countries - Family and Succession Law -

Conference 17-19 October 2013

Hamburg (Germany)



PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

Thursday, 17 October 2013

- 4:30 pm Registration and get-together
- 5:00 pm **Welcome address**
Jürgen Basedow
- 5:15 pm **Welcome and opening remarks**
Nadjma Yassari
- 5:30 pm **Keynote address:**
"Breaks and Continuities in Middle Eastern Law after the 2011 Revolutions"
Chibli Mallat
- 6:30 pm Closing

The conference looks at the different means of developing family and succession law. The dynamics of this development will be traced through lectures on the national laws of selected Islamic countries and three simultaneously held workshops, in which the main actors of legal development, i.e. the legislator, the parties through party autonomy and the judges will be examined in detail.

Friday, 18 October 2013

Lectures

- 9:30 am "Egyptian Family Law Reform between Law in the Books and Law in Action"
Nathalie Bernard-Maugiron
Discussion
- 10:45 am "Rights of Women in the Tunisian Political Transition"
Monia Ben Jémia
Discussion
- 12:00 pm "Contextualising Family Law Reform and Plural Legalities in Post-Colonial Pakistan"
Shaheen Sardar Ali
Discussion

Workshops

2:30 pm Workshop 1: **LEGISLATION**

- Discussants: Lynn Welchmann: Legislation in Jordan and Palestine (TBC)
Nadjma Yassari: The Iranian Family Protection Act 2013
Nora Alim: Reform through Procedural Law in Egypt
- Chair: Chibli Mallat

2:30 pm Workshop 2: **PARTY AUTONOMY**

- Discussants: Amira Sonbol: The History of the Marriage Contract
Siraj Sait: Matrimonial Property Regimes
Lena-Maria Möller: Divorce Agreements
- Chair: Shaheen Sardar Ali

2:30 pm Workshop 3: **JUDICIARY**

- Discussants: Salma Abida: Les pouvoirs du juge tunisien dans le droit de la famille (engl. translation provided)
Adel Omar Sherif: Being a Judge in Egypt
Imen Gallala-Armdt: Interreligious Marriages in the Courts
- Chair: Marie-Claire Foblets

- 5:00 pm Closing

Saturday, 19 October 2013

Findings

- 9:30 am Workshop 1
Chibli Mallat
- 10:30 am Workshop 2
Shaheen Sardar Ali
- 11:30 am Workshop 3
Marie-Claire Foblets
- 12:30 pm The Dynamics of Legal Development:
A Synthesis
Nadjma Yassari
- 1:00 pm Closing

****Registration deadline is 15 SEPTEMBER 2013 ****

For registration and further information
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