Seminar / webinar

The European Court of Human Rights and Family Law

4-5 May 2026
On-site in Louvain-la-Neuve (More 56)
Online via Microsoft Teams

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Monday 4 May 2026 (afternoon)

14.00 – Welcome Address

Presentation of the seminar and the project
Andy Hayward (Professor at Durham University)
Geoffrey Willems (Professor at UCLouvain)

A Tribute to Sébastien van Drooghenbroeck
Geoffrey Willems (Professor at UCLouvain)

14.30 – Couple Relationships

Registered Partnerships
Helen Fenwick (Professor at Durham University)

De Facto Relationships
Andy Hayward (Professor at Durham University)

15.30 – Coffee break

16.00 – Parental Relationships

Parenthood
Dafni Lima (Professor at Durham University)

Posthumous Assisted Reproduction
Laurence Francoz-Terminal (Professor at Université Jean Moulin Lyon III)

(International and Domestic) Surrogacy
Delphine Thienpont (Research and teaching assistant at UCLouvain)

17.30 – Personal identity

Family Names/Surnames: A Feminist Approach
Pauline Tapiero (Doctoral researcher at UCLouvain)

18.00 – End of the first day

Tuesday 5 May 2026 (morning)

9.00 – Personal autonomy and physical integrity

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
Johan Callewaert (Professor at UCLouvain and Spire University / Former Deputy Registrar of the Grand Chamber of the ECtHR)

Sex Work
Alice Baruh (Research and teaching assistant at UCLouvain)

Trans and intersex persons: A Comparative Approach
Constance Vanbeneden (Doctoral researcher FNRS / UCLouvain)

10.30 – Coffee break

11.00 – Combatting violence

Domestic Violence
Geoffrey Willems (Professor at UCLouvain)

Femicide
Stéphanie Wattier (Professor at UNamur and UCLouvain)

12.00 – Inheritance

Hereditary Reserve
Jacques de Codt (Research and teaching assistant at UCLouvain)
Martin Derycke (Research and teaching assistant at UCLouvain)

12.30 – Concluding Words

Helen Fenwick (Professor at Durham University)
Andy Hayward (Professor at Durham University)
Geoffrey Willems (Professor at UCLouvain)

12.45 – End of the 2nd day