



**The Centre of Legal Studies and Research for the Arab World (CEDROMA)
at the Faculty of Law and Political Science
Saint-Joseph University, Beirut**

and

**The Max-Planck Institute
for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg)**

have the pleasure of inviting you to attend a conference on

A child's right to filiation in Muslim jurisdictions: Social and legal implications



Friday 10 November 2017

2.30 - 6.30 pm

Gulbenkian Amphitheater
Social Sciences Campus
Huvelin street, Ashrafieh, Beirut

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14:30 - 14:45

Introduction and project overview

Marie-Claude NAJM KOBEH, *Agrégée des facultés de droit, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science (Saint Joseph University), Director of the Centre of Legal Studies and Research for the Arab World (CEDROMA)*

Nadjma YASSARI, *Research Fellow at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg), Director of the Research Group on "Changes in God's Law - An Inner Islamic Comparison of Family and Succession Laws"*

14:45 - 15:15

Filiation/nasab in pre-modern (Shi'i) legal doctrine and practice

Robert GLEAVE, *Professor of Arabic Studies at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Director of the Centre for the Study of Islam- University of Exeter (United Kingdom)*

15:15 - 16:15

Exemplary country reports

Iraq, by **Harith AL-DABBAGH**, *Assistant Professor of Comparative and International Private Law at the University of Montréal (Québec, Canada)*

Lebanon, by **Myriam MEHANNA**, *Ph.D. in Private Law, Attorney-at-law, Researcher at the Legal Agenda, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law - USJ (Lebanon)*

Tunisia, by **Souhayma BEN ACHOUR**, *Professor of Private Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Université de Tunis El Manar (Tunisia)*

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:00


Questions of filiation and children's rights in public international law

Shaheen SARDAR ALI, *Professor of Law at the University of Warwick (United Kingdom), Former cabinet Minister for Health, Population Welfare and Women's Development in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Pakistan and Chair of Pakistan's first National Commission on the Status of Women*

17:00 - 18:30

Brief comparative analysis by Nadjma Yassari

Open Q&A session and Discussion



This public conference – closing a two-days workshop on 9-10 November 2017 at the Orient-Institut Beirut and at the Center of Legal Studies and Research for the Arab World (CEDROMA), Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University of Beirut – is the result of a comprehensive research launched by the Research Group on “Changes in God’s Law: An Inner-Islamic Comparison of Family and Succession Laws” at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law. This research falls into the second part of a program entitled “Negotiating parenthood in Muslim jurisdictions: Changing concepts and perceptions”.

The first part of the research program, on “Parental care and the best interests of the child” (2014-2015), analysed the emergence and evolution of the notion of the best interests of the child and investigated the impact of international conventions on the rights of the child on the development of parental care regimes in Middle Eastern and Islamic countries. It provided an up-to-date assessment of parental care regimes in Islamic jurisdictions, extending far beyond a pure analysis of statutory law.

The second research (2016-2017), entitled “Establishing Filiation : Towards a social definition of family in Islamic and Middle Eastern Law”, takes the study further, moving from parental care to the schemes in place for the care and protection of “parentless” children: it first assesses how filiation operates in order to identify the groups of children that might face legal and social problems in instances where their filiation is jeopardized or where their biological parents are absent, before addressing the legal and social means aiming at the protection of those “parentless” children.

