



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

Program and registration available through the online form:
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Free but mandatory registration

Organised by the Family Law Centre (CeFAP)
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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