

**MARCH 22, 2017**

**RESEARCH SEMINAR**

**« SELECTIVE MOBILISATION OF 'CULTURE' IN JUDICIAL SETTINGS »**

The seminar will address the question of the mobilisation (or non-mobilisation) of the notions 'culture' and 'cultural diversity' by the different actors of the judicial system, specifically in family and youth justice. The focus on family and youth justice is indeed relevant as it allows to get access to the intimate and private sphere of families with migration background in institutional spheres that are not directly – or at least not explicitly – related to migration (as opposed to e.g. international private law, immigration or asylum law, etc.).

The presentations and discussions will address several topics, such as:

- The definition, the reference and the use (or non-use) of the notions of 'culture' or 'cultural diversity' as an argumentative and/or descriptive resource by different actors in the field – professional actors and families themselves.
- The different methodological or analytical frameworks that can be adopted to address the question of 'culture' or 'cultural diversity' in family and youth justice.
- The results and perspectives of our different studies: what are the impacts of these mobilisations on experiences of judicial interventions or on judicial trajectories? What are the effects on the decision making and for family and youth justice? Etc.
- It is necessary for the family justice system to improve its practices, and if so, which scenarios or (possible) best practices are we able to develop?

**PROGRAM**

**9.30 am** Welcome and coffee

**10 am** Introduction of the day by Barbara TRUFFIN (ULB)

**10.15 am** Presentations

- First presentation by Caroline SIMON (ULB) (30 min)  
Questions and feedback from the audience (15 min)
- Second presentation by Olga PETINTSEVA (Ghent University) (30 min)  
Questions and feedback from the audience (15 min)

**12 pm** **First comments and synthesis** of the points of discussion to address in the afternoon by Wibo VAN ROSSUM

**12.30 pm** Lunch

**2 - 4 pm** Round table / Debate

Opening by Anne WYVEKENS (CNRS/ISP), Fabienne BRION (UCL) and Livia HOLDEN (Università di Padova)

**Coffee break**

Open discussion with the entire audience and guests - Moderator: Wibo VAN ROSSUM

**4 pm** **Conclusions** (Barbara TRUFFIN)

## INFORMATION

The event will take place between 9.30 am and 5 pm

Please note that the lunch is included if you have been registered

More information and contact

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## VENUE

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