

Webinar *SIG's Best Thesis Prize 2025*

5th March 2026 (15:00-16:30 CET)

15:00-15:15 **Welcome and presentation.**

Elena Bargelli. Chair of the webinar, SIG Co-chair, member of the selection committee. University of Pisa.

Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell. ELI President. University Carlos III, Madrid.

Stephan Matyk-d'Anjony. Austrian Chamber of Notaries.

15:15-15:25 **Introduction: *Cross-border families and successions: Comparative and private international law trends.***

Denise Wiedemann. Member of the selection committee. Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg.

15:25-15:40 **Prize for the Best Thesis 2025.**

Gregor Christandl. *Reasoning of the prize.* SIG Co-chair, member of the selection committee. University of Graz.

Leontine Bruijnen. *How can private international law bridge the gap between the recognition of unknown family relations such as kafala and child marriage for family law and migration law purposes?* Prize winner. Maastricht University and University of Antwerp.

15:40-15:55 **Special mention.**

Gregor Christandl. *Reasoning of the special mention.*

Rachele Zamperini. *Defining the best interests of the child in family law disputes: from theoretical analysis to practical application.* Special mention. University of Pisa.

15:55-16:10 **Special mention.**

Francisco Javier Jiménez Muñoz. *Reasoning of the special mention.* SIG Co-chair, member of the selection committee. National University of Distance Education (UNED), Madrid.

Antonio Jesús Calzado Llamas. *Los derechos del cónyuge viudo y de la pareja supérstite en Derecho Civil comparado e Internacional Privado.* Special mention. University of Salamanca.

16:10-16:30 **Q & A**

Illaria Pretelli. SIG Co-chair, member of the selection committee. Swiss Institute of Comparative Law.

More information: [ELI Family & Succession Law SIG Prize for Best Doctoral Thesis](#)

Registration: please send an e-mail **by 3rd March** to zivilrecht@uni-graz.at

The event will be recorded.