

A Sacred Covenant?

Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law

Thursday 20th May 2021

Timings	Welcome	
0845-0900		
0900-1030	<p><u>Session One (a): The Evolution of Marriage</u> Chair: Adam Curry</p> <p>(i) Dr Celia Carrillo-Lerma - University of Murcia <i>Legal evolution of marriage in Spain from c.1450 to the present</i></p> <p>(ii) Michelle Flynn - Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology <i>The Evolving Definition of Marriage in Ireland</i></p> <p>(iii) Daniel Hill - University of Liverpool <i>The State and Marriage: Sever the Link</i></p> <p>(iv) Dr Frances Hamilton - University of Reading <i>The Evolving Nature of Marriage: Evolving to Irrelevancy or Evidence of Strength and Durability</i></p>	<p><u>Session One (b) – Women’s Status in Marriage</u> Chair: Dr Jennifer Aston</p> <p>(i) Penny Booth - Newcastle University <i>Thomas Hardy and Divorce – far more than wife-selling?</i></p> <p>(ii) Hulan Zhang - Newcastle University <i>Confucianism as a “Women-Eating Religion”? – Marriage and Reproduction, Single Women On The Margin</i></p> <p>(iii) Dr Sharon Thompson - Cardiff University <i>Twentieth Century Housewives and Competing Visions of Legal Equality in Marriage</i></p> <p>(iv) Prof Keith Thompson - University of Notre Dame Australia <i>Crime Commission v Stoddart (2011): Common law of Australia and Spousal Privilege</i></p>
1030-1045	Coffee	
1045-1215	<p><u>Session Two (a): Conversations between Marital and Criminal Law</u> Chair: Dr Jennifer Aston</p> <p>(i) Prof. Diane Urquhart - Queen’s University Belfast <i>Ireland’s Criminal Conversations</i></p> <p>(ii) Dr Emily Ireland - Australian Research Council <i>Marriage, Coverture and Criminal Law in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century England</i></p> <p>(iii) Dr Cameron Giles - London South Bank University <i>From Clarence to Lawrance: A Criminal Law Perspective on Marriage and Relationship Status and the Law on ‘Deceptive Sex’</i></p>	<p><u>Session Two (b): Moving Beyond Heterosexual Marriage</u> Chair: Dr Frances Hamilton</p> <p>(i) Dr Charalampos (Harry) Stamelos - European University Cyprus <i>Same-sex relations, love and tolerance, the example of adelphopoiesis in Christian Church since 1400</i></p> <p>(ii) Arunima Shastri - Gujarat National Law University <i>Traversing from Repulsion to Recognition of Homosexuality: A Study of Marital Laws in the Indian Landscape</i></p> <p>(iii) Dr Alexander Maine – University of Leicester <i>Queer(y)ing Consummation: An Empirical Reflection on the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013</i></p> <p>(iv) Dr. Zainab Naqvi - University of Birmingham <i>Polygamous Marriages in English Law – An Indifferent Approach?</i></p>

1215-1330	Lunch	
1330-1500	<p><u>Session Three (a): Expectations and Definitions of Marriage</u> Chair: Dr Frances Hamilton</p> <p>(i) Prof Annalisa Triggiano - University of Bologna & Roma La Sapienza University <i>On the Remarriage of Widows in Roman Legal Experience</i></p> <p>(ii) Augustina Akoto - University of East London <i>Marriage the law and change in Ghana</i></p> <p>(iii) Penelope Russell - University of Sheffield <i>Divorce (and marriage) in England & Wales in 1858</i></p> <p>(iv) Dr Andy Hayward – Durham University <i>'Wedded to Property' – How Property Influences Understandings of Marriage</i></p>	<p><u>Session Three (b) Reforming Marital Law</u> Chair: Adam Curry</p> <p>(i) Dr Jennifer Aston – Northumbria University <i>Learning from Old Grievances: Revelations from the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in England and Wales, 1857-1923</i></p> <p>(ii) Dr Frances Burton - Buckingham University <i>Through a Glass Darkly? – Marital History, Law and Culture and the Reality of Adult Relationships</i></p> <p>(iii) Prof Gillian Black - Edinburgh University <i>“Rational Happiness or Worldly Prosperity”?: Jane Austen Post-Enlightenment Marriage and the Case for Law Reform in the 21st Century</i></p>
1500-1515	Tea	
1515-1645	<p><u>Session Four: Religion, the State and Marriage</u> Chair: Dr Jennifer Aston</p> <p>(i) Alberto Mattia Serafin - University of Cassino <i>The Secularization of Italian Marital Law from the Pisanelli Code (1865) to the Cirinnà Law (No. 76/2016): Back to the Start?</i></p> <p>(ii) Meena Kumari - University of Delhi <i>Changing Perspectives of Hindu Marriage</i></p> <p>(iii) Helen Leighton-Rose - Northumbria University <i>An Irregular Marriage: The Subversion of the Scottish Kirk by Isabel Clinckscales</i></p> <p>(iv) Prof Rebecca Probert - University of Exeter <i>Secular or sacred? The ambiguity of 'civil' marriage in the Marriage Act 1836</i></p>	
1645-1700	Drinks Reception	
1700-1745	<p><u>Keynote Address:</u> The Rt Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE: <i>'Is Equality the Death of Marriage?'</i> - to be followed by Q&A</p>	
1745-1800	Prizes Awarded & Close of Conference	



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