

Virtual Workshop (in English) on May 6: Konrad Duden on “Squaring the Circle - Recognising Rare Family Forms and Gender Identities Within the EU”



On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, the Hamburg Max Planck Institute will host its monthly virtual workshop Current Research in Private International Law at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (CEST). Professor **Konrad Duden** (University of Hamburg) will speak, **in English**, about the topic

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The principle of recognition has long been a feature of European private international law – increasingly also in matters of family law and the law of personal status. Recent case law has focused on so-called rainbow families – same-sex marriages and parenthood – and changes in legal gender markers. These are issues that are treated very differently across the EU, with extensive protection and equal treatment in some Member States, and clear and in some cases constitutional rejection in others. The CJEU is therefore trying to reconcile

two contradictory principles: The exclusive competence of Member States in substantive family and civil status law on the one hand and the Union-wide recognition of families and gender identities registered in one Member State on the other. This presentation will examine how the CJEU attempts to resolve this conflict and what conclusions can be drawn from the case law on the nature and scope of the principle of recognition.

The presentation will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome. More information and sign-up [here](#).

If you want to be invited to these events in the future, please write to veranstaltungen@mpipriv.de.