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WEDNESDAY, 3 June 2026

From 12.15 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1.00 p.m.	Official Welcome <i>Jens M. Scherpe & Anne Röthel</i>
1.15 p.m.	Session 1 <i>Chair: Denise Wiedemann</i> Domestic Violence and Parental Responsibility – A Blind Spot in German Family Law? <i>Alix Schulz</i> Post-Adoption Contact in Comparative Perspective <i>Sara Tina</i>
2.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3.15 p.m.	Session 2 <i>Chair: Hrefna Friðriksdóttir</i> Reproductive Intent Beyond Death: A Comparative of Italian and English Law <i>Nicoletta Patti</i> Functional Equivalents in Family Law <i>Anna Bleichenbacher</i>
4.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
5.15 p.m.	Session 3 <i>Chair: Jens M. Scherpe</i> Reproductive Medicine, Filiation and Changing Family Models: Swiss Law at a Crossroads <i>Marie-Hélène Peter-Spiess</i> Rethinking Parenthood in Denmark <i>Agnete Rønne Stenholm</i> Toward a Functional Paradigm of Parenthood: Rethinking Filiation in Comparative Perspective <i>Roberta Raffo</i> Children's Right to a Social Parent <i>Erika Sandström</i> The Best Interests of the Child in the Context of Public Policy: The Application of Indeterminate Legal Concepts to Resolve Issues of Filiation in PIL <i>Ottavia Cazzola Carmona</i>
7.30 p.m.	Colloquium Dinner at <u>Restaurant Påfuglen</u> in <u>Tivoli</u>

THURSDAY, 4 June 2026

9:00 a.m.	Morning Coffee
9:30 a.m.	Session 4 <i>Chair: Charlotte Wendland</i> New Relationships, Old Problems? The Dissolution of Multi-Partner Unions <i>Leo Vollert</i> Powers and Duties in Adult Protection: FL-EUR Comparative Analysis under Article 12 CRPD <i>Marie-Laure Luykx</i>
11.00 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 a.m.	Session 5 <i>Chair: Anne Röthel</i> Support Networks, Family, and Law: A Functional Comparison of Reformed Adult Protection in Spain and Germany <i>Sophie Dreßler</i> It Takes Two: The Legal Position of Persons with Dementia and Their Partners <i>Amber Jans</i> Unpaid Care in Partner Relationships: Towards an Adequate Valorisation in Private Law? <i>Kato Michiels</i> The European Concept of Marriage – United in Diversity? <i>Aron Johanson</i> A Functional Approach to the Recognition of Family Relationships in the Practice of European Courts <i>Nicolina Tomaš</i>
12.30 p.m.	Closing Remarks
12.45 p.m.	Lunch