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Generational Transfers of Wealth from the 16th to the 20th Century



12th Conference of the International Research Network “Gender Differences in European Legal Cultures”

26–28 October 2023

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023

13.30 | Reception and Registration

14.00 | Welcome and Introduction

14.30 – 18.45 | SESSION 1: GENDERED PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN ELITES

Chair: Margareth Lanzinger

14.30 – 15.15 | **Anna Bellavitis (Rouen)**, Gender and Transmission at the Intersection of Anthropology, Legal History, Social History

15.15 – 16.00 | **Isabelle Chabot (Padova)**, “À rivolto la sua dota e datone gran parte per Dio”: Extra-familial Devolution and Female Agency in 14th–15th Century Florence

16.00 – 16.45 | **Heinrich Lang (Leipzig)**, “Figlia unica e herede universale”: The Transfer of Family Property in the Case of the Florentine Patrician Costanza Serristori (16th Century)

16.45 – 17.15 | Coffee Break

17.15 – 18.00 | **Adina Eckart (Leipzig)**, Renaissance Noblewomen and Creating Legacy: How Lucrezia de’ Medici Salviati Passed on Wealth through her Family Ties

18.00 – 18.45 | **Federica Masè (Paris)**, Between Law and Individual Choices: Practices and Strategies for the Transmission of Earthly Goods in the Wills of Men and Women in Renaissance Venice

19.30 | Dinner

FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2023

09.00 – 11.15 | SESSION 2: NOBLE HEIRS AND HEIRESSSES

Chair: Siglinde Clementi

09.00 – 09.45 | **Sven Dittmar (Mainz)**, More Sons than Property? Strategies of Wealth Transfer by Imperial Knights

09.45 – 10.30 | **Florian Andretsch (Vienna)**, The Oldest Brother Divides, the Youngest Gets to Choose. Practising Noble Customs of Partible Inheritance in Upper Austria, ca. 1600

10.30 – 11.15 | **Claudia Rapberger (Vienna)**, A Change of Perspective: Transfers of Assets and Property from the Perspective of a Supposedly Uninvolved

11.15 – 11.45 | Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.15 | SESSION 3: SUCCESSION IN DISCOURSES AND AS STRATEGIES

11.45 – 12.30 | **Stefania Ferrando (Nice)**, Women’s Voices on Inheritance and Filiation. Olympe de Gouges and the Contestation of Inheritance Practices during the French Revolution

12.30 – 13.15 | **Marina Garbellotti (Verona)**, To Eternalize the Family Name. Succession Strategies in the Italian Peninsula of the Modern Age

13.15 – 14.30 | Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 | SESSION 4: INHERITANCE IN COLONIAL CONTEXTS

Chair: Matthias Donabaum

14.30 – 15.15 | **Marion Röwekamp (Mexico City)**, From Patrilineality to the Marital Family. The Change in Married Women’s Inheritance Law in Latin America in the 19th Century

15.15 – 16.00 | **Julia Bühner (Münster)**, The Legacy of the Conquerors – Memories and Claims of the Descendants of Castilian and Canarian Conquistadors in the 16th Century

16.00 – 16.30 | Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.45 | SESSION 5: MODES OF TRANSFER IN RURAL CONTEXTS

16.30 – 17.15 | **Susann Anett Pedersen (Trondheim)**, Mortgage Credit and Generational Transfer of Landed Property in Sixteenth Century Norway

17.15 – 18.00 | **Janine Maegraith (Vienna/Cambridge)**, “Als weichend Geschwistritgen”: Financial Assets and Material Endowments for Ceding Heirs in Early Modern Tyrol

18.00 – 18.45 | **Siglinde Clementi / Margareth Lanzinger (Bolzano/Vienna)**, Women and Succession – Women as Heiresses

19.30 | Dinner

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2023

09.00 – 12.30 | SESSION 6: FAMILY LOGICS OF SECURING WEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Chair: Claudia Rapberger

09.00 – 09.45 | **Laura Casella / Serena Galasso (Udine/Glasgow)**, Bequeathing Papers to Pass on Goods and Knowledge. Tuscany and Friuli Compared from a Gender Perspective

09.45 – 10.30 | **Amelie Stuart / Lydia von der Weth (Jena/Erfurt)**, Faded Gold: Inheritances within Families in Erfurt between 1700–1750

10.30 – 11.00 | Coffee Break

Chair: Florian Andretsch

11.00 – 11.45 | **Ellinor Forster (Innsbruck)**, “To Have and to Hold”: The Tyrolean Preu Family (1750–1830) and the Generational Management and Preservation of Wealth

11.45 – 12.30 | **Evdoxios Doxiadis (Vancouver)**, Donations in Late Ottoman Greece

12.30 – 12.50 | Final Comment

12.50 – 13.15 | Final Discussion