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Biography of speakers

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Dr. Basak Baysal was born in 1978, graduated French Lycée de Saint Benoit in 1996 and Istanbul University Law Faculty in 2000. Same year she was granted Jean Monnet scholarship and admitted in the masters program of Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II). She began to work in Istanbul University Civil Law Department in 2002 and passed her PhD in 2007. Dr. Baysal has been in Hamburg (MPI), Paris (Sorbonne/Assas) and Lausanne (ISDC) for her doctoral and post-doc studies. She is currently a board member of International Association of Legal Sciences, the Turkish representative of Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, secretary general of the Turkish Committee of Association Henri Capitant and a member of Société de Legislation Comparée. Dr. Baysal is actually assistant professor at Istanbul University Faculty of Law.

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Prof. Richard Chisholm, AM, Adjunct Professor, ANU College of Law, Canberra

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Stephen Gilmore, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister, is Senior Lecturer in Family Law at King's College London. He is a co-author of *Hayes and Williams' Family Law* (3rd Edition, Oxford University Press, 2012), *Great Debates in Family Law* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2012), and *Children The Modern Law* (4th Edition, forthcoming); and co-editor of *Landmark Cases in Family Law* (Hart Publishing, 2011) and *Responsible Parents and Parental Responsibility* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2009). Stephen has also published extensively in journals across a range of issues in family and child law. His contributions on the subject matter of this conference include a detailed examination of the decision in *Corbett v Corbett* [1971] P 83 and its impact ('Once a man, always a man?' in *Landmark Cases* above), and a detailed critical examination of the House of Lords' decision in *Bellinger v Bellinger* [2003] UKHL 21 ('Not quite between the ears and between the legs - Transsexualism and marriage in the Lords' (2003) 15(3) *Child and Family Law Quarterly* 295

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Barbara Havelková is the Herchel Smith Temporary Lecturer and Fellow in Law at Emmanuel College and Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge. Her interests include gender legal studies and feminist jurisprudence, equality law, labour law and EU law. She obtained a DPhil from Oxford for her research on "Gender in law under after State Socialism: the example of the Czech Republic".

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