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EAPIL Winter School in European Private International Law: VALUES IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

University of Insubria, Department of Law, Economics and Cultures
2 - 6 February 2026

THE WINTER COURSE

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The European Association of Private International Law (EAPIL), together with the Department of Law, Economics and Cultures of the University of Insubria, with the Law Faculty of the University of Murcia (Spain) and the Law Faculty of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (Poland), is organising the Third EAPIL Winter School. The 2026 edition will be devoted to “Values in International Private Law”, dealing with an ample range of topics such as the protection of weaker contractual parties, to challenges that have surfaced in more recent times, such as the role of private international law in the realisation to the rights of minorities, migrants and vulnerable persons under an approach combining theory and practice, and making wide room for interaction with the attendees.

PROGRAM

Monday, 2 February - Opening Remarks and Unforgettable Classics

10-11 Greetings and Introduction to the Winter School
11-13 G. Cuniberti: Methods in Private International Law: Protecting People and Values
14-15.15 J. Carrascosa González - M. A. Cebrian Salvat: Consumer
15.30-16.45 E. Sinander: Worker
17-18.15 A. Wysocka-Bar: Passenger

Tuesday, 3 February - Protection in Torts

9.30-10.30 T. Kadner Graziano: Torts Victims as Vulnerable Parties?
11-12.30 E. Sinander: Collective Rights in Work: Free Industrial Action
14-15.30 E. M. Kieninger: Environmental Claims
16-17.30 T. Kadner Graziano: Product Liability
18:00 Guided Tour to the Basilica di Sant'Abbondio (TBC)

Wednesday, 4 February - Vulnerable People

9.30-11 S. De Vido: Women
11.30-13 J. Carrascosa González: Mothers and Children in Surrogacy
14-15.30 L. Carpaneto: Children and Parenthood
15:45-17:15 N. Rusinova: Best Interest of Child and Procedural Fairness in International Child Abduction Cases
17:30-18:30 C. González Beilfuss: Vulnerable Adults

Thursday, 5 February - Values in a Global World

9:30-11 H. van Loon: The EU in the HCCH
11.30-13 V. Ruiz Abou-Nigm: The EU and Third Countries
14-15 S. Tonolo: Rule of Law and Private International Law
15:30-16:45 V. Ruiz Abou-Nigm - H. van Loon: Migrants and Integration
17-18:30 J. Meeusen: Minorities: Equality through Private International Law

Friday 6 February - Values in a Global World

9:30-11 C. González Beilfuss: Poverty and Private International Law
11:30-13:30 G. van Calster: Business and Human Rights
14:30-17:30 S. Dominelli: The Right of Nature: Presentation of the Topic and Workshop with Case Study
17:30-19 Conclusions: Final Test and Evaluation Survey

Online Sessions

9 February, 17-19 J. Carrascosa González: Protection of the Defendant. Actor sequitur?
17 February, 17-19 S. Marino: Protection in Patrimonial Relationships within the Family
24 February, 17-19 A. Wysocka-Bar: Necessary Heirs

TEACHING STAFF

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

20 January 2026. Please complete the online [form](#).

LOCATION

Università degli Studi dell'Insubria, Via S. Abbondio, 12, Como.

FEES

Early Bird Registration before 10 December: € 180
Registration from 11 December to 20 January: € 250
Reduced fees for Partner Universities (UNINS, JU, UMU): €80

TEASER SEMINAR

Join and meet us for the free online teaser seminar: 1 December 2025, at 17 p.m. CET. In order to attend the seminar, please express your interest by contacting us at the EAPIL WS official email address below. You will receive the link to access via Teams.

CONTACT AND INFORMATION

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ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their own accommodation.
Special fares for participants are offered at: [Hotel Engadina](#) (Como). Any inquiries regarding hotel services should be addressed directly to the lodge at: info@hotelengadina.com. Participants shall specify that they are interested in attending the EAPIL Winter School when making their reservation.



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