



CALL FOR PAPERS

International Society of Family Law – 18th (*Golden Jubilee*) World Conference
“Rethinking Law’s Families & Family Law?”
12-15 July 2023, Antwerp (Belgium)

The 18th (Golden Jubilee) World Conference of the International Society of Family Law will be held in Antwerp, Belgium from 12-15 July 2023, under the title “Rethinking Law’s Families & Family Law?”.

The conference title and themes

The conference title echoes Alison Diduck’s book title *Law’s Families* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), in which she addresses the tension between the conception of the family in family law and policy, and how we actually *do* family in our daily lives. The conference will explore and critically examine who the “law’s families” are and what role family law plays and should play.

The conference is intended to be inclusive, extending to a diverse range of topics and methods. Panels will be clustered alongside their topic (partners; parents & children; the extended family) or method (international and comparative approaches; interdisciplinary approaches; and approaches pertaining to conflict handling).

As the 18th World Conference also marks the ISFL **Golden Jubilee**, a Jubilee stream will cover the past and future of family law. Contributions to the Golden Jubilee stream are based on the 2023 and 2024 Surveys of International Family Law.

Paper proposals

Participants are welcome to propose **individual presentations** or collective **panels**. Among other themes, panels may cover – but are not limited to – legal aspects of **reproduction**, (minor and adult) **siblings**, **migration**, and **juvenile law**. The conference is held on-site in Antwerp and in English; proposals for limited French or Dutch panels are also welcome.

Submissions

Proposals should be submitted no later than **December 16, 2022** via [this link](#) or by email to conveners@isfl2023.org. The proposals should include the proposed title, an abstract of no more than 300 words and the participant’s name, function and affiliation. It is strongly encouraged, but not required, to indicate the theme and method as mentioned above. If the proposal is for a panel, it should also include the name and affiliation of all of the proposed participants.

Conveners

The conference conveners are Prof. **Frederik Swennen**, member of the ISFL Executive Council, and Prof. **Elise Goossens** of the University of Antwerp, on behalf of RETHINKIN., a Scientific Research Network funded by the Flanders Research Foundation – www.rethinkin.eu. The Golden Jubilee stream is coordinated by **Piotr Fiedorczyk**.

All information is available on www.isfl2023.org.

