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The Belgian Reform of Succession Law from a Comparative Perspective
The overall reform of succession law is high on the Belgian political agenda. The goal is not only to modernise succession law in light of the increasing number of recomposed families but also to create an enlarged freedom of disposition for the testator.

The Minister for Justice set up a working group of experts and they formulated a set of priorities: expanding the possibility of concluding agreements regarding succession, curtailment of the statutory portion, a change of rules relating to the restitution or bringing into account of gifts and the introduction of a succession law in value instead of in kind.

During this symposium we shall discuss the intended Belgian reform of succession law from a comparative perspective. Experts from France, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands and Great Britain will shed light on how the aforementioned objectives are dealt with in their legal system. The closing speech will be held by the Minister for Justice.
09.30 Welcome address  
Prof. Dr. Johan Ackaert, Dean Faculty of Law UHasselt

09.50 The Reform of Succession Law in Belgium – status quaestionis  
Prof. Dr. Charlotte Declerck, UHasselt

10.30 Comparative law - France  
Prof. Dr. Véronique Barabé-Bouchard, Université de Rennes

11.10 Break

11.30 Comparative law - Spain & Catalonia  
Prof. Dr. Myriam Anderson, Universitat de Barcelona

12.10 Lunch

13.30 Comparative law - Germany  
Prof. Dr. Anatol Dutta, Universität Regensburg

14.10 Comparative law - The Netherlands  
Prof. Dr. Wilbert Kolkman, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

14.50 Break

15.10 Comparative law - England & Wales  
Prof. Dr. Roger Kerridge, University of Bristol

15.50 Discussion and Concluding Remarks  
Prof. Dr. Charlotte Declerck, UHasselt

16.30 Closing speech by Prof. Dr. Koen Geens, minister of Justice

17.00 Closing reception
Practical Information

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