



## Parentage in a Time of Social Change

*A Comparative Study of Germany, Poland, Switzerland, and  
the United States*

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## Agenda

**3:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Check - in**

**4:00 - 4:05 p.m. | Welcome Remarks**

**Professor Martin Gelter**, Co-Director of the Fordham Center on European Union Law

**4:05 - 5:30 p.m. | Parentage in a Time of Social Change: A Comparative Study of Germany, Poland, Switzerland, and the United States**

**Arkadiusz Wudarski**, Chair of Polish and European Private Law and Comparative Law, European University Viadrina and Professor, University of Szczecin

**Joseph Landau**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Professor of Law (*moderator*)

**Amanda M. Yu, Esq.**, Partner, Drisgula Divorce & Family Law (*commentator*) (*virtual*)

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### Speaker Bios



#### **Arkadiusz Wudarski**

Chair of Polish and European Private Law and Comparative Law, European University Viadrina and Professor, University of Szczecin

Arkadiusz Wudarski holds the Chair of Polish and European Private Law and Comparative Law at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) in Germany (since 2010) and Professorship at the University of Szczecin in Poland (since 2023); formerly Head of the Chair of Civil Law, Procedural Law and Comparative Private Law at the University of Zielona Góra (2014 – 2022) and Research Group on European Private Law and Comparative Law at Jan Długosz University, Częstochowa (2010 – 2014).

Arkadiusz Wudarski studied law at the Silesian University in Katowice and completed his doctoral and postdoctoral degree at the University of Hamburg (advisor: Prof. Dr. P. Mankowski), where he received a *venia legendi* in German civil law, European private law, and comparative law. He holds the Award of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland for outstanding postdoctoral achievements (habilitation). Previously, he has been a visiting professor at the University of Vienna (2012/2013) and at the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (2023); Vice-President (2016 – 2019), and General Secretary (2013 – 2016) of *Societas Humboldtiana Polonorum*. His research interests include European private law, Polish and German family and property law, the law of succession, banking and insurance law, private international law, notary law, legal culture, Europeanization of private law and comparative private law.

In 2023/24, he is at the University of Miami on a fellowship of the Kosciuszko Foundation.



#### **Joseph Landau (moderator)**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Professor of Law

Joseph Landau is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and a Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. He writes at the intersection of constitutional law and civil procedure, and he has long taught both of those subjects to first-year students at Fordham. He received the Fordham Law Dean's Distinguished Research Award for 2020-2021 and Fordham Law's Teacher of the Year Award in 2012-2013 and again in 2019-2020. In 2012, he was named one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association.

Professor Landau graduated from Yale Law School in 2002 and clerked for the Hon. David Trager of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Hon. Betty Binns Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to joining the Fordham faculty, he was an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where in addition to specializing in securities litigation he co-directed the Firm's pro bono practice group in immigration and international human rights (including Guantánamo Bay litigation). From 2010 to 2013, he was Board Chairman of Immigration Equality and the Immigration Equality Action Fund. Prior to law school, Professor Landau was the Assistant Managing Editor at *The New Republic* magazine in Washington, D.C.



**Amanda M. Yu, Esq. (*commentator*)**  
Partner, Drisgula Divorce & Family Law

Amanda M. Yu, Esq. is a Partner at Drisgula Divorce & Family Law, in Wayne, New Jersey, where she practices exclusively family and matrimonial law. Ms. Yu earned her B.A. from Rutgers University and her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. Ms. Yu is admitted to practice in New Jersey, the District of New Jersey, and New York, and is a member of the Family Law Section and Young Lawyers Division of the New Jersey State Bar Association (“NJSBA”). She also serves on the NJSBA Family Law Executive Committee.

As a proud Fordham Law alumna, Ms. Yu serves as co-chair of the Recent Graduate Committee and as an Officer of the Alumni Attorneys of Color affinity group. She has also lectured about Family Law at the annual Bridge the Gap program for over five years.



**Professor Martin Gelter (*introductory remarks*)**  
Co-Director of the Fordham Center on European Union Law

Martin Gelter is a Professor at Fordham University School of Law, where he teaches classes on corporate law, partnership & LLC law, comparative corporate law, and accounting for lawyers. Martin is the Co-Director of Fordham Center on European Union Law. His research explores corporate governance in its comparative and international dimensions, particularly in the relationship between the United States and Europe. He is also interested in law and economics, law and finance, law and accounting, empirical legal studies, and comparative private law. His research has appeared in English, German, French, and has been translated into several other languages. Before joining Fordham in 2009, Martin was an assistant professor at Vienna University of Economics, a Considine Fellow in Law and Economics at Harvard Law School, and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Bologna. As a faculty member, he has been a Visiting Professor at University Paris-II and at National Taiwan University. He has also been an Academic Visitor at Oxford, a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, and a Senior Fellow in the Program for the Foundations of Law and Finance at Goethe University of Frankfurt. Martin is a research member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI).