Summer School on the Economics of Family and Succession Law

Hamburg, August 5 – September 9, 2020

Economics of Family and Succession Law (23. August- 31. August)

Part 1:

Economics of Family Law in Muslim Societies (Dr. Nora Alim)

About the instructor:

Nora Alim holds the Legal State Examination from Germany, an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from the American University in Cairo, Egypt and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Hamburg (2017). She is a former Research Associate at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany (2009-2013) and worked as a legal consultant for a OECD project on “Women’s Economic Empowerment in Selected MENA Countries” (2014-2019). Nora Alim is the head of legal department at the German-Arab Chamber of Commerce in Cairo. She is the co-author of Between procedure and substance – A review of law making in Egypt (in: Yassari, N. (ed.), Changing God’s Law – The dynamics of Middle Eastern family law, Routledge, London/ New York 2016, 113-130).

Course Content:

Lecture 1: Overview of Muslim Family Law

Lecture 2: Legal reform in Egypt

Lecture 3: Egyptian Contemporary Family Law

Lecture 4: Strategic decisions taken in the context of Muslim Family Law & Economics

Zoom Meeting: will take place after the end of the online course (exact date and time: tbc by the program coordinator)

List of Readings:

- Welchman, Lynn, Women and Muslim Family Laws in Arab States, Amsterdam University Press 2000,
- El-Alami, Dawoud/ Hinchcliffe, Doreen Islamic Marriage and Divorce Laws of the Arab World, Kluwer Law International 1996
- Pearl, David/Menski, Werner, Muslim Family Law, London 1998, Sweet & Maxwell, 3rd edition
- Lombardi, State Law as Islamic Law in Modern Egypt, Leiden 2006, Brill
- OECD, Women’s Economic Empowerment in Selected MENA Countries, 2016 (attached).