Preliminary Program

Symposium: Different avenues in supporting and protecting vulnerable adults in (Western) Europe and roadmaps for the future

Thursday 24 October 2019      VU University Amsterdam      Aurora Room

9.30 – 10.00 Tea & coffee and reception

10.00 –11.10 Session one: chair prof. dr. Frederic Swennen, Family Law and Kinship Studies, University of Antwerp (Belgium)
10.00 –10.10 Welcome drs. Marco Blom, director of Alzheimer Nederland
10.10 – 10.30 prof. dr. Kees Blankman, VU University Amsterdam, *Getting older and in need of support and protection in a diverging and converging Dutch landscape*
10.30 – 10.50 Rieneke Stelma-Roorda, PhD researcher, VU University Amsterdam, *Living wills, findings of a comparative study in four European countries*
10.50 – 11.10 dr. Ilse Koza, judge, Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria, *Erwachsenenschutz in Austria, the intentions and the first results*

11.10 – 11.30 Tea & coffee

11.30-13.00 Session two: chair prof. dr. Leon Verstappen, Notarial Institute University Groningen, the Netherlands
11.30 –11.50 Adrian D. Ward, former consultant to the Council of Europe, *Private mandates - we are only beginning! Priorities and pitfalls in enhancing private mandates*
11.50 –12.10 Katja Karjalainen, PhD researcher, University of Eastern Finland, *Comparative perspectives and cross border problems*
12.10 – 12.30 prof. dr. Paula Távora Vitor, University of Coimbra, Portugal, *In search of the promised autonomy* – an analysis of the new Portuguese legal framework of persons with diminished capacity through the lenses of article 12 of the UNCRPD
12.30 – 13.00 discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 15.10 Session three: chair prof. dr. Wendy Schrama, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

14.00 -15.10 Presentations and pitches regarding research projects being conducted or starting up and relevant international developments and initiatives on Elder Law

14.00 – 14.15 prof. dr. Titti Mattsson, Lund University, Sweden, Elder law Research and the ELAN Consortium and the need for a UN Convention on the rights of the elderly

14.15 – 14.25 prof. dr. Isolina Dabove, University of Buenos Aires, Elder Law in Argentina, the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons and the UN’ Process of elaborating a Convention on the rights of the elderly (by video message)

14.25 -14.35 prof. dr. Frederic Swennen, University of Antwerp, ELI (European Law Institute)

14.35 – 14.45 Femke de Kievit, PhD researcher, Utrecht Centre for European Research into Family Law, Family care (children caring for their parents at old age)

14.45 – 14.55 Josep-Maria Solé-Chavero, Girona Guardianship Foundation, Catalonia/Spain, SUPPORT Girona, supporting vulnerable adults in Spain and European Cooperation

14.55 – 15.05 prof. dr. Masha Antokolskaia, VU University Amsterdam, FL- EUR (Family Law in Europe) an Academic network

15.05 -15.10 Closing by prof. dr. Masha Antokolskaia

15.45 – 16.45 Inaugural speech prof. dr. Kees Blankman in Aula

16.45 – 18.15 Reception in the foyer

18.45 Dinner for chair persons and presenters at De Veranda (walking distance from the University)