

The first international Seminar of the Research Project *Governing Inheritance Statutes after the Entry into force of EU Succession Regulation* took place on 23rd March 2018 in Valencia. The event, dedicated to *Inheritance Law after EU Succession Regulation: Debated Issues and Problems in Implementation*, was organized by the Universities of Valencia and Coimbra, with the collaboration of the Italian Foundation of Notaries and the support of the Notarial Chamber of Valencia.

The Seminar included two sessions.

The first one, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., was opened by the Principal Investigator of the Research Project, Sara Landini (University of Florence), who expressed the general outlines of the Project, and was followed by the presentation of José Luis Iglesias Buhigues (University of Valencia) dedicated to *A General Overview on the Regulation*.

This presentation represented a starting point for the following panels.

The first panel of the morning session, chaired by José Ramón de Verda y Beamonte (University of Valencia), analysed *European Legal Experiences in the Regulation's Implementation*, with the participation of renowned experts who reported to a large audience the legal experiences of their respective countries of origin, through the presentation of some practical cases that gave rise to a debate among speakers and attendees: Afonso Patrão (University of Coimbra) with regard to Portugal; Balázs Tókey (University of Budapest) with regard to Hungary; and María Eugenia Escobar Bravo (University of Münster) with regard to Germany.

After the debate and a coffee break, the second panel, chaired by María José Reyes López (University of Valencia), on *Inheritance Law facing New Social Realities*, analysed some topical issues that inspired a lively debate: *Kafala* (José Ramón de Verda y Beamonte, University of Valencia); *Polygamous Marriages* (Giovanni Berti de Marinis, University of Perugia); and *Posthumous Assisted Reproduction* (Marco Rizzuti, University of Florence).

After the debate, the morning session ended with a short presentation on *The Regulation in the Resolutions of the Spanish General Direction of Public Registers and Notaries*, by Lerdys Saray Heredia Sánchez (University of Elche).

The second session took place from 4 to 7,30 p.m. and included two panels.

The first one, *Reflections from the Academia*, was chaired by Josefina Alventosa del Río (University of Valencia) and was dedicated to the following issues: *The Regulation in CJEU's Case Law* (Guillermo Palao Moreno, University of Valencia); *The Law Applicable to Testaments' Provisions* (Carmen Azcárraga Monzonís, University of Valencia); and *The Relationship between Successions and Matrimonial Property Regimes* (Pablo Quinzá Redondo, University of Valencia).

After another debate and the following break, the second panel, *Reflections from Notaries' Practice*, took place. It was chaired by José María Cid Fernández, and dedicated to: *Matters Excluded from the EU Succession Regulation: Some Dubious Assumptions* (José Nieto Sánchez); *Formal and/or Substantial Validity Issues in Testaments' Circulation across the European Legal Area* (Roberto Barone); and *Practical Problems Raised by the Regulation in its Notarial Implementation* (María de los Reyes Sánchez Moreno).

After the final debate, the Seminar was closed by Francisco Fonseca Morillo, Deputy Director-General for Justice and Consumers of the EU Commission.