Open Kinship?
Social and Legal Practices from Gender Perspectives (1450–1900)

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In cooperation with the FWF research project “The Role of Wealth in Defining and Constituting Kinship Spaces from 16th to the 18th Century”, the research area “Economy and Society from a Cultural Science Perspective” and the Department of Economic and Social History
Thursday, 26 September
13:30  Reception, Registration, Welcome, Greetings, Introduction

Session 1: Labelling and Kinning
14:30  Jasmin Hauck (Eichstätt-Ingolstadt/Rom), Personae conjunctae: The limits of kinship in doctrine and practice of legal representation in the Later Middle Ages
15:15  Sophie Ruppel (Basel), I offered him brotherhood, but he would only accept me as a father. “Kinning” in seventeenth century high aristocracy
16:30  Regina Schäfer (Mainz), Who is kin? Labelling family in court records of the fifteenth and sixteenth century
17:15  Andrea Griesebner (Wien), Kinning and de-kinning in the context of marital conflicts and separation from bed and board

Friday, 27 September
Session 2: Rearranging Kin
09:00  Siglindie Clementi (Bozen/Brixen), Remarriage arrangements and inheritance practices in stepfamilies of the Tyrolean nobility in the early modern period
09:45  Christine Walker (Singapore), Baptisms and the re-formation of the family in colonial Jamaica
11:00  Luisa Stella de Oliveira Coutinho Silva (Frankfurt), Illegitimate children in the Captaincy of Paraíba: kinship and family relations in the colonization of Brazil
11:45  Rebecca Mason (Glasgow), Women on the margins: blended families and legal practices in the courts of seventeenth-century Glasgow

Session 3: Family and Household Configurations
14:00  Marina Garbellotti (Verona), What made a man a ‘father’ or a woman a ‘mother’? Adoption and fosterage practices in early modern Italy
14:45  Adina Eckart (Bamberg), Lucrezia de’Medici Salviati – a case study concerning the role of mothers in familial capital accumulation
16:00  Evdoxios Doxiadis (Burnaby), Fathers and married daughters
16:45  Benedetta Borello (Cassino), Brotherhood and brothers in seventeenth-century Rome: the case of merchants, artisans, inn-keepers and painters

Keynote
18:00  Michaela Hohkamp (Hanover), Favourites, sweethearts and dar-lings, or: who is and who desires to (not) be related to whom else when, for how long, how often and, especially, in what respect? A kaleidoscopic survey of early modern modes of kin-ship and their epistemological settings from a historical-anthropological perspective – and beyond

Saturday, 28 September
Session 4: Law and Conflict
09:00  Marie Malherbe (Vienna/Rouen), Gender perspectives on civil trials in Venetian Aristocratic families (1710-1820)
09:45  Nicoleta Roman (Bucharest), Law, women and family. Dowry and inheritance in mid-nineteenth century Wallachia
10:30  Isabelle Chabot (Padova), A fraternity without blood ties? Relations between brothers- and sisters-in-laws in Florence in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries

Session 5: Inclusion – Exclusion
11:45  Nathalie Büscher (Zurich), The patrimonialization of the communal offices in the Old Swiss Confederation (fifteenth to eighteenth century)
12:30  Dmitry Mukhin (Vologda), Family borders in the northern Russian village at the end of the nineteenth century
13:15  Final comment: Anna Bellavitis (Rouen)