



**The Leverhulme Trust**  
International Network on  
New Families; New Governance



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### **Workshop 3: Meanings and understandings of family solidarity and family regulation**

**Venue: University of Notre Dame**

#### **DAY ONE: Thursday 27 March**

**Session 1:** *This session will explore solidarity in the context of care obligations and entitlements. More specifically, commentators will discuss changing legal norms governing child custody, child-protection “kinship” care, and elder care. They will address both the private obligations of family members to each other and the role of the state to both facilitate family care and to reduce care burdens while allowing families appropriate independence.*

**Session 2:** *This session will explore solidarity in the context of family finances within a variety of family forms. Specific topics include support obligations within separated families, the impact of poverty on family functioning, public obligations to alleviate poverty, the relationship between public and private obligations, and the role of the state in facilitating both dispute resolution and the payment of obligations. Commentators will discuss both evolving legal norms and relevant social science evidence.*

Session times	Session titles/ presenters
8.30am	<b>Registration and Breakfast, Eck Hall of Law, Room 2130.</b>
9.30am	<b>Introductions and Welcome</b> Margaret (Peg) Brinig, University of Notre Dame Law School Dean Nell Jessup Newton, University of Notre Dame Law School
9.40am – 1pm	<b>Session One. Care and Carers. Sessions also take place in Room 2130.</b> Chair – Cathy Humphreys, University of Melbourne, Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Professor Elizabeth Scott, Columbia Law School, USA</li><li>○ Professor Liz Trinder, University of Exeter, UK</li><li>○ Professor Janet Reibstein, University of Exeter, UK</li></ul> <b>Short Break</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Professor Marie Connolly, University of Melbourne, Australia</li><li>○ Professor Frederik Swennen, Antwerp University, Belgium</li></ul>
1pm	<b>Lunch, Eck Hall of Law, Room 2130.</b>
2.30-5pm	<b>Session Two. Finance and the Family: Reworking Economic Relationships</b> Chair – Mary Ellen Konieczny, University of Notre Dame, Sociology <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Professor Kristi Slack, University of Wisconsin Social Work, USA</li><li>○ Professor Tess Ridge, University of Bath, UK (podcast presentation)</li></ul> <b>Short Break</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Professor Anne Barlow, University of Exeter, UK</li><li>○ Professor Tone Sverdrup, Oslo University, Norway</li></ul>

5.30-6.30pm	<b>Keynote Address: Sara McLanahan, Princeton University, "Fragile Families and Children's Futures"</b> <b>Patrick F. McCartan Courtroom, Eck Hall of Law</b>
6.30-7.15pm	Cocktails and Light Refreshments in Eck Commons, Second Floor, Eck Hall of Law
7.30pm	<b>Dinner (invited) in the Morris Inn, Ballroom "A", University of Notre Dame</b>

## DAY TWO: Friday 28th March

**Session 3:** *This session will explore the state's role in facilitating family solidarity through educational programs, public-awareness campaigns, norm creation, and other methods of communicating images of moral and legal family obligations. Commentators will describe a range of examples, examine their effectiveness, and analyze their propriety.*

Session times	Session titles/presenters
8.30am	<b>Breakfast, Eck Hall of Law, Room 2130</b>
9am-9.15am	<b>Welcome to Day Two</b>
9.15am-12.45pm	<p><b>Session Three. <i>The State and Transmission of Messages about Families: Legal and Moral</i></b></p> <p>Chair – Liz Trinder, University of Exeter Law School, UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Professor Marsha Garrison, Brooklyn Law School, USA</li> <li>○ Professor Rachael Field, Queensland University of Technology, Australia</li> </ul> <p><b>Short Break</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr Leanne Smith, Cardiff University, UK</li> <li>○ Professor Masha Antokolskia, VU University of Amsterdam</li> <li>○ Professor Charlotte Patterson, University of Virginia, USA</li> </ul>
12.45-1.15pm	Concluding remarks and finish
1.15pm	<b>Lunch in 2130.</b>

Please Note:

### Session Structure

*Speakers will provide a briefing paper in advance (2,000 words). The brief presentation (10-15 minutes maximum) will therefore enable optimum small group and whole-of-forum discussion time within each session.*

**The Leverhulme Network Planning Meeting will take place after lunch at 1:30 in Room 2171 of Eck Hall of Law.**

This will involve all members of the Leverhulme International Network who will plan the final conference at Notre Dame premises in London 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014.