



Maximilian Strutz has been visiting Utrecht University as a guest researcher at the *Utrecht Centre for European Research into Family Law* from September, 3rd till October, 30th 2018.

He is a German based lawyer who specializes in Family and Inheritance Law. He has been admitted as a lawyer on July, 28th 2015 and has been working at [Kanzlei Dr. Strutz](#) in Recklinghausen since then.

During his stay in Utrecht, Maximilian Strutz has worked on his thesis concerning a comparative research into matrimonial property law in Germany and the Netherlands. His doctoral research focuses on pre- and postnuptial agreements. Starting point for his research is a decision by the German Constitutional Court from 2001 in which the Constitutional Court has asserted that the judicial review of prenuptial agreements has been unconstitutional due to a lack of supervision. This decision has led to a renewal of jurisdiction. His research focuses on the outcome, compares it to the situation in the Netherlands and aims to identify key problems in both legal systems.

Maximilian Strutz has been a guest researcher at UCERF once before from December 2012 till February 2013.

Publications

- The Minor in Divorce-related Judicial Proceedings in the Netherlands and Germany, Rights to a Special Representative and to Be Heard in Person (in: *European Journal of Law Reform*, 2/2015, with Evelien Verhagen)
- Bericht über die fünfte Konferenz der „Commission on European Family Law (CEFL)“ in Bonn vom 29.–31.8.2013 (in: *forum familienrecht*, 11/2013)
- Uitleg van huwelijkse voorwaarden; een verkenning (in: *Weekblad voor Privaatrecht, Notariaat en Registratie*, 2013, with Evelien Verhagen)