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and

“Film, Law and Society”

present

## Special Event “Movie Night”

31 May 2023, 16h00-20h00

Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne-Dorigny

### The Danish Girl

Organized by **Walter Stoffel**, University of Fribourg (Switzerland), professor emeritus for economic and private international law, and **Lucie Bader**, film and media scholar, Berne (Switzerland), in cooperation with the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL).



### The Danish Girl

Tom Hooper, UK/USA/D, 2015,  
120', E/f

Wednesday, 31 May 2023,  
16h00 – 20h00

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Film with introduction and panel  
discussion

*Film:* A happily married couple leads an eventful artistic life in Copenhagen. When Einar Wegener (Eddie Redmayne) poses as a female model for his wife Gerda (Alicia Vikander) he unmask his gender identity as a woman. The desire, shared by his distraught wife, led to one of the first sex reassignment surgery in the 1920s. The story depicts a journey of a courageous transgender pioneer.

*Podium:* The law is constantly intervening in the search of our identities, including our gender identity. It protects them, but it also defines and regulates them. Is the law part of the solution for the Danish Girl's plight, or part of the problem?

16h00-18h20 *Lucie Bader (film and media scholar), introduction to the film. Screening*

18h20-18h40 *Break*

18h45-19h45 *Round table discussion with Prof. Walter Stoffel, presiding, Prof. Sharon Shakargy, Jerusalem (Hebrew University), Dr.iur. Lukas Heckendorn (acting Director, SICL), Dr.iur. Martin Föhse, Berne (University of St. Gallen), and Lucie Bader*

20h00 *End*

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*Note: on 1 June 2023, the Institute will host an academic conference that will examine questions of Identity in current family law theory and practice: “Family Status, Identities and Private International Law: A Critical Assessment in the Light of Fundamental Rights”. For more information or to register, please visit the Institute's website: <https://www.isdc.ch>.*