



**Workshop: "Oral History of the European Court of Justice"**



Date: 19 - 20 February 2018

Organization: Stefan Vogenauer, Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez

Venue: MPIeR, Lecture Hall

This workshop will examine oral history projects in Europe related to national and European institutions in order to present best practices at the practical and methodological level. It will bring together historians and EU lawyers involved in European oral history projects. On the first day, political sociologists and legal historians will start by discussing the methodological and practical aspects of official history projects of European institutions before going into practical examples of oral history projects applied to European courts.

On the second day, the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History will discuss its project (in cooperation with the Saxo Institute of the University of Copenhagen and the Historical Archives of the European Union) on the oral history of the European Court of Justice with the scholars involved. This part of the workshop is restricted to participants in the project.



## PROGRAMME

### 19 February 2018 (Open workshop)

13:00-14:00 Registration, Welcome

14:00-14:30 Professor Stefan Vogenauer, MPlER Frankfurt:  
***Introduction to the Workshop***

### Panel I: Learning from Oral History Experiences in European Official History Projects

Chair: Dr Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez, MPlER Frankfurt

14:30-15:15 Professor Michael Mangenot, Institute for European Studies, Université Paris 8:  
***Writing the History of European Institutions: The Role of Oral History in the Official Projects about European Institutions***

15:15-16:00 Dr Priscila Pivatto, Oral History Project, History Parliamentary Trust, Institute for Historical Research, London:  
***The Use of Oral Sources in the History of Parliaments: The Oral History Project***

16:00-16:30 Coffee

### Panel II: Oral History in Research Projects on European High Courts

Chair: Professor Stefan Vogenauer, MPlER Frankfurt

16:30-17:15 Dr Nina-Louisa Lorenz, University of Lund:  
***The Oral History of the European Court of Human Rights***

17:15-18:00 Professor Daniel Sarmiento, University Complutense, Madrid:  
***A Court for the Spanish Constitution: Uses of Oral History for the Memory of a Constitutional Court***

18:00-19:30 **Projection of the documentary “Un tribunal para la Constitución” (in Spanish)** and discussion with the author (Professor Daniel Sarmiento) and as discussant (Professor Carlos Ramos Nuñez, Centro de Estudios del Tribunal Constitucional del Perú)

20:00-21:00 Dinner at *CRONERIA EUROPA*, Eschersheimer Landstrasse 142, 60322 Frankfurt (reserved for participants in the project)

21:00-22:00 Dieter Schlenker, Director Historical Archives of the European Union, EUI Florence:  
***Discussion on the Archives of the European Court of Justice***



**Tuesday, 20 February 2018 (Only for project members and upon individual invitation)**

**Panel III: The oral history project of the ECJ – Methodological and Practical Aspects**

Chair: Professor Morten Rasmussen, Copenhagen University

- 09:00-09:45 Dr Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez, MPLeR Frankfurt:  
***The Oral History of the ECJ: Organization and Timeline***
- 09:45-10:30 ***Questions and Answers on the Project***
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee
- 11:00-12:30 **Coordination with the Team of Interviewers**
- 12:30-13:00 **Conclusion of Workshop**
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch at Sturm & Drang, Campus Westend*
- 14:00-15:00 **Future Projects on the History of EU Law (optional)**