**Regulae Iuris On-Line: Digital Implementation of the Medieval Dialectical Method**
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**Ancient and medieval dialectical method**
Deals with a) metaphysical knowledge (Platonic dialectics) or b) with probable knowledge (Aristotelian dialectics)

Probable knowledge flows from propositions shared by everyone, or the majority, or the wisest of the people

- **Thesis**
  - Position of the probable thesis
- **Antithesis**
  - Position of a contrary thesis
  - Juxtaposition of the two theses
- **Reconciliation**
  - Introduction of a tertium concept
  - Distinction between the two theses and joining them together
- **Synthesis**
  - Deduction of a new thesis
- **Response**
  - Answering the objections that could have been brought against the new thesis

**The system of regulae and brocarda iuris**

Seen as generalizations of the authoritative texts of law

- Accessorium sequitur naturam sui principalis
- Pactum nudum non producit actionem
- Masculinum concipit femininum
- Actore non probante reus absolvitur
- Beneficientibus nobis benefacere debemus
- Quod maior pars factit, omnes facere videntur

Early debates whether exceptions derogate from the *regulae iuris* (between Placentinus and Bassianus)

- Actor sequitur forum rei
- Prior tempore potior iure
- Masculinum concipit femininum
- A digniarii est inchoandum
- Cessante causa cessat effectus
- Ignorantia in facto proprio non praesumitur nec excusat

The applicability of the dialectical method to law in the center!

Eventually, new *regulae* (*brocarda*) started being synthesized according to the dialectical method

- Allegans turpitudinem suam non est audiendus
- Res inter alios facta tertio non praedictat

**Project to digitize the system of regulae**

The scientific community will be invited to participate in the filling in and checking the database.
This will reproduce the “everyone, majority or the wisest” element in the method.