Welcome to our newsletter. This newsletter is addressed to legal historians, legal theorists and others interested in global history, social sciences, humanities and legal studies more broadly. We keep you updated about events, new publications by our researchers and other news from our Institute. Any feedback and suggestions are more than welcome.

We hope you enjoy this month's edition.

Opportunities

Department Vogenauer is looking for a **doctoral student (m/w/d)** for the Fellowship project 'The History of European Union Employment Law'. More information [here](#). **Deadline 15 August 2023**

The philosophy department at Goethe University is looking for a **postdoctoral researcher (m/w/d)**.

Events

**All events take place in-person at the mpihlt unless otherwise stated.**

05 June, 16:15 - 17:45, Max Planck Lecture in Legal History and Legal Theory: Marie Sandström (Stockholms Universitet), **Friedrich Julius Stahl - at the crossroads between legal scholarship and politics**
More information here. Deadline 06 June 2023


14 June, 18:00 - 20:00: Stephan Nixen (Universität zu Köln), Sozialisierung selbständiger Arbeit: 'Kassenarztrecht' als Intervention des Weimarer Wohlfahrtsstaates

20 June, 10:00 - 12:00, Legal History meets Digital Humanities: Karin Hofmeester (International Institute of Social History), Development of an Interoperable Taxonomy: the Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations, 1500-2000

26 June - 28 June, Tagung des jungen Netzwerks Rechtsgeschichte: Konflikte um Wahrheit - Nachwuchstagung Rechtsgeschichte

29 June, 16:15 - 17:45, Max Planck Lecture in Legal History and Legal Theory: Victor M. Uribe-Uran (Florida International University), The Butcher's wife, Race Relations, Death by Hanging in Cuba and the Spanish Atlantic, 1830s-1930s

30 June 14:00 - 18:00, Moot Court: 15. Investment Arbitration Moot Court

Featured Event

06.06.2023, mpihl

6th Annual Conference: An oral history of the European Court of Justice
The workshop will collect the first results of the pilot project An Oral History of the European Court of Justice. Interviewers will present the most important findings from their conversations with former members of the Court: judges, advocates-general and key officials.

The conference will be held at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Participation will be free of charge and those interested should please send a message to jmeyer@lhlt.mpg.de.

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Guests and Visiting Scholars

**Bachur, João Paul** (Instituto Brasiliense de Direito Público, Brasília, Brazil): Die Praxis des Rechts: Zu einer multidisziplinären Rechtstheorie, January 2022 – December 2023

**Hoberg, Anna** (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz, Germany): Die Entstehung des vereinheitlichten europäischen internationalen Privatrechts, April – September 2023

**Inoque, Daniel** (Universidade Pedagógica de Maputo, Mozambique): Direito Cultural Moçambicano: o acesso documentação arquivística do judiciário como património cultural, May – July 2023

**Lillo Castañ, Víctor** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain): The bull “Sublimis deus” and the Spanish laws on slavery of Native Americans (1530-1537), January 2022 – December 2023

**Londoño Alvarez, Marcelo** (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal): From the spaces of socialization to the construction of political thought in the working class, June – November 2023

**Matsumoto, Naoko** (Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan): Einwohner vor Friedensgerichten und Schiedsmännern. Deutsche Sühneverhandlungen im entstehenden modernen Rechtssystem, April – September 2023

**Massuchetto, Vanessa** (Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil): Women and social uses of criminal justice: colonial normativities in southern Iberian-American Worlds (17th–18th century), April 2023 – March 2024

**Mellouki, Léa** (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, France): The opening of the trial in medieval Romano-canonical procedure, from libel to litis contestatio from the 9th to the 14th century, April – June 2023

**Merlin de Andrade, Melanie** (Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil): Theory of Law and ‘theoretical transplants’ in Brazil: the reception of Robert Alexy’s Theory and its ponderation method by the Brazilian Courts of Justice in rendering decisions to solve constitutionalised private law conflicts, April – June 2023
Nezhurbida, Serhiy (NGO Jewish Heritage of Bukovina, Chernivtsi, Ukraine): Eugen Ehrlich – a bio-biographical approach, February – January 2024

Rabanos, Julieta Agustina (Università di Genova, Italy): Theoretical challenges regarding public (non-comprehensive) authority in non-national contexts, May – June 2023

Ramírez Restrepo, María del Pilar (University of California, Santa Barbara, USA): Untangling the ‘Orinoco’s Labyrinth of Tongues’: linguistic knowledge and Jesuit missions in the margins of the Spanish Empire, 1660–1784, May – July 2023

Reis, Maria Barreiros Almeida (University of California, Berkeley, USA): ‘Capacities to work’: slavery, skilled labour and racial arguments in the South Atlantic, 1440–1760, May – July 2023

Sedano Onofri, Renato (Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil): Once again, on poetry and law: narrative and structure in 19th-century German and Brazilian legal sciences, January – June 2023

Sukačić, Marko (Sveučilište J. J. Strossmayera u Osijeku, Croatia): Historical development of the European consumer protection law concerning sales contracts, June 2023

Suresh, Sabarish (Yeshiva University, New York, USA): Cartography and law: the use of mapping in the establishment of the English common law in the Indian subcontinent, March – June 2023

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New approaches to heterogeneous reference data mining

With the mass availability of historical and contemporary digitised texts, the task of computer-assisted extraction of scholarly references has become increasingly important in many research disciplines. The key challenge in reference extraction is to identify and extract cluttered and fragmented bibliographic information encoded in multiple ways from a mass of noise. However, the correct extraction of such heterogeneous references from texts, especially historical documents and works in the humanities or law, remains an unsolved problem.

For this reason, Andreas Wagner, Digital Humanities specialist in the mpilhlt library, and Christian Boulanger, researcher in the Department of Marietta Auer, invited scholars and practitioners from the social sciences, humanities and computational disciplines to a workshop dedicated to this challenge. The goal was to define the key issues and identify the state of the art. Most importantly, it aimed to launch a community capable of sharing resources and advancing the state of the art in the midst of the unfolding 'AI revolution'.

The workshop included two interactive sessions to gather ideas on how to move the field forward. One tool suggested by the organisers is a white paper providing an overview of the current state and potential pathways for the field. The second day ended with a brainstorming session on what other forms of collaborative research and development might look like.

Roman Herzog Research Prize awarded to Anselm Küsters

Anselm Küsters, an Associate Researcher at our Institute and currently a postdoctoral researcher working in the area of Digital History at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, has been awarded the prestigious Roman Herzog Research Prize.

As the first-place finisher, he receives 20,000 Euros for his dissertation, 'The Making and Unmaking of Ordoliberal Language', which he wrote at the mpilhlt. He used digital methods of natural language processing to investigate the development of EU competition law.

Dr Küsters’ dissertation examines the intellectual foundations of the European legal system and shows that the ordoliberal understanding of competition has exerted a strong influence on European competition law and jurisprudence. The prize highlights the methods of digital history in the exploration of the social market economy in Europe. According to the committee, Küsters’ dissertation has made a significant contribution to the development of the research field.

The Roman Herzog Research Prize for Social Market Economy is one of the highest remunerated awards in the area of economics and social sciences.