



PROGRAMME

## Founders and Shapers of Labour Law. National and Transnational Perspectives

3-4 SEPTEMBER 2024 | MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL HISTORY AND  
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1927, Albert Thomas receiving flowers from workers' children in Ogre, Latvia. "A class which takes care of its children is already a class conscious of its destiny," he said. ILO historical archives  
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Following a successful conference in 2023, the Labour Law History from a Global Perspective network will meet for the second time, this year focusing on the law of labour from a biographical perspective. The focus will be on well-known labour lawyers, but also on people who have had an influence on labour law or the regulation of the world of work in other contexts. We are interested in what influence they had in their respective national contexts, as well as beyond – may that be transnational, transregional or translocal. The conference is co-organised by Johanna Wolf (MPIHLHT) and Rebecca Zahn (Strathclyde University).

The conference will be hybrid. If you are interested in participating (in person or online), please send an email to [wolf@lhlt.mpg.de](mailto:wolf@lhlt.mpg.de)





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Tuesdays, 03.09.2024

09:30–10:00 **Arrival and Registration**

INTRODUCTION

10:00–10:45 **Thesis Paper on the State of the Art**  
*Johanna Wolf (MPILHLT) / Rebecca Zahn (Strathclyde University)*

**Comment:**  
*Christian G. De Vito (University of Vienna)*

PANEL I | THE AMERICAS

*Chair:* *Raquel R. Sirotti (MPILHLT)*

10:45–12:00 **Bora Laskin and the Shaping of Canadian Labour Law**  
*Eric Tucker (Osgoode Hall Law School)*

**Slavery and Free Labour Under the Same Quill: Joze Thomaz  
Nabuco de Araujo and the Making of the Law of Labour in  
Nineteenth-Century Brazil**  
*Marjorie Carvalho de Souza (Università del Salento)*

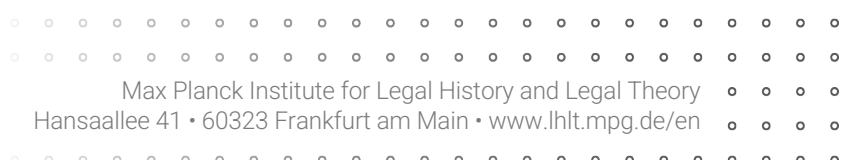
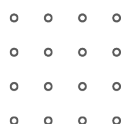
12:00–13:00 **Lunch break**

PANEL II | AUSTRALIASIA

*Chair:* *Prakhar Ganguly (MPILHLT)*

13:00–14:30 **The Eight Hour Day Movement and the Development of Australian  
Labour Law**  
*John Howe (Melbourne Law School)*

**Transnational Legal Lives and Fiji's First General Strike  
1920: Manilal Maganlal Shah**  
*Jasmine Ali (Melbourne Law School)*





**Mediating Justice: Jurisprudence in India**

*Megha Sharma (Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence)*

14:30–15:00 **Coffee break**

**PANEL III | LAWYERS IN EXILE**

*Chair: Magdalena Gebhart (MPILHLT)*

15:00–16:30 **German Labour Lawyers in the British Exile**

*Rebecca Zahn (Strathclyde University)*

**Hugo Sinzheimer's Influence in the Netherlands**

*Robert Knegt (University of Amsterdam, Hugo Sinzheimer Institute Amsterdam)*

**The Impact of German Exiles on Labour Law in Argentina: The Case of Ernesto Karz and Ernesto Krotoschin**

*Leticia Vita and Julieta Lobato (University of Buenos Aires)*

17:00–18:00 **Dinner**

**FIRESIDE CHAT: HOW DO WE REMEMBER LABOUR LAWYERS. THE ARCHIVING OF LEGACIES**

*Chair: Rebecca Zahn*

18:00–19:00 *Pascal Annerfelt (Hugo Sinzheimer Institute)*

*Anja Kruke (Archive of Social Democracy)*

*Paul Smith (Wedderburn Legacy)*



Wednesday, 04.09.2024

PANEL IV | EUROPEAN NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair: *Nina Cozzi (MPILHLT)*

10:00–11:30 **Paal Berg and Norwegian Labour Law**  
*Alexander Sønderland Skjønberg (BI Norwegian Business School)*

**Gino Giugni**  
*Irene Stolzi (University of Florence)*

**Eugenia Pragier and the Quest for Women's Labour Protection in Poland**  
*Natalia Jarska (Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences)*

PODCAST ON AFRICAN LEGAL HISTORY – HISTORY OF THE INVISIBLE

Chair: *Johanna Wolf (MPILHLT)*

11:30–12:15 *Raquel R. Sirotti (MPILHLT)*

12:15–13:15 **Lunch break**

PANEL V | EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES

Chair: *Manfred Weiss (Goethe University)*

13:15–14:45 **Eliane Vogel-Polsky**  
*Anna Quadflieg (MPILHLT)*

**Between Paris, Geneva and Beyond: Albert Thomas, From National to International Labour Legislation**  
*Adeline Blaskiewicz (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)*

**Paul Pic and the Others. The Transnational Insight of European Legal Culture on Labour at the Turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries**  
*Virginia Amorosi (University of Naples "Frederico II")*

14:45–15:00 **Coffee break**

FINAL COMMENT

15:00–15:45 **Thorsten Keiser (Justus Liebig University)**  
**Stefan Berger (Institute for Social Movements)**

