



7–18 JULY 2025

Max Planck Summer Academy

FOR LEGAL HISTORY 2025

PROGRAMME



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THIS YEAR'S THEME

The struggle for law



Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History 2025 | **PROGRAMME**

Monday, 7.7.2025

10:00 | Activity

Welcome and introduction

Stefanie R  ther



Coffee

11:00 | Activity

The MPG and mpilht

Stefan Vogenauer



Lunch

13:30 | Activity

Library tour

Kushini Sugathapala

15:00 | Struggle for Law

Introductory 'the struggle for law'

Stefanie R  ther

16:30 | Activity

Frankfurt city tour & dinner

Julius Giloj, Friedrich Karger

Tuesday, 8.7.2025

09:15 | Introductory Course

Common law

Stefan Vogenauer



Coffee

11:15 | Introductory Course

Ius commune - legists

Christiane U. Birr



Lunch

15:00 | Presentations

Chair Valerian Klein

A law unto themselves? Mercantile networks, urban government and the development of commercial law in Southampton (c. 1440–1510)

Femke Gordjin

15:45 | Presentations

Chair Valerian Klein

British responses to the French declaration of rights of man and of the citizen

Even Yin-Ying Chao



Coffee

17:00 | Research at mpilht

PhD projects at the mpilht

Manuela Camargo de Assis, Xinran Liu, Jiaxin Li, Anna Hoberg

18:00 | Activity




PhD get-together

Florian Forster, Gabriel Busch de Brito



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Wednesday, 9.7.2025



- 09:15 | **Presentations**
Chair *Raquel Sirotti*
- A struggle for ownership? A history of the establishment of private ownership through land registration systems in the Philippines (1880–1914)**
Boliá Doubai Sánchez
- 10:00 | **Presentations**
Chair *Raquel Sirotti*
- Struggles in the New World**
The legal dimension of Japanese immigration in Brazil
Gustavo Akio Mizuno Tamura
-  *Coffee*
- 11:15 | **Introductory Course**
- Ius commune - canonists**
Christoph H.F. Meyer
-  *Lunch*
- 15:00 | **Presentations**
Chair *Luisa Stella Coutinho*
- The use of force in the formation and dismantling of Christian communities in Japan**
Victor Laubenstein
- 15:45 | **Presentations**
Chair *Luisa Stella Coutinho*
- Trans-Atlantic separations**
Liberal Catholics and the separation of church and state in France and the United States, 1830–1900
Michael Gioia
-  *Coffee*
- 17:00 | **Introductory Course**
- Digital humanities and AI in legal history**
Christian Boulanger, Polina Solonets, Andreas Wagner

Thursday, 10.7.2025


- 09:15 | **Presentations**
Chair *Rômulo da Silva Ehalt*
- Crafting legitimacy**
Nahua legal technologies and the shaping of colonial power in New Spain
Ana Zuniga
- 10:00 | **Presentations**
Chair *Rômulo da Silva Ehalt*
- The struggle for law**
Constitutional law disputes by Brazilian black movements through Imprensa Negra (1926–1946)
Laura Rodrigues Hermando
-  *Coffee*



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- 11:15 | **Presentations**
Chair *Stefanie R  ther*
Oceanic sovereignties: decolonisation, law and the sea negotiations, and the rise of large ocean states
Sonya Schoenberger
- 12:00 | **Presentations**
Chair *Stefanie R  ther*
Constitutions as enacted thought experiments writing truth to power
Louisa Klatt
 *Lunch*
- 15:00 | **Research at mpilht**
Organisation *Mar  a del Pilar Mej  a Quiroga*
Historical Regimes of Normativity
Researchers Department Duve
 *Coffee*
- 17:00 | **Research at mpilht**
Organisation *Prakhar Ganguly, Juma Omollo*
Legal Transfer in the Common Law World
Researchers Department Vogenauer

Friday, 11.7.2025

- 09:15 | **Presentations**
Chair *Midas Kempke*
On the rise and fall of legal construction in Germany
Albrecht Kleinlein
- 10:00 | **Presentations**
Chair *Midas Kempke*
Defending Jhering's spirit? Law and politics in Fritz Schulz' *Principles of Roman Law* (1934)
Antonius Ahtner
 *Coffee*
- 11:15 | **Activity**
Guided campus tour
Julius Giloi, Friedrich Karger



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Monday, 14.7.2025

09:15 | **Introductory Course**

Legal theory – economic history and theory

Jasper Kunstreich



Coffee

11:15 | **Presentations**
Chair Karoline Marques Machado

The rise of judicially created contractual obligations in early 20th-century France
An analysis of a multi-layered struggle

Lu Quynh Anh Nguyen

12:00 | **Presentations**
Chair Karoline Marques Machado

The rule of rail law, labor, and the racial politics of mobility in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands, 1880–1945

Carlotta Wright de la Cal



Lunch

15:00 | **Introductory Course**

Gender legal history

Nina Cozzi, Vanessa Massuchetto, Luisa Stella Coutinho



Coffee

17:00 | **Presentations**
Chair Vanessa Massuchetto

Same issue, same law, different justices: application of Mecelle on women's privacy by Ottoman justices in the Ottoman state and English justices in British Cyprus and Palestine

Haluk Bayram

17:45 | **Presentations**
Chair Vanessa Massuchetto

Gold doesn't like the law
Property, family, and mining practices among Afro-Colombians in Chocó, 1851–1935

Daniel Varela

Tuesday, 15.7.2025

09:15 | **Introductory Course**

Contemporary legal history

Thorsten Keiser



Coffee



11:15 | **Presentations**
Chair Magdalena Janke

Holocaust, Résistance, colonial atrocities: conflicts of collective memories in the trial of Klaus Barbie, Lyon 1987



Annika Padoan



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- 12:00 | **Presentations**
Chair Magdalena Janke
- The evolution of Israeli anti-terrorism legislation
A legal-historical study of its development and impact
on civil liberties**
Rajaa Anabosi
-  *Lunch*
- 15:00 | **Introductory Course**
- Constitutional histories**
Martin O'Donoghue
-  *Coffee*
- 17:00 | **Presentations**
*Chair Karolyne Mendes
Mendonça Moreira*
- Perspectives about the bureaucracy of the legal system
Indigenous mobilisation in Brazilian constitutional history**
Lucas Cravo
- 17:45 | **Presentations**
*Chair Karolyne Mendes
Mendonça Moreira*
- Transformation and authoritarian constitutionalism
in Xu Daolin's constitutional thought 1929–1949**
Johannes Rossi

Wednesday, 16.7.2025

- 09:15 | **Introductory Course**
- International law**
Michel Erpelding
-  *Coffee*
- 11:15 | **Introductory Course**
- Legal History of the European Union**
Jan-Henrik Meyer
-  *Lunch*
- 15:00 | **Presentations**
Chair Michel Erpelding
- Eurafrican dreams and imperial legacies the colonial
origins of "Association" under EU law**
Julian Schramm
- 15:45 | **Presentations**
Chair Michel Erpelding
- Of revolution and reaction
The decolonisation-era third-worldism and the politics
of knowledge production in international law**
Soheil Ghāsemi
-  *Coffee*
- 17:00 | **Discussion**
- What is a legal historian?**
Stefanie Rüter



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Thursday, 17.7.2025

09:15 | **Struggle for Law**

Talk show – insights and results



Coffee

11:00 | **Exams**

Exams



Lunch

14:00 | **Discussion**

Feedback and farewell

16:00 | **Activity**

Summer party

Friday, 18.07.2025

10:00

Departure

