

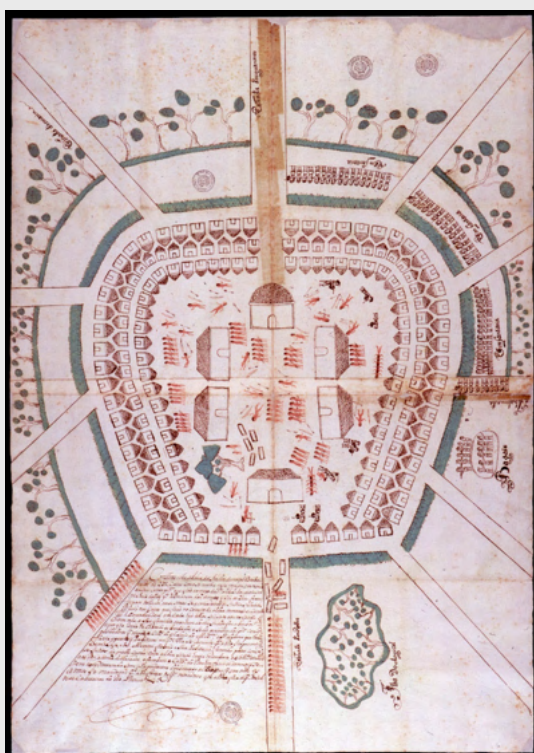


Legal History Highlights

July–August 2025 #17

The newsletter from the department "[Historical Regimes of Normativity](#)" at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory highlights what we are doing every month.

Project of the Month



Indigenous knowledge: making captivity, slavery and freedom intelligible in Portuguese Amazonia (17th–18th centuries)

A Amazônia e seus povos indígenas são cruciais para compreender os regimes jurídicos globais de escravização e liberdade. Este projeto investiga como, nos séculos XVII e XVIII, indígenas da Amazônia portuguesa participaram ativamente da construção dos regimes normativos coloniais. Ao tornarem inteligíveis categorias como cativo e liberdade, mobilizaram memórias, práticas consuetudinárias e estruturas de parentesco como formas legítimas de saber jurídico. Longe de serem receptores passivos das leis, atuaram -por meio de

procuradores- como tradutores e elaboraram concepções próprias sobre o direito, especialmente nas Juntas das Missões. A pesquisa valoriza a memória indígena como normatividade viva, articulando identidade, proteção e liberdade. Com base em petições, textos normativos e correspondência missionária, revela-se como os pleiteantes performavam juridicamente a identidade indígena, contestando e readaptando o universo normativo colonial. O projeto contribui para a história global do direito e para o reconhecimento da agência indígena nos processos de produção e inteligibilidade jurídica.

André Luís Bezerra Ferreira

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Publication of the Month

Thomas Duve, Tamar Herzog (eds.)

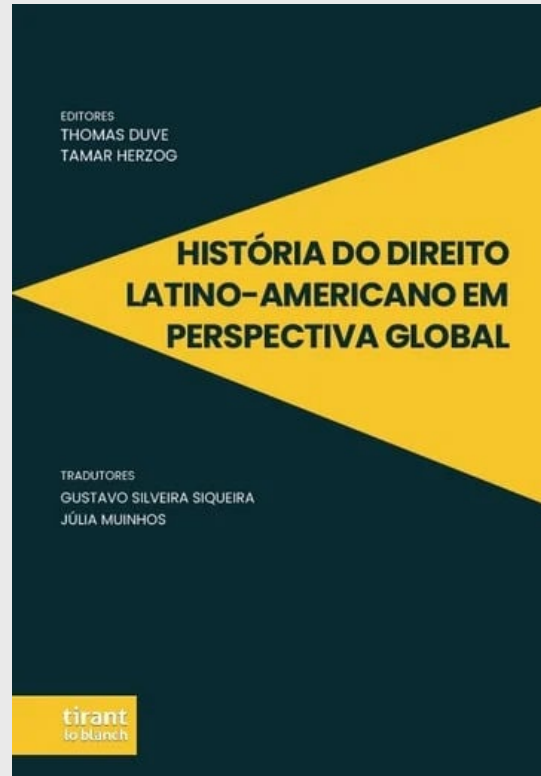
História do Direito Latino-americano em Perspectiva Global

Este volume resulta de um projeto coletivo de historiadores da América Latina, Europa e EUA, que buscam analisar a história do direito a partir das experiências comuns das sociedades latino-americanas, inseridas em uma perspectiva global. Abrangendo desde as comunidades indígenas autônomas (incluindo experiências anteriores ao século XVI) até os desafios contemporâneos do direito estatal, o livro percorre os períodos da colonização, das independências, das revoluções e da construção e consolidação dos Estados. Examina o direito em diversos contextos históricos, explorando fontes jurídicas variadas e enfatizando sua configuração enquanto prática social.

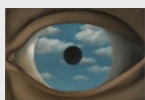
Temas como leis indígenas, influências religiosas, experimentações pós-independência, codificações nacionais, direitos humanos, ditaduras, justiça transicional e pluralismo jurídico são abordados, destacando conexões transnacionais. A obra propõe uma metodologia inovadora, priorizando perguntas sobre respostas, processos sobre resultados e contextos sobre soluções. Questiona onde, como e por que o direito se materializa, identifica seus protagonistas e cenários, e o insere em dinâmicas sociais, políticas, culturais e econômicas.

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Vanessa Massuchetto



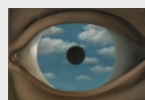
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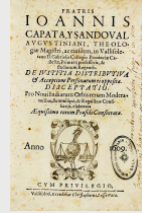
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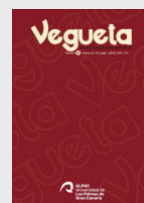
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Events of the Month



19-20 June 2025

Knowledge of Normativity and Printing Technologies. Networks, Authenticity, Typographic Devices

Workshop of Max Planck Partner Group

The 2nd meeting of the Max Planck Partner Group "[The Production of Normativity and the Early Modern Book](#)

[Trade](#)" took place at the University of Barcelona. At the workshop, group members focused particularly on three topics: 1) "Spaces and Networks", examining the international exchange and circulation of people and normative books and the networks that made these circulations possible, 2) on the interplay between "Authenticity, Authorship and Authority" concerning normative books, and 3) on "Printing Technologies and Typographic Devices".

The group examined these subjects by combining the questions and methods of legal history, book history and the history of knowledge in an interdisciplinary way. This approach highlighted the specific ways in which knowledge of normativity was produced in the Early Modern Period through an analysis of the materiality and sociality of law books— factors that, at that historical juncture, contributed to the emergence of the first truly global book market.

Polina Solonets

20 June 2025

Between Norms and Culture: Colonial Governance and Translation of Knowledge of Normativity in Portuguese India

Workshop

Researchers from Brazil, India, Japan, Italy, Portugal, and Germany convened to reflect on the intersections of governance, normative regimes, cultural translation and knowledge of normativity in the early modern world, with a particular focus on Asia.

Presentations addressed the transformation of urban spaces, colonial encounters, religious practices, and processes of adaptation within legal and administrative settings. Among other topics, the participants discussed the emergence of new cultural landscapes shaped by shifting trade patterns and tensions between evangelization efforts and Inquisitorial control, especially in relation to indigenous communities.



These contributions revealed the complex interplay between power, knowledge, and culture, demonstrating how normative orders were continually produced, contested, and negotiated across different imperial and local contexts. Law and governance were not simply imposed, but emerged through processes of negotiation, adaptation, and practical necessity.

Karoline Marques Machado



7-18 July 2025

Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History

“The life of the law is a struggle” – the idea, proposed by Rudolf von Jhering, that law is shaped by conflict, serves as the theme of the 2025 Summer Academy that is currently in session. This theme

encourages participants to explore not only legal confrontations, but also the everyday work that sustains legal systems, as Jhering also referred to law as a “continuous work”.

22 early-career researcher from around the world present their own projects within the context of this year’s special topic.

In addition, colleagues from the departments of Thomas Duve and Stefan Vogenauer give lectures not only on classical legal historical subjects, but also on digital humanities, AI, and gender legal history.

Janina Zimmermann

More Department Events

Salamanca Colloquium

Mariano Delgado, [Mit den Augen des anderen? Las Casas' Verteidigung der Völker der Neuen Welt gegen den Humanisten Sepúlveda](#), Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Eisenhower Saal / IG 1.314, 17.07.2025, 18:15–19:45

Please note: Prior to Delgado's talk, further works in the PPR series will be presented, starting at 16:30 in the same room.

Transmedia HistoryTelling Live

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New in our Library

La biblioteca del MPI ha adquirido un nuevo ejemplar de las “primeras ediciones” de la colección de obras que integran el [proyecto de digitalización de fuentes de la Escuela de](#)



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Anabel Soler

[Salamanca](#). Impreso en Lyon en 1651, el tratado [De Iustitia et Ivre](#) de Fernando de Castro Palao, estudia con prolijidad la virtud cardinal de la justicia en general y la justicia conmutativa en particular. En concreto analiza los pactos y contratos, la promesa y la donación liberal, el comodato y el depósito, el préstamo y la usura, la compra y venta, los censos, cambios, las sociedades –en especial la dote de la sociedad conyugal–, así como la enfiteusis y el feudo; además aborda escuetamente el resto de virtudes: prudencia, fortaleza y templanza. Las decisiones del teólogo moral jesuita y calificador de la Santa Inquisición vinculado a la Universidad de Salamanca fueron enormemente apreciadas por su enfoque de probabilismo

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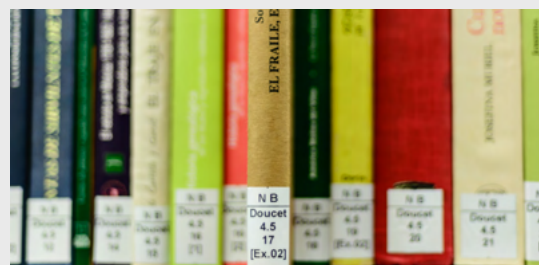
Natalie Cobo

Continuing her work on *Translating Solórzano*, [Natalie Cobo](#) joined the department as an affiliate researcher. Her project will produce a digital, bilingual Latin-English, critical edition of *Disputationum de Indiarum iure, sive de iusta Indiarum occidentalium gubernatione* (Madrid, 1639), commonly known as *de Gubernatione*, by Spanish colonial bureaucrat Juan de Solórzano Pereira.

CfA: Doucet Scholarship

For young researchers of legal history in early modern Hispanoamerica

The scholarship for a three-month research stay from January to March 2026 (05.01.–31.03.2026) aims to facilitate access to the Doucet collection for young



researchers, especially those from Latin America.

Applications (CV, project description and motivation letter regarding the use of the Doucet Collection) are to be submitted via our [online application form](#).

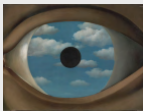
Deadline: 15 September 2025

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Last but not least

We will take a summer break and be back in September, when we also will publish the call for scholarship applications for our department (period: April 2026-April 2027).

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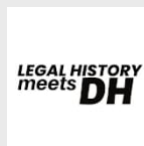
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