





# Programme

## **Legal History in Africa: Reflections on Colonisation, Intermediaries, and Asymmetric Dependencies in the Production of Colonial Law**

### INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP


29-31 October 2025 | mpilhl | Mauro Manhangele & Raquel Sirotti

### **Wednesday, 29 October 2025**

**09:30 – 10:30 – Welcome, Opening Remarks & Introduction**  
**Participants**

Raquel Sirotti (MPI-LHLT)


Mauro Manhangele (MPI-LHLT)

 *Coffee 10:30–11:00*

**12:00 – 13:00 – *Research Landscapes: Legal History, Mutual Dependencies, and Intermediaries***

Raquel Sirotti (MPI-LHLT): Presentation of the Mutual Dependencies Group and Current Projects

Mauro Manhangele (MPI-LHLT):  
*Local Intermediaries in Global Labour History: Interpreters in Colonial Mozambique, 1885–1961*

 *Lunch 13:00–14:00*






**12:00 – 13:00 – Asymmetries and Dependencies**

Chair: Marlino E. Mubai (Universidade Eduardo Mondlane)


Benjamin Nicholas Lawrance (University of Arizona):  
*“We’ve done what we could”*: *African Creative Dependency, Apartheid Intermediaries, and Colonial Property Asymmetry*

 Lunch 13:00–14:00

**14:00 – 15:00 – African Legal Histories**

Chair: Mauro Manhanguale (MPI-LHLT)

Juma Noah Omollo (MPI-LHLT): *Mediating Law and Custom: Intermediaries in Colonial Legal Trajectories*


 Coffee 15:00–15:30

**15:30 – 17:30 – Mozambique – Law, Intermediaries, and Empire**

Chair: Raquel Sirotti (MPI-LHLT)

Eugénia Rodrigues (Universidade de Lisboa): *African Bazos, Captains-Major and the Court of Milandos in Nineteenth-Century Colonial Mozambique*

Karolyne Moreira Mendes (MPI-LHLT):  
*Non-Human Agencies and the Making of Colonial Normativity: Territorial Spirits, Mediums, and Madzi-Manga as Intermediary Agents in the Barué Kingdom (1894–1918)*

 Dinner 17:30–18:30

**18:30 – 20:00 - Evening collaborative session: archival insights and practices**

