Welcome to our newsletter. It is designed for everyone with an interest in legal history, global history, or legal studies. Our institute - the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History - is devoted to the investigation of the history and development of law in Europe and beyond. Our monthly newsletter will keep you updated about events at the institute, new publications by our fellows, and other news from the field. For comments, suggestions, and general feedback please email us: media @ rg.mpg.de. We hope you enjoy this month’s issue.

Opportunities

- One Student assistant in the Max-Planck Research Group "Translation and Transitions", deadline 30.09.2017
- One Student assistant in Department II, Constitutional History of the Modern Age,

Events in September

- Jour Fixe: Manuel Bastias Saavedra (MPIeR), The Live Space: Land Sales, Local Knowledge and Interethnic Relations on the Chilean Frontier (1790-1830), Sep 11, 12:00-13:00
- Max Planck Studientage
Issue 25 (2017) of our journal has just been released and is now available online in open access and in print. This year's issue is dedicated to the concept of multinormativity.

Content

The first focus section deals with the issue’s main topic, multinormativity. The introductory chapter explains the concept and distinguishes it from "legal pluralism". The subsequent contributions analyse constellations and modalities of multinormativity and look into the juridical praxis as well as normative levels behind it. The articles assemble contributions to the debate from different historical periods, from the 16th to the 20th century, covering a range of topics from the moral-theological normativity to the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises.
A second focus of the issue lies on criminal law and emotions. Four articles deal with a variety of issues of emotional dynamics in justice systems and legal cultures of Europe from the 15th to the 20th century. They are the outcome of a research project at the MPI for Human Development.

The issue’s research section presents two new papers with innovative approaches to legal history and great acuity by Andreas Thier and Jan Thiessen.

Finally, the critique section emphasises monographs that take up the historical forms of normative diversity. We are very grateful to the reviewers for discussing as many publications as possible in languages other than those in which they were written.

Access

Rechtsgeschichte – Legal History (Rg) is published by the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History and edited by its directors Thomas Duve and Stefan Vogenauer. The journal has an international orientation and deliberately adopts a multilingual approach. The journal has been published with Klostermann Verlag since 2002. Beginning with issue 20 (2012), it has been published simultaneously in print and online in open access. Hardcopies of current as well as previous issues can be purchased at bookshops or directly via the publisher.

All issues of the journal are also available in open access on this website; issues 1-19 only as pdf files. Starting with issue 20, you may choose between a text identical html version or a text and page concordant version in pdf format.

New Publications

Außergerichtliche Konfliktlösung in der Antike

The recent issue of the Institute’s Series "Global Perspectives on Legal History", edited by Guido Pfeifer
and Nadine Grotkamp, asks where do the boundaries of judicial and extra-judicial mechanisms of dispute resolution lie within the framework of ancient societies? The volume offers a selection of studies of pertinent illustrative material pertaining to these questions. While the relevant sources stemming from the prehistorical period, the Ancient Near East, Hellenistic Egypt and Classical Roman law may vary greatly, this just serves to widen our perspective on ancient times. The issue is available in open access.

A Bibliography on Scholarship in Legal History in the Berlin Republic


Featured Event

Max Planck Studientage 2017
Max Planck Study Sessions 2017

Organization: Benedetta Albani and Massimilliano Valente

Sep 27 - 29, 2017

In 2017 the Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte again invites doctoral students and young researchers to participate in the Studientage, a form of study sessions dedicated to a particular methodological approach to
legal history.

This year the Studientage, coordinated by Dr. Benedetta Albani and Prof. Dr. Massimiliano Valente, will concentrate on the modern period and focuses on the following subject: “Governing the World: Papacy and Roman Curia throughout the centuries. Research Tools for History and History of Law”. Follow this [link for further information](#).

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### Guests and Visiting Scholars

- **Aliprantis, Christos** (Pembroke College, Cambridge): *The Austrian and Prussian international secret police operations and the struggle against revolutionary movements after the revolutions of 1848*, visiting September 2017.

- **Bretones Lane, Fernanda** (Vanderbilt University): *Spanish Religious Sanctuary*, visiting July - December 2017.


The MPI at the British Legal History Conference

The 23rd British Legal History Conference (BLHC) was hosted by University College London. It provided an opportunity for around 200 researchers from the UK, the US, Commonwealth countries and continental Europe to meet and engage in fruitful exchange. Alongside the large academic contingent, those from the judiciary, the bar associations and the legal profession also attended. Rather fittingly, this year’s theme was ‘Networks and Connections’.

Our Institute had a strong presence. We fielded six members of staff who all contributed to the academic dialogue. Many among the audience also enjoyed a

Congratulations!

Thomas Duve elected member of the National Academy of the History of Argentina

On 8 August 2017, Thomas Duve was elected as a corresponding member of the National Academy of the History of Argentina (Academia Nacional de la Historia de la República Argentina (ANH)). Founded in 1893, the academy is devoted to researching and publicising the history of Argentina and the Americas. The results of its scholarly work are disseminated through events, publications, a dedicated library as well as intercourse with institutions and individuals working in the same research field. As a corresponding member, Thomas Duve assumes advisory and representative


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connection with our institute due to their experience as past or present guest researchers. Two members of the Redaktion team, Nadine Göbel and James Thompson, promoted our publications. Donal Coffey gave a paper entitled 'The Failure of the plan for a Commonwealth Tribunal'. His paper was exceptionally well-received. The conference organisers encouraged him to contribute to the edited volume of conference proceedings, which is a prestigious invitation asked of the best papers at the conference.

We look forward to the next BLHC in St. Andrews!

(Victoria Barnes)

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... is constantly growing and now comprises more than 460,000 items. For more information, please visit the library's website. For regular updates on new acquisitions, visit the opac-catalogue.

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Save the Date!

Conference: Conciliar Decision Making in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages (6th–mid-9th Centuries), October 5th - 7, 2017 at the MPIeR