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

Events

- Rechtshistorisches Abendgespräch: Prof. Dr. Stephan Dusil (KU Leuven), Visuelle Wissensvermittlung im hochmittelalterlichen Kirchenrecht, July 5, 18:00, HZ10
- Jour Fixe: Jonathan Rose (Arizona State), "Judicial Development of Law

Opportunities

The MPI invites applications for the newly established Doucet Scholarship, Deadline is 15.09.2017. There are more details further below in this newsletter.
Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History 2017

Special Theme: Conflict Regulation 25.07.-03.08.2017

The Max-Planck Summer Academy for Legal History provides an in-depth introduction to research-methods in legal history for a selected group of early-stage graduates. The academy consists of two parts. In the first part, students are introduced to the study of sources, theoretical models and controversial debates in the field of legal history. In the second part, participants engage with the special research theme and discuss their own projects in light of this theme.

This year's special theme will be conflict regulation. Conflict is not just a constant challenge for the law, but also a key means of access to its history. Each society develops its own set of means of conflict regulation. The diversity ranges from different forms of dispute resolution and mediation to traditional juridical procedures at local and global level. Thus, conflicts and their regulation can provide an insight into local contingencies, traditions, as well as the pragmatic contexts and leading authorities of the law, the living law.

Jour Fixe: Jonathan Rose (Arizona)
Maintenance was a legal concept describing conduct that involved assisting or supporting the litigation of another person. By the 13th century, individuals began to complain to the crown and parliament about such conduct and it became a common complaint. These complaints often targeted the use of power and influence of powerful individuals and officials to pervert the justice system. Understanding the law of maintenance involves analyzing the judicial treatment of the justifications asserted by defendants in their pleas for involvement in the litigation of another person.

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**Doucet Scholarship at the MPI**

The MPI recently acquired the private library of the Argentinian legal historian Gastón Doucet. Together with his wife - the historian Lourdes Doucet - he collected more than 4,800 volumes during this lifetime. The library comprises volumes on law, jurisprudence, as well as the social and economic history of Latin America.

The Institute offers a three-month scholarship to Latin American researchers who would like to work with this important collection in 2018. The deadline for applications is September 15th 2017.

Further details on the Doucet scholarship are available in Spanish language following this [link](#).
New Publication

Thomas Duve: Indigenous Rights in Latin America - A Legal Historical Perspective

According to international and national constitutional law, indigenous peoples in most Latin American countries have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions. As a consequence of this and of a long and ongoing process of political debate and recognition, ever more indigenous peoples are practicing their own laws, following their own cultural traditions and customs. In doing so, they often draw on history, recreating their identities and reconstructing their distinct legal pasts. At the same time, historical research has increasingly pointed out the intense interaction between indigenous peoples and European invaders during colonial period. It has become clear that it is difficult to draw a clear line between purely ‘indigenous’ and ‘colonial’ legal traditions due to the hybridisation of indigenous and colonial laws and legal practices.

Guests at the Institute

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


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**Conference "Treaties as travaux préparatoires".**

Though currently maneuvering through troubled waters, the European Union celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome of 1957. On this occasion, our institute organized a conference on 22nd and 23rd June 2017, entitled ‘Treaties as travaux préparatoires’. The event convened in an unprecedented fashion practitioners and scholars such as EU and

**Guest Workshop on Legal Historiography**

The workshop on July 21 will be the third in this year’s series of guest workshops at the MPIeR. Visiting researchers will discuss their projects and reflect on the research field of Legal Historiography.

Questions of sources, methodology and objectives are central to all legal and historical
international lawyers, constitutional and European judges as well as professors of Law, History and Political Sciences from across Europe, North America and Asia.

Traditional legal-historical accounts of the treaties’ preparatory works either claim that the travaux should not matter in the interpretation of the treaties, or they hold that the travaux are key to a clear understanding of the contracting parties’ intentions. The conference aimed at refining the traditional positions by taking a fresh look at the treaties’ negotiations. It intended to situate the negotiations of the Rome Treaties in the wider context of international law and the history of federalism. Against this background, the conference challenged established doctrines and orthodox positions of EU law. Speakers also discussed the current state and future possibilities of interpreting EU law, taking into account the perspectives of the European Court of Justice and member-state constitutional courts. (Philip Bajon)

The third guest workshop tackles some of these theoretical issues by relating them to new case studies and other practical examples. These questions are also open to the audience to share experiences or expertise and offer advice on strategies in archival research. The workshop offers a selection of presentations on a wide range of projects and speakers with expertise in several different areas.

The guest workshops provide an important opportunity for guests at the MPIeR to become integrated into the legal history research fields, to network with other researchers and to receive feedback on their current work. Visiting researchers will only be based at the MPIeR for a short period of time. A brief synopsis of the guests who will present their projects at this workshop and their contact details can be found here.

(Victoria Barnes)

Summer Holiday Ahead

As the semester in Frankfurt draws to a close and many of our own researchers embark on research trips, this newsletter will break for the summer. We wish everyone a nice summer holiday, new inspiring insights and a productive time. We will be back in September.

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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.

**Max Planck Newsletter for Ibero-American Legal History**

If you find this interesting, you might also be interested in the special Newsletter for Ibero-American Legal History, which is published monthly by our research group "Legal History of Ibero-America". You can subscribe under the following link.

**Save the Date!**

Max Planck Studientage (Study Sessions) 2017, organised and chaired by Benedetta Albani, September 27–29 2017.