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. Our institute - the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History - has devoted itself to the investigation of 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.

Opportunities

We are hiring new student research assistants for the following areas:

- Department I, Prof. Stefan Vogenauer, (European Union and Common Law), 40 hours per month

Events

- Conference: Conciliar Decision Making in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages (6th-mid-9th Centuries), October 5-7.
- Jour fixe: Gustavo Siqueira Rio de Janeiro State
Department II, Prof. Thomas Duve (Legal History of the Spanish Empire, Constitutional History), 40 h p.m.

Research Group "Translations & Transitions, Legal Practices in Japan, China, and Ottoman Empire." Applicants with Turkish language skills are welcome. 20 h p.m.

Research Group "Governance of the Universal Church", Applicants with Spanish and Italian language skills are welcome. 40 h p.m.

All applicants should be fluent in German, speak English, and be acquainted with MS-Office tools.

New Publications

State religion in Iran: Who were the authorized interlocutors in legal matters?

A new paper in our SSRN series attempts to identify the authorized interlocutors in legal matters under Twelver Shi‘ism, the state religion in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Katariina Simonen, from the University of Helsinki, guides readers through a long journey: from the early Islamic community in the 7th century to the development of the Uşûli and Akhbâri schools of jurisprudence, and on to the Islamic Revolution of 1979 and the
emergence of the guardian jurist (Supreme Leader) as a further authority. An English translation of the most important Arabic terms is provided.

**Repertorium der Policeyordnungen der Frühen Neuzeit: Schweden, Pommern und Mecklenburg.**

A new volume in the series on Policeyordnungen was edited and published by Karl Härter, Jörg Zapnik, and Pär Frohnert. It contains more than 5,000 public law statutes and regulations from the kingdom of Sweden and the principalities of Mecklenburg and Pommern during the early modern period. The range of issues is accessible thanks to a bilingual index, containing both the Swedish and the German terminology. It is the 12th volume in our series on Policeyordnungen of the early modern period, edited by Michael Stolleis and Karl Härter.

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**Featured Event**

**The Winter Semester begins**

For both the university and our Institute, it’s that time of year again. The start of the winter term also means the start of our course offerings for students and postgraduates. The seminars and colloquia provide students different angles to engage with legal history. That includes reading and translating original sources together, discussing methodological questions and key concepts of the field, and learning about ongoing and new research by our fellows.

The **Common Law Research Seminar**, with Prof. Stefan Vogenauer and Dr. Emily Whewell, starts Monday, October 16, 2.15-3.45 pm [or in German University standard: 14.00-16.00 c.t.]. The first presentation will be given by Alastair McClure (Cambridge) on *Making and Unmaking Legal Subjects: Age, Gender, Class and Caste in Colonial India*.

Prof. Duve is offering a block seminar on the **Methods of Legal History**. A
preliminary meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 11, 17:00-18:00 (s.t.).

Both seminars will take place in the Institute’s seminar room. We invite students from the university’s various faculties to join us!

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**Guests and Visiting Scholars**

- **Aragoneses, Alfons** (Pompeu Fabra University): *Convivencia Discourses in Spain in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, visiting October - December 2017.
- **Bretones Lane, Fernanda** (Vanderbilt University): *Spanish Religious Sanctuary*, visiting July - December 2017.
- **Noviskaya, Anna** (University of Rome Tor Vergata): *Zwei Ansätze zur Forschung in der Rechtsgeschichte - applikativer und konemplativer Ansatz*, visiting October - December 2017.
- **Siquiera, Gustavo** (Rio de Janeiro State University): *Strikes in dictatorships in the first half of the twentieth century: Communications, translations and conflicts - Portugal, Italy and Brazil*, visiting October - November 2017.

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The Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History
2017

This summer we invited 18 young scholars from Europe, Latin America, the USA, South Africa and Japan, to come to Frankfurt for the Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History. Together with further guests and the recent PhDs of our Institute they followed a dense programme including introductory courses, project presentations and discussions. This year’s special topic was “Conflict Regulation”. Our guests had the opportunity to discuss their individual research projects in light of this special topic with the Institute’s fellows. The variety of projects ranged from Roman law through Constitutional history in Latin America to children’s rights in Kenya. The participants had the chance to learn about the work and the current research projects of the institute and we had a lively exchange on recent approaches and current debates in the field of Global Legal History.

We feel honoured by the (anonymous) feedbacks of participants, who “found the institutional culture very creative, collaborative and supportive” or commended “the culture of respectful academic discussion” during the 14 days.

The MPI at the Brasilian Legal History Conference

From September 4th to 6th, the IX Congresso Brasileiro de História do Direito took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The event was organized by the Instituto Brasileiro de História do Direito (IBHD). Our institute joined the conference with a small delegation. Prof. Thomas Duve was the keynote speaker and gave the opening lecture on “Legal Traditions and Legal History”. Some of our PhD students also delivered papers in the course of the three days. Mariana Armond Dias Paes presented on judicial claims of property over slaves and land in Brazil, from 1835 to 1850. Raquel Sirotti focused on the criminalization of political conflicts in Brazil during its First Republic (1889-1930). Both papers were part of the Working Group História social do direito: continuidades e rupturas, organized by professors Beatriz Mamigonian and Mônica Duarte Dantas. The conference was furthermore a welcome opportunity to meet and reconnect with former guests of the institute, such as Samuel Rodrigues Barbosa (current director of the IBHD), Gustavo César Cabral, Carmen Alveal, Leticia Vita, Laura Mazzoni, Jorge Nuñez, Nicolás Beraldí, Gustavo Siqueira, and many others.
We look forward to hosting the next Summer Academy in 2018, from 16th to 26th July. The special topic will be: "World and Village: the Global and the Local in Legal History". A call for applications will be announced soon.

(Stefanie Rüther)

In this respect, the conference was an academic family gathering - a family of legal historians that now well extends beyond Brazil, connecting scholars from all over the world.

(Mariana Armond Dias Paes & Raquel Sirotti)

The MPI entrance shines in a new look

Nearly four years after moving into the building, the pavement has finally been finished. Negotiations, determining responsibility, coordination between the city and the architects as well as tendering procedures have delayed its completion considerably. Finally it is all done and we are very happy (and proud) of our new entrance area.

Our Library ...

... 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 newsletter 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
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**Save the Date!**

Rechsthistorisches Abendgespräch: David Ibbetson (University of Cambridge) November 1, MPIeR.

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