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 - investigates the history and development of law in Europe and beyond. In our monthly newsletter, we 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

- CfP: Rechtskultur - European Journal of Legal History,

Events

- 06.12.17, 15:00-16:30: Working Towards a Dictionary in the Salamanca Project, Marco Toste: "Ignorantia, infideles," MPI Z01
- 08.12.17, 10:00-17:00: 3rd
New Publications

Michael Stolleis: Verfassungs- und Verwaltungsgeschichte

A new textbook offers a basic introduction to constitutional and administrative legal history from the sources to the scholarly literature and the principal methodological questions. This survey is all the more important because questions once centred on the nation-state have been replaced by those emerging from the comparison of European contexts. These are further extended to a global perspective. The book appeared in the series: methodica - Einführungen in die rechtshistorische Forschung 4, Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2017. X, 134 p.; Available as eBook.

Osvaldo Rodolfo Moutin @ Guadalajara International Book Fair: Legislar en la América hispánica en la temprana edad moderna

On 2 December 2017, Osvaldo Rodolfo Moutin will present his recent monograph, which appeared as the fourth volume in the Institute’s own book series Global Perspectives on Legal History just last year, at the Guadalajara
International Book Fair. The book treats judicature in Hispano-America in early modernity, focusing especially on the Third Mexican Provincial Council of 1585. Over the past three decades, the Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL – Feria Internacional del Libro) has risen to become the largest literature fair in the Spanish-speaking world.

With Distinction!

Lena Foljanty was awarded the Sibylle Kalkhof Rose Academy Prize by the Academy of Sciences and Literature in Mainz.

She received the prize for her work on the reorientation of German legal scholarship after 1945. The Academy awards the prize every two years to outstanding researchers in the humanities; it is endowed with 5,000€.

The Academy also honoured Lena Foljanty’s current research project on comparative legal and constitutional history, which is the focus of a Max Planck research group she leads at the MPI. Together with three doctoral students, she is comparing legal practice in Japan, China and the Ottoman Empire in the transition from the 19th to the 20th century. Among the reasons for awarding the prize to Dr. Foljanty, the committee stated that her close ties to the Japanese legal culture means that she “will belong to the most visible intellectual mediators in the future between West and East”.

Daniel Damler, a former Ph.D. student and now affiliated researcher at our Institute, received the Sibylle Kalkhof Rose Academy Prize in 2015.

Guests and Visiting Scholars
The First Doucet Scholars Arrive in 2018

In 2015 the Institute 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. The collection mainly consists of works on the legal and social history of early modern Spanish Aragoneses, Alfons (Pompeu Fabra University): *Convivencia Discourses in Spain in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, visiting October - December 2017.


Noviskaya, Anna (University of Rome Tor Vergata): *Zwei Ansätze zur Forschung in der Rechtsgeschichte - applikativer und konzeptualer Ansatz*, visiting October - December 2017.


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Happy Holidays

We wish everybody warm and happy holidays. We are very grateful for a number of achievements over the past year: hosting big conferences in the institute, forging collaborations with first class research institutions around the world, keeping up a global network of expertise and knowledge exchange, hiring new and inspiring colleagues, a
America; it constitutes an important addition to the Institute’s library.

Every year, the Institute offers a three-month scholarship to young Latin American researchers who would like to work with this important collection.

Due to the high number of outstanding applications received with the first call, we decided to grant the 2018 scholarship to two young researchers, both from the University of Buenos Aires.

Cristian Miguel Poczynok studies the legal situation of land ownership in Latin America of the 18th and 19th Century. Marcela Sáenz Castro looks at the claims made by the indigenous population before the Real Audiencia in Buenos Aires at the end of the colonial period. Both scholars will be staying at the Institute from January until March 2018.

We furthermore feel encouraged by the hundreds of followers we gained this year for our new social media channels.

We’d like to seize this opportunity to express gratitude and thanks for all the support and help. After a short winter break, we’ll be back with another newsletter in January and look forward to an exciting 2018. Stay tuned and spread the word!

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.

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