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 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


Events in June

- German-French Workshop "Work and Family in a Society of Orders, June 8-9.
- Common Law Research Seminar, Donal Coffey "How to Exit the British Empire", June 12.
Jour Fixe: Johannes Flume (Tübingen) "brysa, bourse, Börse, or exchange", June 19.

Conference on the 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, June 22-23.

Meet the author: Karen Graubart (Univ. of Notre Dame), June 23.

New Publications

L’eterno ritorno del Droit des gens di Emer de Vattel (secc. XVIII-XIX)

This book by Elisabetta Fiocchi Malaspina investigates the global impact of the *Droit des gens* with regard to the different political realities, the historical and legal contexts as well as the attempts, mechanisms and strategies used to put these ideas into practice. The *Droit des gens* had an extremely diverse impact, owing to its varied reception in different political situations, historical and legal contexts, and attempts at practical and theoretical implementation.


The essays in this second volume - edited by Thomas Simon - investigate the changing of law in Serbia and Bosnia after the Ottoman Empire. The essays focus on how western patterns in law and jurisprudence were transferred to the region. What were the political and social conditions for this
transfer? How are western models adapted to the balkan countries?

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**Featured Events**

**Work and Family in a Society of Orders**

Franco-German workshop for early career researchers, June 8-9

The workshop offers a forum for young researchers with backgrounds in history or legal history to present their research about the relationships, mutual influences, and contradictory trends between work and family from the High Middle Ages to the end of the Early Modern Period (ca. 1100-1815), and to discuss it in German or French in an interdisciplinary dialogue. The three core topics – the negotiation of norms, the question of integration or marginalisation, and the professional possibilities of women – allow an investigation of the relationships between work and family from the innovative perspective of social and cultural diversity.

**Treaties as travaux préparatoires: Conference on the 60th Anniversary of the Treaties of Rome**

June 22-23

The conference will examine the relevance of the preparatory works of the Rome Treaties of 1957 for European Union law today. It will bring together historians, EU lawyers and judges. The first day features historians analysing the *travaux préparatoires* with regard to certain key areas such as agriculture and competition while EU lawyers will serve as discussants. The second day focuses on the political and legal context of the post war period, in which these negotiations took place. For more details and a full programme, follow the [link](#).
Jour Fixe: Constructing legal spaces – brysa, bourse, Börse, or exchange

Johannes Flume (Tübingen), discussant: Jasper Kunstreich (MPIeR), June 19, 12:00

Today, Exchanges or Börsen are the focal point of economic transactions. In fact, for economists they represent the perfect market. Economic legal history provides us with a powerful tool to map the aims of such trading venues. Johannes Flume is concerned with private governance of the first exchanges in the world: Antwerp (1531) and Amsterdam (1611). By scrutinizing their architectural design and the social setting in which they first appear, he will provide arguments for the historical uniqueness of the creation of this new type of marketplace in the Low Countries.

More Events

Guests and Visiting Scholars

- **Aloni, Omer** *(Tel-Aviv University)*, research project: "The League of Nations, 1919-1939", visiting May and June 2017.
- **Luque-Reina, Antonio-Manuel** *(Autonomous University of Madrid)*, research project: "Reassessing the Emergence of Spanish Administrative Law", visiting May and June 2017.
- **Villa-Flores, Javier** *(University of Illinois, Chicago)*, research project: "Public Faith and the Dark Side of Trust in 18th Century Mexico", visiting 22.05.-22.06.2017
The MPIeR at the Reichskammergericht

On May 8th and 9th we went into a two day retreat at Wetzlar. The purpose was to discuss the current and envisaged research projects and refine our own research profile.

We focused on our four research focus areas: Multinormativity, Translation, Legal Spaces, and Conflict Regulation. Members of the institute assigned themselves to either of these focus areas. During the two days, these groups went on to discuss synergies between their projects, theoretical issues and amendments to the specific methodologies. Two of them had invited guest speakers: Markus Hoehne from the University of Leipzig spoke to the conflict regulation group; the multinormativity-group had a lively debate with Thorsten Keiser from the University of Gießen.

Wetzlar is also the former seat of the Reichskammergericht, Germany’s highest court during the early modern period. Professor Michael Stolleis gave a fascinating lecture on the court’s history.

Project of the month

Sonderordnungen/ Special Orders

The legal history of the 19th and 20th centuries is characterized by a remarkable ambivalence. On the one hand, it was the time of the large-scale codifications, which were largely based on the equality of the users of law and regulated broad areas of life. This equality-based law represented – at least when it came to judicial and scholarly attention – the legal system. On the other hand, the functional differentiation of the modern society became apparent through constantly new regulatory requirements for certain groups or special conditions. This could result in the differentiation and specialization of the state law itself, but also in the creation of autonomous or semi-autonomous legal special orders of the groups concerned.

Peter Collin’s project attends to the latter constellation in two respects. First, the jurisprudential efforts tied to the problem of non-state normativity are observable. And second, the project aims to investigate which strategies of norm-setting and norm-enforcement were developed in individual
The "Forschungsstelle Reichskammergericht" kindly hosted us during the retreat. Wetzlar and the Reichskammergericht furthermore played a role in Goethe’s life. He wrote the bestselling "Werther" while he absolved his clerkship at the court. He described Wetzlar as utterly boring - quite undeservably as we learnt during those two days. (Jasper Kunstreich)

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Save the Date!

**Guest-Workshop on Legal Historiography**, 21st July 2017, 14:00-18:00.

**Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History 2017**, July 25th to August 4th at the MPI. For further information please contact summeracademy@rg.mpg.de

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