



Guest Workshop
Law and Diversity: Legal Categories and Identity

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Space, Law and Spatial Justice in Leibniz

Abstract

In this presentation I will address only one albeit central aspect of my research undertaken at the Institute. This presentation will argue that conceptualization of law is influenced by conceptualization of space using the example of Leibniz. In addition it will look more specifically at the law's ability to accommodate diversity as being predetermined by the underlying conceptualization of space. In this regard it will be argued that Leibniz's conceptualization of space allows him to conceptualize law in a way that places diversity as a foundation of its unity. In order to prove this thesis Leibniz's conceptualization of law and space are tested against the idea of spatial justice as articulated by Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos. In order to supply additional proof of the link between the conceptualization of space and the conceptualization of law references to the contrasting views of space and law, in particular in Hobbes will be made.