Call for Papers

The Contribution of the Legal Services of the European Institutions to European Union Law

Frankfurt/Main, 18-19 June 2019

‘Legal History of the European Union’ is a recently established research field at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History at Frankfurt. The MPIeR attempts to situate the history of European law in a longue durée perspective, emphasizing the comparative dimension and taking into account the broader political and socio-economic context.

Among its activities the research group organizes an annual conference. The first conference explored the Treaties of Rome, and the focus of the 2018 conference was on the biographies of key personalities contributing to the legal dimension of European integration.

The 2019 conference will examine the history of European law with a distinct focus on the contribution of the Legal Services of the European Institutions to European Union law from its origins until the present day.

Possible paper topics include (but are not restricted to):

- The history of the Legal Services as part of the European Institutions
- Scholarly and policy contributions by key administrators serving in Legal Services
- The history of legal doctrines elaborated in these services in the process of European integration and interaction with those interpretations developed by academia and practitioners such as the members of the International Federation of European Law (FIDE)
- The role of the Legal Services in the institutional and informal practices aiming to influence constitutional practices
- Inter-institutional controversies between the Legal Services
- The contribution of the Legal Services regarding treaty negotiations

We welcome proposals of not more than 150 words by 29 March 2019
Please email your proposal and a short CV to ramirez@rg.mpg.de.

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