Norms and Empires Lecture Series

In the course of the 16th century, religion, empire, and trade built up networks that made the world more interconnected than at any previous point in history. The world’s oceans began taking over traditional land routes in their importance for moving goods, peoples, and communications. The Iberian empires, Portugal and Spain, played an important role in this process, connecting Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas through the Atlantic, the Indian, and the Pacific oceans, constructing between them a vast territorial reach. In these interconnected spaces, the normative representations of settlers, missionaries, and imperial agents collided with local normativities, forming a process of normative production and reconfiguration that took on different paths in different places.

Drawing on the complexities in normative construction involved in this process, the Glocalising Normativities project seeks to combine a global perspective on legal history with local case studies based on detailed analysis of archival sources to understand how norms produced in the different spaces that were part of the sphere of influence of one of the Iberian Empires.

The Norms and Empires Lecture Series invites leading historians in the field of imperial history to reflect on the issue of normative production in light of their own research experience.

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 17:00-19:00**

Federica Morelli (University of Turin)  
Between Citizenship and Foreignness. Free People of Color during the Age of Atlantic Revolutions

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 17:00-19:00**

Chouki El Hamel (Arizona State University)  
The Justification of Concubinage as an Institution of Slavery and Arab Genealogical Turn in Islam

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 17:00-19:00**

Ângela Barreto Xavier (Universidade de Lisboa)  
Local normativity and the Portuguese imperial order. The case of Goa in the 16th and 17th centuries