

XIII European Forum of Young Legal Historians

Crossing Legal Cultures

Seville, 5-8 September 2007

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The *European Forum of Young Legal Historians* is the annual meeting of young researchers in this discipline, which was originally created by academics from the German-speaking scientific community as a free space for discussion and exchange. The Forum has the characteristics of a workshop, or discussion group, which is precisely what gives it its distinctive mark, as does the fact that it is organised by and features the new generation: it relies on a loyal and growing public of PhD graduates, recently graduated researchers and young university professors from various countries in Europe and other continents, who see it as a good opportunity to present the results and plans of their research.

Holding the Forum in Seville in September 2007 will move the event, for the first time, to Mediterranean Europe. The Forum will be based in the *Fundación Tres Culturas del Mediterráneo* (Foundation *Three Cultures of the Mediterranean*) and the *Universidad de Sevilla* (*University of Seville*), the sponsors and organisers of the event. It also has the institutional support of the University of Bar-Ilan (Ramat-Gan, Israel), University of Florence (Italy), University of Frankfurt and the Max Planck-Institut for European Legal History (Frankfurt am Main, Germany).

It is hoped that with this turn to the south, the Forum will win over participants from countries in Southern Europe, which, until now, have only been sporadically represented; and that a base for expansion into other continents will be set up. The choice of the Andalusian capital is intended to underline the event's growing international calling, taking the adjective 'European' as more of a cultural reference than a geo-political boundary.

To that effect, the proposed theme, "*Crossing Legal Cultures*", suggests and evokes the not always harmonious, but potentially enriching confluence, between different cultures in history, and the role that law and its institutions play when creating the mechanisms of exclusion/inclusion; when establishing rules for and/or normalising, limiting and/or favouring said 'cultural meetings', which are established through the circulation of people, institutions, books, and ideas *lato sensu*.

Deadline abstract submission: **25th April 2007**.

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We look forward to receiving your proposal papers and welcoming you soon in Seville!