



Colonial Legal Biography Workshop

27-28 April 2023

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13:00 – 13:30 Welcome and Registration

13:30 – 15:00 Session I: Formative experiences and colonial law-making

Chair: Victoria Hooton (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

Inge Van Hulle (KU Leuven, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)
Judicial reform in Congo Free State: the archive of Marcellin de Saegher

Katherine Sanders (University of Auckland)
FOV Acheson, Judge of the Native Land Court, New Zealand 1919–1943: His early research and its formative influence

Sally Hadden (Western Michigan University)
When bonds break: Friendship and family ties within Boston's legal community and the trauma of the American Revolution

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee

15:30 – 17:00 Session II: Clashes between centre and periphery

Chair: Philip Bajon (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

Geoff McLay (Victoria University of Wellington)
Robert Stout and the end(s) of imperial law

Jakob Zollmann (WZB Berlin Social Science Center) ***Online presentation**
Paul Richter and the Disappointments of the German Colonial Judiciary

John McLaren (University of Victoria) ***Online presentation**
Racial discrimination in western North America and its treatment in United States' and British Columbian Courts, 1850- 1880: Judicial values and protecting Chinese economic interests

17:00 – 18:00 Historic tour of IG Farben building and Westend

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

19:00 – 20:00 Legal Biography: A Personal Account

Professor Stefan Vogenauer (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

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9:00 – 10:30 Session III: Prosopography and comparative biographical approaches

Chair: Stefan Vogenauer (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

David V Williams (University of Auckland) ***Online presentation**
Sidney Stephen and William Richmond: Two colonial legal biographies

Catharine MacMillan (King's College London)
'One more link to the golden chain of empire': colonial and Dominion judges of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council

Sebastiaan Vandenbogaerde (Instituut voor Rechtsgeschiedenis)
Belgian legal communities through periodicals in metropolitan and colonial contexts (1870-1960): A case study on personal status of autochthonous population

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 Session IV: Judges, elites and the protection of minorities

Chair: Matilde Cazzola (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

Bruno Lima (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)
Becoming a Black Jurist in a Slave Society: On the Legal Biography of Luiz Gama (Brazil, 1830-1882)

Nicholas B Miller (Flagler College, Florida)
John Ricord (1813-1861): Purveyor of law and constitutions

Giancarlo Anello (University of Parma)
The phenomenology of Arnaldo Bertola: an unorthodox concept of religious freedom in the Italian colonies (1913-1945)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Session V: Identities, allegiances and imperial lawyers

Chair: Victoria Hooton (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

Victoria Barnes (Brunel University London)
Biographical Dictionary of the Common Law

Matilde Cazzola (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)
Reverend Luis Giustiniani and Indigenous peoples: the missionary as a legal actor (Western Australia, 1836-1838)

Paul Swanepoel (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
From the Middle Temple to the South Pacific and East Africa

Oscar Weller (University of Zurich)
Wanderer between two worlds: Norman Bentwich (1883-1971), the first attorney-general in British Mandatory Palestine