

## “Case and Code in the Chinese Legal Tradition”

### Chinese Legal Tradition Working Group Conference Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory

June 24-28, 2024

Venue: Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Bad Homburg

#### Monday, June 24

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| 11.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m. | Welcoming speech and introductions to the MPILHLT   |
| 12.00 p.m.-1.00 p.m.  | Lunch   |
| 1.00 p.m.-2.15 p.m.   | Introduction to the MPILHLT by Thomas Duve (Director, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)  |
|                       | Discussion of the terms & methods of the Historical Regimes of Normativity Department   |
| 2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.   | Coffee break  |
| 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.   | “Case” and “Code” (an introductory discussion of the main terms, themes, and problems of the conference, facilitated by Elif Akcetin and Maura Dykstra) |
| 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.   | Closing remarks and review of conference logistics  |

#### Tuesday, June 25

##### *Panel 1*

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| 10.00 a.m.-10.30 a.m. | Elif Akcetin, “Governing Corruption in Eighteenth-century China” |
| 10.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m. | Maura Dykstra, “Communicating the Code in Qing China”            |
| 11.00 a.m.-11.15 a.m. | Coffee break   |
| 11.15 a.m.-12.00 p.m. | Q & A  |

12.00 p.m.-1.00 p.m. Lunch

**Panel 2**

1.00 p.m.-1.30 p.m. Qixuan Yang, "The Evolution of Impeachment in Early 20th Century China"

1.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m. Ling Li, "Impeachment at the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party: Historical Continuity and Disjuncture"

2.00 p.m.-2.45 p.m. Q & A

2.45 p.m.-3.00 p.m. Coffee break

3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. Brainstorming session on the papers and themes of the day

**Wednesday, June 26**

**Panel 3**

10.00 a.m.-10.30 a.m. Robin D. S. Yates, "Laws before Codes and the Management of Cases in Early Imperial China"

10.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Wang Zhiqiang, "Xiangyue, Social Governance and the Conception of 'Law'"

11.00 a.m.-11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m.-12.00 p.m. Q & A

12.00 p.m.-1.00 p.m. Lunch

**Panel 4**

1.00 p.m.-1.30 p.m. Chun Fung Tong, "Satisfying Sentiment through Uncompassionate Means: Legal Justice and Law Application in Western Han China, 202 BCE-9 CE"

1.30 p.m.-2.00 p.m. Yanhong Wu, "Making the Pitiful (可矜) and the Doubtful (可疑) Cases: The Interaction of Laws and Cases as Seen in the Great Assizes Case Collections in Late Imperial China"

2.00 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	Q & A
2.45 p.m.-3.00 p.m.	Coffee break
3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.	Brainstorming session on the papers and themes of the day

## Thursday, June 27

### *Panel 5*

10.00 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Sandra Michelle Röseler, “The Emergence of a ‘New System of Six Laws 新六法体系’ in Deng-era China: Processes of Codification and Production of Knowledge of Normativity through the Lens of Administrative Legislation”
10.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	Philipp Renninger, “Case and Code in Sino-Foreign Legal Interactions”
11.00 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Q & A
12.00 p.m.-1.00 p.m.	Lunch

### *Panel 6*

1.00 p.m.-1.30 p.m.	Weiwei Luo, “‘Civil’ Law in ‘Criminal’ Law Cases: Perspectives from the Mid-Qing Archives”
1.30 p.m.-2.15 p.m.	Q & A
2.15 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	Coffee break
2.30 p.m.-4.00 p.m.	Group discussions to identify patterns, changes, and continuities in the Chinese legal tradition as emerging from the research papers (for example, in legal practices and processes, legal rationalities and reasoning, the production of knowledge and information, etc.).



## Friday, June 28

10.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	Discussion (Part I): presentation of findings
11.00 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	Discussion (Part II): Theme: Cultural translation How to convey the complexities of the Chinese legal tradition in a Western language?
12.00 p.m.-1.00 p.m.	Lunch
1.00 p.m.-2.00 p.m.	Concluding remarks