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Monday, 06.07.2026

10:00 | **Activity**	**Welcome and introduction** *Stefanie Rüther*
10:15 | **Legal Literacy**	**Legal Literacy – introduction** *Thomas Duve*
11:15 | **Coffee**	
11:30 | **Legal Literacy**	**Warm up and discussion** *Stefanie Rüther*
12:30 | **Lunch**	
13:30 | **Activity**	**Library tour** *Ian Hillesheim*
14:30 | **Introductory Course**	**Ius commune – legists** *Christiane Birr*
16:00 | **Coffee**	
16:30 | **Activity**	**Frankfurt city tour & dinner** *Julius Giloi, Friedrich Karger*

Tuesday, 07.07.2026

9:15 | **Introductory Course**	**The Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory** *Thomas Duve*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Introductory Course**	**Ius commune – canonists** *Christoph Meyer*
12:45 | **Lunch**	
15:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Romulo Ehalt***	**The decalogue as legal knowledge: Biblical interpretation and the production of normativity in the School of Salamanca (c. 1527–1612)** *Maurício Bulcão Filho*

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15:45 | **Presentations** ***Chair Romulo Ehalt***	**Between legal order and local practice: Inquisitorial commisariat in Guadalajara and Zacatecas, 1760–1820** *María Elizabeth Pérez Chavarin*
16:30 | **Coffee**	
17:00 | **Research at mpilhlt**	**PhD Projects at the mpilhlt**
18:15 | **Activity**	**PhD get together**

Wednesday, 08.07.2026

9:15 | **Introductory Course**	**Doing Global Legal History** *Thomas Duve*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Presentations** ***Chair Haochen Ku***	**Legal literacy and the first Chinese empires: The case of an absconding female slave in 196 BCE** *Hwei Ru Ong*
12:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Haochen Ku***	**Performing the knowledge of normativity in Imperial Rome: Actors, agents, and identities** *Evangelos Adam*
12:45 | **Lunch**	
15:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Sandra Röseler***	**Women, media, and the making of legal literacy in historical China** *Han Zhao*
15:45 | **Coffee**	
16:00 | **Research at mpilhlt**	**Digital humanities meets Legal History – Projects from Department Duve** *Polina Solonets*
17:15 | **Coffee**	
17:30–19:00 | **Research at mpilhlt**	**Why study AI? (In)capabilities and developments of concern for legal history and legal theory** *Andreas Wagner*

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Thursday, 09.07.2026

9:15 | **Introductory Course**	**The Plural Turn: Legal pluralism in historical legal studies** *Ralf Seinecke*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Presentations** ***Chair Karolyne Mendes, Mendonça Moreira***	**An analysis of the pluralism of legal sources in the early modern legal practice of the Court of Friesland** *Rik Haverman*
12:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Karolyne Mendes, Mendonça Moreira***	**A claim to equality: Free African islanders and contentious sovereignty in São Tomé and Príncipe (1780–1820)** *João Moreira da Silva*
12:45 | **Lunch**	
15:00 | **Introductory Course**	**Contemporary Legal History** *Magdalena Janke*
16:30 | **Coffee**	
17:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Susanne Paas***	**Wilhelm Arnold and the reorientation of German jurisprudence after 1848** *Noomi Hör*
17:45 | **Presentations** ***Chair Susanne Paas***	**Integrating novas conquistas – Land, law, and language in Portuguese South Asia (1763–1930s)** *Kaustubh S. Naik*

Friday, 10.07.2026

9.15 | **Introductory Course**	**History of International Law** *Michel Erpelding*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Activity**	**Guided Campus tour** *Julius Giloi, Friedrich Karger*
12:30 | **Lunch**	
13:30	**Start of the weekend**

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Monday, 13.07.2026

9:15 | **Presentations** ***Chair Aja Bejermi***	**The revolutionary Aegean: Remaking law, sovereignty, and unfreedom across empires, c. 1750–1850** *Jake Haveles*
10:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Aja Bejermi***	**Legal elite and legal literacy in the process of trans-planting the law of Austria–Hungary into the legal system of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period 1878–1918** *Milica Kostovski*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Introductory Course**	**Common Law** *Stefan Vogenauer*
12:45 | **Lunch**	
15:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Zhi Qing Denise Lim***	**The people of the agreement: Law, indenture and the boundaries of free labour in Fiji, 1880–1920** *Natasha Naidu*
15:45 | **Presentations** ***Chair Zhi Qing Denise Lim***	**In the name of guardianship: Law and the frailty of incapacity** *Indy Davis*
16:30 | **Coffee**	
17:00 | **Research at mpilhlt**	**Legal Transfer in the Common Law World** *Christopher Jenkins, Reeju Ray*

Tuesday, 14.07.2026

9:15 | **Introductory Course**	**Constitutional Histories** *Martin O' Donoghue*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Presentations** ***Chair Christopher Jenkins***	**American empire and the making of the managerial presidency** *Elliot Setzer*

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12:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Christopher Jenkins***	**Law and 'the masses': The case of public mock trials (and beyond)** *Nir Gonen*
12:45 | **Lunch**	
15:00 | **Legal Literacy** ***Venure: Turmcarrée, Bleichstraße 59, 60313 Frankfurt a. M.***	**Engaging with Historical Regimes of Normativity: Rooftop talks** *Raquel Sirotti*

Wednesday, 15.07.2026

9:15 | **Introductory Course**	**Legal History of the European Union** *Leonardo Ravaioli*
10:45 | **Coffee**	
11:15 | **Presentations** ***Chair Roslyn Dubler***	**Food safety and health protection: From pre-unification states to 1907** *Sara Morri*
12:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Roslyn Dubler***	**The emergence of environmental law competences in the European Community** *Bartosz Buchman*
12:45 | **Lunch**	
14:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Stefanie Rüther***	**The longue durée of fundamental social rights in EU and EEA** *Omar Berg Rúnarsson*
14:45 | **Coffee**	
15:00 | **Presentations** ***Chair Pilar Mejia***	**Constitutional laboratories of the periphery: Legal knowledge on the social question in Peru's 1978–1979 constituent assembly** *Nancy Vidal Rodriguez*
15:45 | **Presentations**	**Making a difference: Women and legal knowledge in Argentina's 1994 constitutional convention** *Déborah González Area*
17:00 | **Pizza Talk**	**What is a legal historian?** *Stefanie Rüther*

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Thursday, 16.07.2026

9:15 | **Legal Literacy**	**Talk show – insights and results**
11:00 | **Exams**	**Exams**
13:00 | **Lunch**	
14:00 | **Discussion**	**Feedback and farewell**
16:00 | **Activity**	**Party**

Friday, 17.07.2026

Departure

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