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Call for Papers

Frist: 12. November 2023

15. Düsseldorfer Graduiertenkonferenz Parteienwissenschaften (GraPa)

Düsseldorf, 5. bis 6. Februar 2024

Das Institut für Deutsches und Internationales Parteienrecht und Parteienforschung lädt zu der zweitägigen, interdisziplinären Veranstaltung an der Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf alle Promovierenden auf dem Gebiet der Parteienwissenschaften sowie alle Interessierten herzlich ein. Das Hauptanliegen der regelmäßig stattfindenden Graduiertenkonferenz besteht darin, interessierten Doktoranden aus dem Bereich der Parteienwissenschaften ein Forum zur Vorstellung und Diskussion ihrer Forschungsprojekte zu bieten und ihnen gleichzeitig die Gelegenheit zu geben, untereinander Kontakte für den weiteren wissenschaftlichen Werdegang zu knüpfen. Insbesondere werden Teilnehmende aus dem Ausland begrüßt.

Die Konferenzsprache ist Englisch. [Anmeldungen](#) bis zum 12. November (bitte angeben, ob Besuch als Referent*in oder Zuhörer*in gewünscht ist).

Deadline for proposals of papers, roundtables or panels: 15 Feb 2024

Representing Law. RSCL Conference 2024

Co-sponsored by: Vereinigung für Recht und Gesellschaft; DGS-Sektion Rechtssoziologie; Journal of Law and Society & Centre of Law and Society at Cardiff University; Centre for Socio-legal Studies, Oxford University

Bangor/Wales, 3 Sep – 6 Sep 2024

Bangor University hosts the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL) international conference. The conference topic is “Representing Law” and alludes to the necessity to represent, symbolise, and communicate law.

Who speaks for the law? Who decides legal conflict and provides legal advice? Who is best placed to adapt law to changing social conditions? Such questions also form part of the conference theme. In some ways, the legally trained and especially those in legal offices, are privileged interpreters of the law, at least in modern states relying on a differentiated-out legal system. This raises issues of legitimacy and of democratic representation. Critics question why graduates of leading universities, those with long family tradition in law, why males rather than females in high legal offices, are still dominant. Some social groups are underrepresented in law, and some are described as discriminated against by holders of legal offices. This may affect national minorities

and those discriminated on “racial” and ethnic grounds. The economically marginalised can suffer from further disadvantages inflicted by the way the law operates.

The conference theme covers a wide area of academic interests. However, the RCSL working groups are invited to organise their own panels on whatever topics they want to discuss, as well as their business meetings. Invited are also single papers on topics of sociology of law / socio-legal studies. The conference covers a range of socio-legal topics RCSL members and others are researching, such as the work of lawyers, the handling of law by public officials, law in the arts and in popular culture.

Submissions are requested through the [conference website](#). Address for enquiries: rcsl2024@bangor.ac.uk.

In addition, the Journal of Law and Society (JLS) and the Centre of Law and Society at Cardiff University as co-sponsors of the conference are organising a stream/session on socio-legal studies in Wales and the UK and invite young colleagues to submit their papers to this stream. The Journal will support selected paper presenters with their conference fees. Details of how to apply will be announced in due time on the conference homepage.

Conference

Early Registration: 28 Nov 2023 – 20 Dec 2023

[Law and Society Association 60th anniversary Annual Meeting:](#)

“Unsettling Territories: Tradition and Revolution in Law and Society”

Denver/USA, 6 – 9 June 2024

[Deadline for submission of abstracts is October 31, 2023](#)

2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the Law and Society Association. The annual meeting marks more than an anniversary for law and society. 2024 is also the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 – a landmark antidiscrimination law enacted 100 years after Black Americans in the Colorado territory first petitioned for the right to vote – and the termination of the Bracero program that powerfully shaped U.S. immigration policy. 2024 also stands out as the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Immigration Act of 1924, which established the U.S. Border Patrol and banned immigration from Asia. The year 1924 also saw the enactment of the U.S. Indian Citizenship Act, which declared that all non-citizen Native Americans within the United States were citizens.

LSA’s return to Denver, Colorado is an opportunity to reflect on these themes. LSA invites papers on the colonial, political, and environmental territories of law and

society, the promise and threat of unsettling them, as well as other themes within the long and by now storied tradition of law and society scholarship.

Deadline: 20 Nov 2023

[LSA Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop](#)

Denver, LSA Annual Conference

5 June 2024

The workshop will convene on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, immediately preceding the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, USA.

Applications are welcome from students in graduate/doctoral programs in the social sciences, humanities, and law, as well as early career scholars who received their highest degree after 1 May, 2020, including post-doctoral fellows, adjunct faculty, and pre-tenure faculty. Especially where career breaks exist due to family obligations, eligibility will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Equity, diversity, and inclusion as well as representation of the Global South are priorities for the workshop.

The goal of this workshop is to provide a safe and welcoming space for mentoring and peer mentoring among a diverse group of early career law and society scholars. The LSA seeks to build intellectual community among each new generation of law and society scholars and to promote constructive dialogue about research projects.

Participants should be prepared to engage in intensive discussion of their own paper and the papers of their other group members. The workshop aims to expose participants to diverse styles, theoretical innovations, and international publishing practices in law and society.

LSA will provide stipends of \$750 US for participants accepted into the workshop. Participants will be expected to register separately for the LSA Annual Meeting. [Online application form](#). Direct inquiries to [Melissa King](#).

Few tickets left

[A Decolonial and Anti-Racist Approach to Legal Education and Pedagogy](#)

Society of Legal Scholars (SLS) Conference & Centre for Transformative and Global Justice at the University of Greenwich, London

Hybrid (London and online), 8 Nov 2023, 9:00 – 17:00

This one-day hybrid conference, organised by Dr Renginee G. Pillay (University of Greenwich), Dr Suhraiya Jivraj (University of Kent), Professor Foluke Adebisi (University of Bristol) and Dr Ntina Tzouvala (Australian National University) is to build on the recent work on decolonising and anti-racist approaches to legal pedagogy.

As recent scholarship on legal pedagogy has demonstrated, the academy including law schools were a critical part of the colonial enterprise. This included, amongst other things, training colonial lawyers and devaluing and negating indigenous and customary legal systems whilst promoting and valorising Euro-centric laws as being the only authoritative ones. These colonial legacies continue to impact the ways in which we understand, teach and study law to this day.

The conference brings together emerging and established legal scholars, researchers and teachers to share good practice and case studies of decolonial and antiracist approaches, especially (but not limited to) the core curriculum within law degrees.

Vorträge

5. Dezember 2023

**Kirstin Denkhahn, [Erste Ergebnisse der Berliner Farm Crime-Untersuchung](#)
Online (Kriminologisches Forschungsinstitut Niedersachsen e. V.)**

Seit Kurzem beschäftigt sich das Team mit der Kriminologie des ländlichen Raums (Rural Criminology). Das erste Projekt ist die Farm Crime-Untersuchung, eine Studie über Straftaten gegen Landwirtinnen und Landwirte (vor allem Diebstahl). Eine erste an Landwirt*innen gerichtete Online-Umfrage soll dieses Feld etwas erleuchten. Der Fragebogen ist eine Übersetzung eines Fragebogens aus Australien. Die Studie ist Teil eines internationalen Projekts zu Opfererfahrungen und Sicherheitsempfinden, Erfahrungen mit der Polizei und Schutzmaßnahmen gegen Kriminalität im ländlichen Raum.

Der Vortrag und die Teilnahme erfolgen digital.

Eine Anmeldung über das [Online-Anmeldeformular](#) ist zwingend erforderlich.

Kontakt: kfn@kfn.de

24. Januar 2024, 17-19h

Aileen Oeberst, [The Unreliable Human Mind: False Memories and Biased Judgments in the Context of Legal Decision Making](#)

Freiburg, Max-Planck-Institut zur Erforschung von Kriminalität, Sicherheit und Recht

Legal decisions are largely based on human information processing. Not only do they rely on human memory but they result from human decision-making. As much psychological research shows, however, human memory is fallible and malleable and human decision-making is often biased. Relevant work on three topics will be presented: (1) false autobiographical memories, (2) hindsight bias in judges'

negligence assessments, and (3) effects of pretrial publicity on the respective legal judgments.

Anmeldung bei [Carolin Hillemanns](#).

Wintersemester 2023/2024

Ringvorlesung [Klima vor Gericht/Climate Contested. Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf Recht\(e\) in der ökologischen Krise](#)

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Hörsaalzentrum Westend

Die Vorlesungsreihe thematisiert das komplexe Wechselspiel zwischen Klimawandel und Recht. Im Rahmen von Vorträgen, Podiumsdiskussionen und Streitgesprächen wird aus interdisziplinärer Perspektive diskutiert, wie im und durch Recht um den Umgang mit der ökologischen Krise gerungen wird. Folgende Veranstaltungen werden angeboten (jeweils 18–20h):

29.11.2023:

Susanne Baer, LL.M. (Richterin des Bundesverfassungsgerichts a.D.), „Die Konstitution des Klimas, oder: Was Verfassungsgerichte (nicht) zu sagen haben“

12.12.2023:

Miriam Saage-Maaß (Legal Director European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights) und Kläger:innen aus Pari Island, Indonesia, „Wer zahlt die Zeche? Wie Entschädigungsklagen zu einer gerechteren Verteilung der Kosten der Klimakrise beitragen können“

23.01.2024:

Louis Kotzé (Faculty of Law, North-West University, South Africa), „Courts, Climate Litigation, and the Evolution of Earth System Law“

Nähere Informationen [hier](#).

Studium

Wintersemester 2023/24

X-Student Research Group zum Thema „Strafen zur Verwirklichung der Menschenrechte?“

Freie-Universität Berlin

Die Verknüpfung von Menschenrechten und Strafrecht, historisch als Begrenzung staatlicher Macht gedacht, stellt sich in Politik und Recht zunehmend auch als strafrechtsbegründend dar. So werden dem Strafrecht in beiden Sphären verstärkt erhebliche Schutz- und Emanzipationsfunktionen zugeschrieben. Kritisiert wird dieser

Wandel sowie die rechtstatsächlichen Folgen aus einem liberalen Strafrechtsverständnis heraus, aber auch aus intersektional-feministischer sowie dekolonialer Perspektive. Die Forschungsgruppe fragt daher analytisch aus rechts- und sozialwissenschaftlicher Perspektive, inwieweit und auf welche Weise sich dieser Wandel empirisch in Recht und Politik nachvollziehen lässt und wie er normativ einzuordnen ist.

Die Forschungsgruppe richtet sich an fortgeschrittene Studierende der Rechtswissenschaft (Schwerpunktbereich) und der Sozialwissenschaften (ab dem 4. Semester), die Interesse haben, interdisziplinäres Forschen kennenzulernen.

Auftaktreffen (ohne vorherige Anmeldung):

30. Oktober 2023, 16 Uhr (Ort: Jur. Fakultät der Freien Universität Berlin, Raum 3306).

Die Workshops finden an 5 Terminen von Dezember 2023 bis Februar 2024 statt.

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