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Program & Venues:
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Monday, 07.04.2025

08.30 – 09.15	Registration, Coffee, Welcome & Introductions	Seminarraum Geschichte 1
09.30 – 12.00	Parallel Morning Sessions	Panel 1: Direktionszimmer IÖG Panel 2: Seminarraum Schenkenstraße
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	Café Caspar
14.00 – 16.30	Parallel Afternoon Sessions	Panel 3: Direktionszimmer IÖG Panel 4: Seminarraum Schenkenstraße
18.00 – 19.30	Keynote: Changing Laws, Changing Hearts: Battles over Disability-Inclusive Schooling in Post-“Euthanasia” Germany <i>Dagmar Herzog</i> (City University of New York) Chair: Julia Gebke (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)	Aula am Campus
19.30	Reception	Aula am Campus

Tuesday, 08.04.2025

09.30 – 12.00	Parallel Morning Sessions	Panel 5: Direktionszimmer IÖG Panel 6: Seminarraum Schenkenstraße
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	Café Caspar
14.00 – 16.30	Parallel Afternoon Sessions	Panel 7: Direktionszimmer IÖG Panel 8: Seminarraum Schenkenstraße
18.00 – 19.30	Keynote: Law and Diversity: From Oppression to Emancipation – and Back? <i>Elisabeth Holzleitner</i> (University of Vienna) Chair: Sebastian Felten (University of Vienna)	Aula am Campus
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Wednesday, 09.04.2025

09.15 – 11.45	Parallel Morning Sessions	Panel 9: Direktionszimmer IÖG Panel 10: Seminarraum Schenkenstraße
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch	Wien Museum (Trude & Töchter)
14.00 – 15.00	Exhibition Tour “Mixed. Diverse Geschichten”	Wien Museum
15.00 – 16.00	Concluding Remarks	Wien Museum

VENUES

Seminarraum Geschichte 1: 1st Floor of the Main Building of the University of Vienna, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

Direktionszimmer IÖG: 1st Floor of the Main Building of the University of Vienna, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

Seminarraum Schenkenstraße: Schenkenstraße 8-10, 1010 Vienna

Café Caspar: Grillparzerstraße 6, 1010 Vienna

Aula am Campus: Courtyard 1 (Hof 1) of the Campus of the University of Vienna, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna

Wien Museum: Karlsplatz 8, 1040 Vienna

PANELS

Monday, 07.04.2025 09.30 – 12.00

Panel 1: Colonialism (Direktionszimmer IÖG)

Chair: Claudia Kraft (University of Vienna)

Religious Diversity in the Habsburg Empire as a Problem of Colonial Legal History
Cornelia Tscheppe (University of Vienna)

God-Given Right or Unfounded Self-Deception? The Debate of Jacques Soustelle and Raymond Aron on the Fate of French Algeria (1957-1958)

Sára Lafferton (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales / Eötvös Loránd University)

Living Treaties, Contested Memories: The Role of Museums in Representing Legal Texts

Elisa Ludwig (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

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Panel 2: Diversity of Law (Seminarraum Schenkenstraße)

Chair: Martina Steer (University of Vienna)

The Merge of two Nations: the Romans under the Lombard Law and the Integration of two Legal Systems

Kaiyue Zhang (University of Oxford)

Laws of Strangers, Rights of Guests. The Diverging Paths of Tourism and Alien Law in Europe (1908-1938)

Anna Breidenbach (European University Institute)

The Codification of Native Civil Law in 1931: a Strategy to Reduce Diversity in Tonkin
Noa Krief (Paris Cité University)

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Panel 3: Places of “Lawlessness” (Direktionszimmer IÖG)

Chair: Benno Gammerl (European University Institute)

Vagabonds and Thieves: German Forests and Borderlands as Spaces of Lawlessness

Bethany McNamara-Dale (University of Oxford)

Lawlessness and Connectivity: The 19th-Century Adriatic under Habsburg Rule

Elena Russo (University of Oxford)

Trans Lives in Terra Mafiosa: A Comparative Case Study of Transphobic and Trans-Tolerant Behaviour by Mafia Groups in Sicily, Calabria and Naples

Brian O’Connor (European University Institute)

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Panel 4: Social (In)Equality (Seminarraum Schenkenstraße)

Chair: Lauren Kassell (European University Institute)

The Legitimisation of Social Contrast: Dynamics of Exclusion and Political Integration in the Genoa of the Perpetual Dogato (1363-1528)

Gabriele Ciaravolo (University of Bologna)

Disadvantaged Groups and the Purpose of the German Public Banking System – a Legal-Historical Analysis

Laurenz Döring (University of Münster)

Competing Medical Professional and Legal Norms in State-Socialist Healthcare in Hungary in the 1950s-1960s

Viola Lászlófi (Central European University)

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Panel 5: Administering the Law and its Institutions (Direktionszimmer IÖG)

Chair: Peter Becker (University of Vienna)

Conflict of Legal Ideologies: Rule of Law or Rechtsstaat

Petr Vilem Koluch (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory)

An Erratic Judicial Career: the Italo-Austrian Judge Hugo Erlacher (1895-1971)

Alexander Teutsch (University of Vienna)

Classifying and Protecting “Blut und Seele” – The Civil Registry Office & the 1935 Nuremberg Laws

Émilie Duranceau-Lapointe (University of Michigan)

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Panel 6: Women’s Activism (Seminarraum Schenkenstraße)

Chair: Zsófia Lóránd (University of Vienna)

Pitting Gender against Nationality: the 1908 German Law of Associations and its Implications for German and Polish Women’s Movements

Paula Lange (University of Vienna)

Feminist Legal Struggles. Collective Legal Mobilization of the German Women’s Movements in the 20th Century

Louisa Hattendorff (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Maternidades Robadas: How Did Interactions with the Legal System Shape the Experience of Motherhood for Spanish Mothers Seeking to Trace their “Stolen Children” in the 2010s?

Alleiah Kall (European University Institute)

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Panel 7: Controlling Bodies. Sexuality and Sexual Violence (Direktionszimmer IÖG)

Chair: Andrea Griesebner (University of Vienna)

A Microhistorical Study of Age as a Legal Boundary Marker on the Issue of Sexual Violence against Children in Early Modern Times

Chiara-Marie Hauser (University of Vienna)

Diversity in Austrian Civil Law and Legal Practice between 1783 and 1938

Stephanie Rieder-Zagkla (University of Vienna)

Currency, Control, and Legal Deviance: Stigmatization and State Surveillance of Currency Prostitutes in Soviet Ukraine

Aliesia Soloviova (European University Institute)

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Panel 8: In Court: Diversity and Legal Theory (Seminarraum Schenkenstraße)

Chair: László Kontler (Central European University)

Inquisitorial Justice and the Sailor’s Lament

Gabriel Farrugia (European University Institute)

Diversity as Equality of Opportunity during the Judicial Process

Paweł Porębný (University of Silesia)

The Diversity in Roman Law: From the View of Legal Fiction

Fangfang Tian (Sapienza University of Rome)

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Panel 9: Migration (Direktionszimmer IÖG)

Chair: Elena Bacchin (University of Vienna)

Enforcing and Evading Migration Law on the Southern English Coast, 1800-15

Conor Muller (University of Oxford)

Migration, Integration, and Economic Inclusion: Legal Responses to Workforce Diversity in Europe

Ziyi Wang (Cornell University)

“Crossing Borders, Facing Barriers”. Disabling Migration Policies in Austria through the Ages

Rosa-Maria Mayerl (University of Vienna)

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Panel 10: Religion and/or Freedom? From Protection to Repression (Seminarraum Schenkenstraße)

Chair: Philipp Ther (University of Vienna)

Omnes liberti sunt in tuitione ecclesiae: Freed Slaves in Classical Canon Law

Olha Stasiuk (Central European University)

Between Law and Politics: The Russian Old Believers in the Habsburg Legal Space

Aleksandr Orlov (Columbia University)

Navigating a Slippery Slope: Habsburg Diplomats and Jewish Suspects in the Late 19th Century

Margarita Lerman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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