

# **The Transregional Histories of Sociological Thought in/on Law**

**Monday, 27 July 2026 - Tuesday, 28 July 2026**

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## **Scientific Programme**

PROGRAM  
Workshop

The Transregional Histories of Sociological

Thought in/on Law

26-28 July, 2026

SUNDAY, 26 JULY, 2026, 20:00 – TUESDAY, 28 JULY, 2026, 18:30

MPILHLT LECTURE HALL

MELANIE MERLIN DE ANDRADE & CHRISTIAN BOULANGER (MPILHLT)

Sunday, 26 July, 2026

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

20:00 Dinner (self-paid)

Monday, 27 July, 2026

09:30–11:00 OPENING SESSION HISTORIOGRAPHICAL FRAMEWORKS

Discussant: Alfons Bora (Universität Bielefeld, Germany)

Historiography of Sociology of Law

Christian Boulanger (MPILHLT)

International Institutionalization of Sociology of Law

Pierre Guibentif

Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 REGIONAL PANEL I AFRICA

Discussant: Susana Santos

Interdisciplinarity and pluralism from colonialism to post-colonialism

João Pedroso (MPILHLT)

Socio-Legal Knowledge in Angola: Colonial Legacies and Postcolonial Transformations

José Octávio Serra Van-Dúnem

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–15:30 REGIONAL PANEL II EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Discussant: Stefan Machura (Bangor University, UK)  
Socio-legal Studies in Southeast Asia – the Indonesian case in comparative perspective  
Melissa Crouch (remote)  
The Sociology of Law in Japan, China, and South Korea  
Masayuki Murayama

Coffee Break

15:45–17:45 REGIONAL PANEL III LATIN AMERICA

Discussant: N.N.

Anthropophagy as a concept to understand travelling socio-legal

Melanie Merlin de Andrade (MPILHLT)

Law and Society in Brazil: A Historical Overview with a Focus on the Sociology of Law

Edvaldo Moita

The History of Sociology of Law in Latin America

Pablo Leandro Ciocchini (remote)

Coffee Break & Snacks

18:30–20:00 KEYNOTE

Normativity and Empiricism in Sociology of Law, Socio-legal Studies and the Law and Society Movement

Mauricio García Villegas (Colombia University, USA)

Tuesday, 28 July, 2026

09:30–11:00 REGIONAL PANEL IV SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AND ISLAMIC WORLD

Discussant: Patrícia André

Divergence and liminality: the case of Southeastern Europe

Samir Forić

Sociological thought in Islamic Family Law

Monika Lindbekk

Coffee Break

11:15–13:00 REGIONAL PANEL V WESTERN & EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE

Discussant: Márton Matyasovszky-Németh

The Sociology of Law in Western Europe

Vincenzo Ferrari

Gender as a Research Topic in European Sociology of Law

Ulrike Schultz (Fernuniversität Hagen)

Socio-Legal Thought between Socialism and Europeanization

Marta Bucholc

13:00–14:00 Lunch break

14:00–15:00 CONCLUDING SESSION  
DISCUSSION OF PUBLICATION PLANS AND EDITORIAL COORDINATION

15:00–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–17:00 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP HISTORIES OF SOCIOLOGY OF  
LAW (HYBRID)

18:30 Farewell Dinner (self-paid)