



2nd Edition of the Harvard-Hamburg Conferences on New Approaches to Legal Reasoning

CONFERENCE ON LEGAL REASONING ABOUT COMMON LAW, CIVIL LAW, AND BEYOND

June 17th, 2024 from 9:00 – 16:30; June 18th from 9:00 – 15:45; June 19th, 2024 from 9:00 – 16:15

Monday, June 17th: Warburg Haus, Heilwigstr. 116, 20249 Hamburg

Tuesday, June 18th: AS-Saal, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, 20146 Hamburg

Wednesday, June 19th: Warburg Haus, Heilwigstr. 116, 20249 Hamburg

MONDAY, 17TH JUNE 2024

9:00 – 9:30 Prof. Dr. Tilman Repgen
Dean of Faculty of Law, Universität Hamburg
Opening of Conference

9:30 – 10:15 Prof. Dr. Holger Spamann
Lawrence R. Grove Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
Common v. Civil Law

11:15 – 12:00 Prof. Dr. Katja Langenbucher
Professor for Civil Law, Commercial and Banking Law, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt a.M.
The Power of Economic Transplants – Common Law, Civil Law, and Beyond

13:30 – 14:15 Prof. Stefan Vogenauer
Director of Max-Planck-Institute (MPI) for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt a.M.
together with co-authors Prof. Dr. Holger Spamann, Prof. Dr. Markus Lieberknecht, Dr. Jasper Kunstreich and Dr. Heinrich Nemeček
The Reasons Highest Courts Give: England vs. Germany, 1880-1889 vs. 2007-2016

15:15 – 16:00 Prof. Dr. Henry Prakken
Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Law, Utrecht University
On the Logic of Precedential Constraint

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE 2024

9:00 – 9:45 Prof. Dr. Henry E. Smith
Fessenden Professor of Law, Harvard Law School
Systems of Legal Concepts: Maintenance, Modulation, Modification

10:45 – 11:30 Prof. Dr. Yun-chien Chang
Jack G. Clarke Professor in East Asian Law, Cornell Law School
together with co-author Kuan-ting Chen
Doctoral student, National Chengchi University College of Law, Taiwan
How to Do Legal Interpretation with Comparative Law – A Methodological Reflection and Reconstruction

13:00 – 13:45 Prof. Dr. Giovanni Sartor
Professor for Legal Informatics and Legal Theory, University of Bologna, European University Institute
Modelling Causality Through Argumentation

14:45 – 16:15 Final Discussion

TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE 2024

9:00 – 9:45 Prof. Dr. Scott Brewer
Professor for Law, Harvard Law School
Interpreting the Logics of Common Law and Civil Law Arguments from a Logocratic Point of View: Of Transparency, Surface Structure, and Deep Structure

10:45 – 11:30 Prof. Dr. Carsten Bäcker
Professor for Public Law, Constitutional Theory and Legal Philosophy, Universität Bayreuth
Subsumption and Ponderation as Basic Operations of Legal Methodology

13:00 – 13:45 Prof. Dr. Yi-chen Lo
Assistant Professor of Law, National Taipei University
Analogy in Civil Law and Common Law Contexts

14:45 – 15:30 Prof. Dr. Matthias Armgardt
Nucleus-Professor for Global Legal History and Private Law, Universität Hamburg
Transfinite Arithmetic as a Tool for Balancing Legal Values

CHAIRS

MONDAY: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wurmnest (Universität Hamburg)
Prof. Dr. Scott Brewer (Harvard Law School)
Prof. Dr. Saskia Lettmaier (Carl-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)
Fessenden Prof. Dr. Henry E. Smith (Harvard Law School)

TUESDAY: Prof. Dr. Georg Ringe (Universität Hamburg)
Prof. Dr. Markus Kötzur (Universität Hamburg)
Prof. Dr. Claudia Schubert (Universität Hamburg)
Prof. Dr. Ralf Michaels (Max-Planck-Institute (MPI) for Comparative and International Private Law)

WEDNESDAY: Prof. Dr. Lionel Smith (University of Cambridge)
Prof. Dr. Scott Brewer (Harvard Law School)

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