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HISTORICAL TRAJECTORIES IN THE FOUNDATIONS OF LAW (12TH TO 20TH CENTURY)

March 23rd to March 24th, 2026

All sessions will be held in Warburg-Haus, Heilwigstr. 116, 20249 Hamburg

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2026

9:30 – 10:15 Dean Prof. Dr. Tilman Reppen
University of Hamburg
Opening Remarks (Topic: Hugo Grotius)

MIDDLE AGES

10:45 – 11:45 Prof. Dr. Emanuele Conte
Roma Tre University
A Textual Republic: Jurists, Authority, and the Making of Western Legal Normativity

11:45 – 12:45 Prof. Dr. Helle Vogt
University of Copenhagen
Canon Law, Secular Law or just Medieval Law?
Law in Thirteenth Century Scandinavia

EARLY MODERN

14:00 – 15:00 Prof. Dr. Matthias Armgardt
University of Hamburg
Leibniz's Concept of Natural Law

18TH TO 20TH CENTURIES

15:30 – 16:30 Prof. Dr. Saskia Lettmaier
University of Hamburg
Enlightenment Reasoning and the Law of Marriage:
Britain and the German Lands in the 18th Century



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TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2026

19TH/20TH CENTURY

9:00 – 10:00 Prof. Dr. Amalia D. Kessler,
Stanford Law School
Legal Realism and the American Turn to Arbitration

10:30 – 11:30 Prof. Dr. Bernadette Meyler
Stanford Law School
Between Law and Democracy:
Shifting Justification for Executive Power

12:00 – 13:00 Prof. Dr. Marietta Auer
Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory
The German *Sonderweg* in Defining Property and
the Political Economy of German Welfare
Capitalism

14:00 – 15:00 Prof. Dr. Martin Borowski
Heidelberg University
Gustav Radbruch's Legal Philosophy

15:30 – 16:30 Prof. Dr. Pierluigi Chiassoni
University of Genoa
Kelsen on the Foundations of Law

MODERATORS:

MONDAY: PROF. DR. WERNER RIEß (UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG)
PROF. DR. MARTIN SUNNQVIST (LUND UNIVERSITY)
PROF. DR. JOCHEN BUNG (UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG)

TUESDAY: PROF. DR. MATTIAS WENDEL (UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG)
PROF. DR. STEFAN OETER (UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG)

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