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3rd Edition of the Harvard-Hamburg Conferences
on New Approaches to Legal Reasoning

CONFERENCE ON LEGAL REASONING — SYSTEM IN THE LAW

June 16 to June 18, 2025

All sessions will be held in Wasserstein Hall, Milstein West, at the Harvard Law School

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

9:00 – 9:30 am Dean John C.P Goldberg
Harvard Law School
Opening Remarks

9:30 – 10:45 am Marietta Auer
Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory
**Private Law and Constitutional Law – Systematic
Coherence or Incommensurable Normative Orders**

11:15 – 12:30 am Richard R.W. Brooks
New York University
Laws of Externalities

1:30 – 2:45 pm Thilo Kuntz
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
The Boundary Objects in Private Law

3:15 – 4:30 pm Joseph William Singer
Harvard University
Rules, Standards, and Reflective Equilibrium

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

9:00 am – 10:15 am Matthias Armgardt
University of Hamburg
System and Contradiction

10:45 am – 12:00 noon Ronald J. Allen
Northwestern University
Reflections on Complexity, Evidence and Law

1:00 – 2:15 pm Claudia Schubert
University of Hamburg
**(In-)Complete Systems - System Formation using the
Example of EU Labor Law**

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm Shyamkrishna Balganesh
Columbia University
Andrew Gold
UC Irvine
Henry E. Smith
Harvard University
Equity, Restatements, and System in the Law

4:15 – 5:30 pm

Markus Kotzur
University of Hamburg
**European Integration as a Self-Accelerating System of
Normative Consolidation – the Systemic Dynamics of
Mutual Recognition and Legal Harmonization**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

9:00 – 10:15 am Scott Brewer
Harvard University
Does Law Obey the Laws of a Logical System?

10:45 am – 12:00 noon Emily Sherwin
Cornell University
System and Tradition

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