

# Hanse and International Law?

## Governance Dimensions

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2024, Lübeck, Europäisches Hansemuseum



Hamburg Ship Law. Cover picture from the section on sea law 'Van schiprechte' ('Of shipping laws' in [Middle Low German](#)) of the Hamburg town law from 1497. From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository.

# Program

**Thursday, 1 February 2024**

14:30–15:00 *Registration*

15:00–15:15 **Welcome**

15:15–16:30 **Keynote**, Professor [Randall Lesaffer](#), University of Tilburg: The Hanse, the law of nations and the contractual state in Old Regime Europe

16:30–17:00 *Coffee-break*

17:00–18:00 **Session I: *Hanse and Governance Dimension***

Chair: Dr. [Angela Huang](#), Director of the Research Center for Hanse and Baltic History

Speakers:

Professor [Ulla Kypta](#), University of Hamburg:

Pluralistic Governance and its Limits

Professor [Johann Ruben Leiss](#), University of Oslo:

Polycentric Jurisdictions in the Hanse and in contemporary international law

**Friday, 2 February 2024**

9:30–11:00 **Session II: *The Role of Cities in Governance***

Chair: Professor [Geir Atle Ersland](#), University of Bergen

Speakers

Professor [Helmut Aust](#), Freie Universität Berlin:

Hanseatic Implications for the Urban Turn in International Law?

Professor [Marju Luts-Sootak](#), University of Tartu, Professor [Merike Ristikivi](#), University of Tartu: The Plague as a Trigger for the Development of Governance Practices?

Professor [Stefan Oeter](#), University of Hamburg:

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg – Implications of the Dual Status as Free Imperial City and Hanse Member in Hamburg's Late Medieval Constitutional History

11:00–11:30 *Coffee-break*

11:30–13:00 **Session III: *Decision-making***

Chair: Professor [Ulla Kypta](#), University of Hamburg: Pluralistic Governance and its Limits

Speakers

Professor [Søren Koch](#), University of Bergen: Ratio sit Anima Legis – pluralistic governance and conflict management at the Hanse Kontor in Bergen

Professor [Dave De ruysscher](#), Tilburg University: The Hansa kontor of Bruges in Antwerp: Armwrestling over Jurisdiction (c. 1530-c. 1580)

[Lars Regula](#), University of Hamburg: Back in business? – Governance structures in the Hanseatic Orient policy of the 19th century

13:00–14:30 ***Lunch break***

14:30–15:30 **Session IV: *Conflict Management***

Chair Professor [Albrecht Cordes](#), University of Frankfurt/Main

Speakers:

Professor [Justyna Wubs-Mrozewicz](#), University of Amsterdam: The ‘correct procedure’ of conflict management in the Hanse: policies and practices

Professor [Freya Baetens](#), Oxford University: Nil novi sub sole: Unilateral economic pressure as conflict management

## **Saturday, 3 February 2024**

10:00–11:30 **Session V: *War and security***

Chair: Senior Research Fellow Dr. [Anne Dienelt](#), University of Hamburg

Speakers:

Dr. [Philipp Höhn](#), University of Halle-Wittenberg: War, violence and frontiers and the formation of inter-urban regimes. The wendish Hanse towns and the cinque port compared

Professor [Gregor Rohmann](#), University of Rostock: The Language of Violence in a Pluralist Legal Regime. Contested Semantics of Maritime Predation in Late Medieval Northern Europe

11:45–12:30 ***Wrapping-up Professor Stefan Oeter, followed by an open discussion on the way ahead.***