

**Law in Modern History:  
Social and Political Explorations**

Centre for History and Economics, Magdalene College  
Program on the Exchanges of Economic, Legal and Political Ideas

23 January 2016

**Venue:** Cripps Meeting Room 1, Cripps Court, Magdalene College, 1-3 Chesterton Road

9:30 – 9:45 am                      Welcome

9:45 – 11:00 am                  **Panel I.** Criminal Trials: Justice, Performance and Perception

Catherine Evans

*Murder on the Goldfields: Criminal Law and Detective Work in Colonial Melbourne*

Franziska Exeler

*Anatomy of a Soviet War Crimes Trial: Chernihiv, November 1947*

Henning Grunwald

*The Berlin Reigen Trial of 1920/21*

11:00 – 11:15 am                  Coffee Break

11:15 am – 12:30 pm              **Panel II.** Law and the Intimate: Family, Gender and Empire

Alastair McClure

*The Indian Female as a Legal Subject: Patriarchal punishment practices from the quotidian to the spectacle in colonial India, c. 1858-1914*

Natasha Pairaudeau

*Bringing Justice by Breaking the Law: Fraudulent Recognitions of Paternity among Asian Migrants in French Indochina*

12:30 – 1:30 pm                      Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 pm                      **Panel III.** From Law to Politics: Debates, Discourse and Society

Ben Griffin

*'The politics of paternity' in The Politics of Gender in Victorian Britain*

Saumya Saxena

*Contestations in the Court Room to the Courtyard: The Public Life of Personal Law in Contemporary India (1992-2000s)*

2:45 – 4:00 pm

**Panel IV. Imagining International Law: Status, Authority and Legitimacy**

Megan Donaldson

*Ventriloquism in Geneva: The League of Nations and the Imagination of International Authority*

Renaud Morieux

*The Legal Debates About the Treatment of Napoleon in 1815*

Surabhi Ranganathan

*Global Commons*

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Coffee Break

4:30 – 5:45 pm

**Panel V. Building the State: Law, Governance and Jurisdiction**

Iza Hussin

*Circulations of Law: Cosmopolitan Elites, Global Repertoires, Local Vernaculars*

Chris Jenkins

*'To legislate for a continent': The Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Colonial India, 1797–1908*

Sarah Nouwen

*The Role of the International Law on Self-Determination in the Independence of South Sudan: Superman's Limited Relevance*

5:45 – 6:30 pm

**Concluding Roundtable**, chaired by Emma Rothschild

7 pm

Dinner (Magdalene College Parlour, First Court)