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

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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)