



Governing the World

Papacy and Roman Curia through the centuries

Research Tools for History and History of Law

Workshop
27-29 September 2017

As in previous years, the Max-Planck-Institut for European Legal History invites doctoral students and young researchers to participate in the Study Sessions, called “Studientage”. The purpose of the workshop is to offer participants the basic tools for beginning research in the archives of the Holy See and of other Roman ecclesiastical institutions as well as to provide elements for a critical interpretation of the sources and their contextualization through the most current literature.

In 2017 the Study Sessions, coordinated by Dr. Benedetta Albani and Prof. Dr. Massimiliano Valente, will concentrate on the Modern Period and will focus on the following subject: “Governing the World: Papacy and Roman Curia throughout the centuries. Research Tools for History and History of Law”. The seminar will take place in Frankfurt am Main from **27th to 29th September 2017**.

This “Studientage” will be organized in five work sessions: 1. The Secretariat of State, 2. The Congregations and the tribunals, 3. Reform and Codification, 4. Research on the period closed to consultation, and 5. The Roman Curia today. There will also be a small workshop where some specific sources will be presented in depth. Methodology of archival investigation, with special attention to historical and legal-historical issues, and the description of specific competences and tools that are essential for the purposes of archival work will also have an important focus at the seminar.

The lessons will be held by researchers and archivists specialised in several disciplines and with long experience in the Roman archives and library research such as: Gianfranco Armando (Archivio Segreto Vaticano), Bruno Boute (Universität Frankfurt), Thomas Brechenmacher (Universität Potsdam), Luca Codignola Bo (Università di Genova), Cecilia Cristellon (MPIeR), Simon Ditchfield (University of York), Birgit Emich (Universität Frankfurt), François Jankowiak (Université Paris-Sud), Enrique de León Rey (Universidad Internacional de la Rioja), Matteo Napolitano (Università del Molise),

Jessika Nowak (MPIeR), Laura Pettinaroli (Institut Catholique de Paris), Kirsi Salonen (University of Turku), as well as the organizers, Benedetta Albani (MPIeR) and Massimiliano Valente (Università Europea di Roma), and the members of the Research Group “Governance of the Universal Church after the Council of Trent” at the MPIeR. The complete programme will be soon available at: http://www.rg.mpg.de/research/study_sessions.

In addition, round table talks will provide ample room for methodological discussions as well as for the presentation of problems and questions related to the research activity of the participants. The lessons will be delivered in English and Italian; an English summary will be provided at all times.

Applications must be submitted to Benedetta Albani (albani@rg.mpg.de) **by 15th June 2017** and include, together with the application form duly completed, a short description of the candidates’ research activity (max. 1000 characters, spaces excluded) and an updated CV (max. 3 pages). The selected candidates will be notified by July 1st 2017. Application material is available at http://www.rg.mpg.de/research/study_sessions.

The Max-Planck Institute will provide accommodation; however, travel expenses must be covered by the participants. In exceptional cases, it may be possible to obtain financial aid.

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