

# **LEGAL HERMENEUTICS WORKSHOP** 20-22 JULY 2023

INTRODUCTION / PROGRAM PROGRAM

Legal hermeneutics could be deemed a broader notion than just legal interpretation. When legal practitioners cope with the law, they often do much more than merely interpret it. Arguably, they engage in legal construction, apply the law to a case at hand, and exercise discretion. In this spirit, the workshop aims to take this more comprehensive perspective of legal hermeneutics seriously by inviting its participants to address these various hermeneutic activities in legal adjudication.

# **Program**

# Thursday, 20 July 2023

09:30 am-09:50 am Welcome & Registration

09:50 am-10:00 am Introduction

Prof. Dr. Ralf Poscher.

Max Planck Institute, Freiburg i. Br.

10:00 am-11:30 am 1st lecture: A hermeneutical approach to

hard cases

Prof. Dr. Marcin Matczak, University of Warsaw

11:30 am-01:00 pm 2nd lecture: Interpretation before interpretation

Prof. Dr. Giorgio Pino, University of Roma Tre

01:00 pm-02:00 pm Lunch break

02:00 pm-03:30 pm 3rd lecture: Unpacking the concept of

law-application

Prof. Dr. Paolo Sandro, University of Leeds

03:30 pm-04:00 pm Coffee break

04:00 pm-05:30 pm 4th lecture: When does the law run out? Discre-

tion, higher-order indeterminacy and authority

Prof. Dr. Mathieu Carpentier, University of Toulouse

08:00 pm Dinner: "Heiliggeist Stüble", Münsterplatz 15,

79098 Freiburg

Summary of the first-day discussion

#### **Friday, 21 July 2023**

10:00 am-11:30 am 5th lecture: Meaning and legal meaning

Prof. Dr. Ralf Poscher,

Max Planck Institute, Freiburg i. Br.

11:30 am-01:00 pm 6th lecture: The politics of contract

interpretation

Prof. Dr. Prince Saprai, University College London

01:00 pm-02:00 pm Lunch break

02:00 pm-03:30 pm 7th lecture: Experimental jurisprudence,

the separability thesis and legal interpretation Prof. Dr. Izabela Skoczeń, Jagiellonian University

03:30 pm-04:00 pm Coffee break

04:00 pm-06:00 pm 8th lecture: The limits of legal interpretation

Prof. Dr. Kevin Toh, University College London Prof. Dr. Nicholas Allott, University of Oslo

07:00 pm-08:30 pm 9th lecture: Dilemmas of discretion: Equity

and mercy

Prof. Dr. Gerald Postema, University of North Carolina

08:30 pm-09:00 pm Summary of the second-day discussion

### Saturday, 22 July 2023

09:00 am-10.30 am 10th lecture: Reasoning in character: Virtue,

legal argumentation and judicial ethics

Prof. Dr. Amalia Amaya, University of Edinburgh

10:30 am-12:00 pm 11th lecture: Epistemic evaluation and

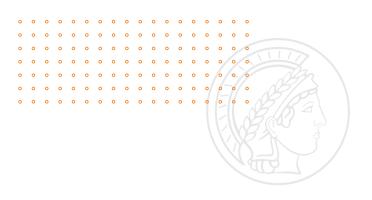
**authoritative normativity**Prof. Dr. David Plunkett,
Dartmouth College

12:00 pm-12:10 pm Closing words & Summary of the third-day

**discussion**Prof. Dr. Kevin Toh,

University College London

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# **Organization**

Schedule: Thursday, 20 July 2023

09:30 am-open end

Friday, 21 July 2023 10:00 am-9:00 pm

Saturday, 22 July 2023 09:00 am-12:10 pm

Location: Max Planck Institute for the

Study of Crime, Security

and Law

Fürstenbergstr. 19 79102 Freiburg Germany Seminar room



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