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Workshop “Comparative Practices in Pre-Modern Law”

- How do comparative practices appear in pre-modern legal sources?
- Which methodological (digital) steps help in identifying and studying comparative practices?
- With which other practices are they connected?
- How did such connections of practices contribute to the stabilisation of precedent law?
- Which groups of actors become describable as a community through the identification of practices?

The Collaborative Research Center 1288 “Practices of Comparing, Ordering and Changing the World” is researching the impact of practices of comparing. Our subproject deals with the generation and stabilisation of legal knowledge and legal practices in medieval common law.

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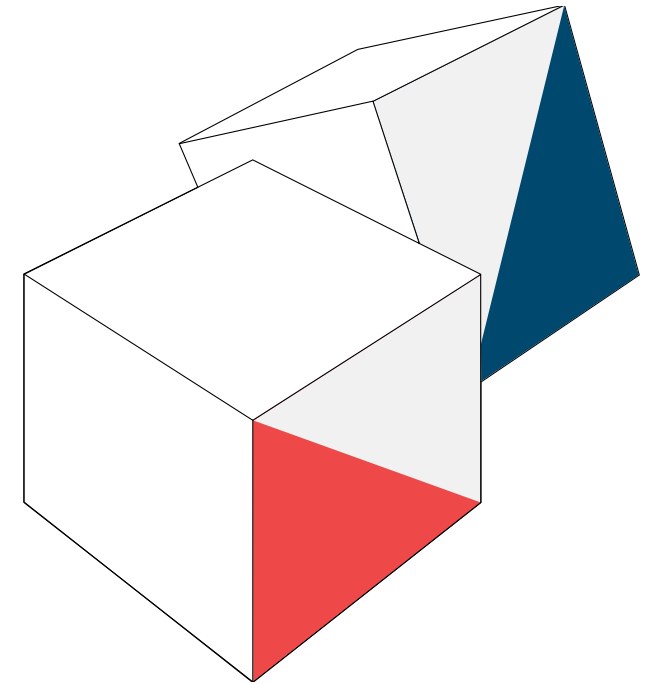
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Comparative Practices in Pre-Modern Law

09.12.2022, 10 AM – 6 PM
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Friday, December 09, 2022

10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Silke Schwandt, *Bielefeld*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Charlotte Feidicker, *Bielefeld*:
Witnesses to the formation of law –
The categorizing potential of writs.

11:45 Vera Breitner, *Bielefeld*: Women
and the legal system. The court as
a stage of social interaction

12:15 Gabrielle Schwarzmann, *London*:
Precedent in late medieval
English rape cases

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Sita Steckel, *Münster*: Annotating polemics
against religious orders: Preliminary
considerations on categorizing polemical
subjects, objects and strategies

14:30 Andreas Wagner, *Frankfurt a. M.*:
Comparisons of and in historical legal
sources: Some digital methods of analysis

15:00 Discussion

15:15 Coffee Break

15:30 Christa Schneider, Tobias Hodel, *Bern*:
Comparing language, people and places:
Big Data Approaches to Pre-Modern
Interrogation Protocols

16:15 Discussion

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Final Discussion

18:30 Conference Dinner

The concepts of “practice formation” and “communities of practice” are the central theoretical constructs at the heart of the research. With the help of these constructs, we try to trace the logic of precedent in precedent law as a (comparative) formation of practice. On what extent stabilized or changed such formations of practice the development of the legal system in pre-modern England? Further, to what extent the actors who came together in specific legal situations were influenced and shaped by such practice formations? We also invite reflection on how comparisons can be methodically processed regardless of sources from the context of legal history.

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