Global Legal Histories: A Symposium

Shelby Cullom Davis Center & Fung Global Fellows Program

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From early times, laws and norms shaped how strangers relied upon each other – enabling border crossing, imperial spread, colonial control, and the complex of global rules and norms of our day. This workshop will examine the effects of combining legal history and global history, to include the premodern and modern periods, multiple geographic traditions and their exchanges, in an effort to explore the deep history of and multiple pathways to modern global governance. We are especially interested in how the notion of legal interchanges might bring into view aspects of global legal history that are missed by current framings of international and comparative law. Conversely, we will interrogate what the ‘global’ has to offer legal history, given the field’s longstanding attention to actions, agreements, and organizations beyond the nation-state.

**Friday Morning: Thomas Duve, “What is Global Legal History?”**

Comment: TBD

**Friday afternoon**

*Panel 1: Justice*

Benedetta Albani  
Mariana Dias Paes  
Heather Ferguson

*Panel 2: Comparison, Connection and Colonialisms*

Rohit De (DC)  
Fahad Bishara  
Kentaro Matsubara
Saturday:

Panel 3: Laws of War and Peace
Claire Vergerio (Fung)
Jessica Whyte
Oona Hathaway & Scott Shapiro

Panel 4: Regulation and the World Economy
Assaf Likhovski
Sundhya Pahuja
Rachel Rothschild

Lunch

Panel 5: Human Rights, Sovereignty, and Self-determination
Ayça Çubukçu (Fung)
Eric Weitz
Meredith Teretta

WRAP UP PANEL

Taisu Zhang
Alexander Semyonov
Onur Ulas Ince (Fung)