Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History 2016
Special Theme: Multinormativity

Date

Deadline
Applications are to be sent by 31 March 2016.

The course
The Max-Planck Summer Academy for Legal History provides a selected group of highly motivated early-stage graduates, usually PhD candidates, an in-depth introduction to methods and principles of research in legal history. The academy consists of two parts. The first part provides an introduction to the study of sources, methodological principles, as well as theoretical models and controversial research debates on basic research fields of legal history. In the second part the participants discuss a special research theme and develop their own approach to the theme. The course will take place at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

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The fundamental question when addressing the topic of “law” concerns the relationship between what we call “law” and other rules, which serve behavioural control and the stabilization of expectations, but are not treated as “law”, such as moral and religious codes, but also technology and pragmatics.

Research on “multinormativity” looks at the coexistence of juridical and non-juridical variants of normativity including the related dimension of norm implementation, conflicts and synergies in the ensemble of normative layers and the relevance of multi-normative constellations for the structuring of law over the course of history and contributes to an outstanding challenge to the diverse and complex societies of today.

Eligibility Requirements
• Early-stage graduates, usually PhD candidates
• Working knowledge of English is required, German is not a prerequisite

Application
Required documents for the application are a CV, a project summary (approx. 10 pages) and a letter of motivation.

Fees
There is no participation fee. Accommodation will be provided by the organizers. Participants, however, will be responsible for covering their travel expenses. There will be a limited number of scholarships available.

For further information please visit the Max Planck Summer Academy’s website: www.rg.mpg.de/en/info/summeracademy

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