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The Politics of Law and the Behavioural Sciences: Historical Contexts and Conceptual Sources

Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana, EUI
13 May 2015, 9:00-18:00

Co-organised by Magdalena Malecka and Franz Leander Fillafer

Session 1: Legal Norms and Laws of Nature in Early Modern Europe 9.00-11.00

Magdalena Malecka (Helsinki/Warsaw^{*})/Franz Leander Fillafer (EUI), Introduction

Catherine Wilson (York), Natural Laws and Laws of Nature: Conflict or Reconciliation?

Matthew Hoye (Maastricht), Epistemology, Anatomy, and the Weirdness of 'Natural Justice' in Leviathan

Coffee Break 11.00-11.15

Session 2: The (Legal) Anthropology of Natural Drives and Innate Knowledge 11.15-12.45

Stephen Bogle (Glasgow), A depraved (natural) man: Stair's theory of natural law ca. 1681

Ann Thomson (EUI), Laws of nature and natural law in early modern materialist thought

Lunch Break 12.45-14.00

Session 3: The 'Nature' of Legal Science and the Legal Framing of Human Nature 14.00-15.30

Leone Niglia (Exeter), Law as 'Science': The Legacy of Nineteenth Century Legal Thought

Jose Brunner (Tel Aviv), A Right to Closure? Narrating 'the Truth' in the Aftermath of Gross Human Rights Violations

Coffee Break 15.30-16.00

Session 4: The Promise and Perils of Biopolitics 16.00-18.00

Agata Bielik-Robson (Nottingham), 'The Happy Lawless Life': Beyond Nomotropism

Roundtable and Concluding Discussion

Cocktail

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