SYMPOSIUM
SEPTEMBER 13 – 14, 2021

FROM DICTATORSHIP TO DEMOCRACY

Symposium by Invitation of the Research Project »The Berlin Administration of Justice after 1945«

Reflecting on the past is a familiar task, and not only for legal historians. Nevertheless, the recent past of dictatorships is an extremely difficult topic in many respects. In the transition to democracy, several countries worldwide have passed legislation or other measures to ensure that fundamental rights and the rule of law will resist anti-democratic ideologies, anti-Semitism, racism, and war crimes. In these countries, however, the legal establishment and the law itself originated under dictatorship. Thus there are both obvious and hidden anti-democratic continuities affecting the law and the legal sector up until the present time. These continuities and the different approaches to dealing with them will be discussed at this symposium by scholars and lawyers from Italy, Japan, Poland, Spain, and Germany.

The lectures will be held at the Memorial and Educational Site House of the Wannsee Conference. Due to the pandemic we cannot invite any participants at the house. You are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions via Zoom.

Please register at the House of the Wannsee Conference website: **www.ghwk.de/en**.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

10.15 a.m.	**Deborah Hartmann** · *Director Memorial and Educational Site House of the Wannsee Conference* / **Dr. Dirk Behrendt** · *Senator of Justice, Consumer Protection and Anti-Discrimination:* Greetings
10.30 a.m.	**Prof. Dr. Ignacio Czeguhn** · *Freie Universität Berlin:* The Berlin Administration of Justice after 1945 – Factual and Personnel Continuities with the Nazi Justice System. Presentation of the Project and State of Research **Prof. Dra. Vittoria Calbrò** · *Università degli Studi di Messina:* From the Chair to the Magistracy: Continuity and Discontinuity in the Path of some Italian Jurists – Discussion –
12 p.m.	**Lunch Break**
1.30 p.m.	**Prof. Dr. Bronisław Sitek** · *SWPS Uniwersytet Humanistycznospołeczny* / **Prof. Rafał Mańko** · *Ph.D., Universiteit van Amsterdam* / **Albert Pielak** · *Uniwersytet Warszawski:* From Sovietization to Democratization of Justice in Poland (1944–1997) **Prof. Dr. Miho Mitsunari** · *Nara Women's University:* Wartime Sexual Violence and War Responsibility: The »Comfort Women Issue« in Japan – Discussion –
3 p.m.	**Coffee Break**
3.30 p.m.	**Prof. Dr. Jose Antonio Perez Juan** · *Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche* / **Prof. Dr. Antonio Sanchez Aranda** · *Universidad de Granada:* Amnesty and Pardon Laws in the Spanish Political Transition **Prof. Dr. Juan J. Gutiérrez Alonso** · *Universidad de Granada and Rector Real Colegio de España, Bologna:* Transition to Democratic Rule in Central American Countries – Discussion –
5 p.m.	**Break**
6 p.m.	**Reception** at the Liebermann Villa am Wannsee, Colomierstr. 3, 14109 Berlin *(by invitation only)* **Dr. Lucy Wasensteiner** · *Director Liebermann-Villa am Wannsee:* Greetings **PD Dr. Benjamin Lahusen** · *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Secretary of the Advisory Commission on the return of cultural property seized as a result of Nazi persecution, especially Jewish property:* Learning from History? Current developments in the restitution of Nazi-confiscated property

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

10 a.m.	**Oberstaatsanwältin Claudia Vanoni** · *Antisemitism Commissioner of the General Prosecutor's Office of Berlin:* Drei Jahre Antisemitismusbeauftragte der Generalstaatsanwaltschaft – ein Erfahrungsbericht / Three Years of Antisemitism Commissioner of the General Prosecutor's Office – a Field Report (Lecture in German, with simultaneous translation) **apl. Prof. Dr. Samuel Salzborn** · *Berlin Contact Person on Antisemitism:* Kontinuität, Tradierung und Transformation des Antisemitismus / Continuity, Transmission and Transformation of Antisemitism (Lecture in German, with simultaneous translation) **Prof. Dr. Jan Thiessen** · *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin:* The Treatment of the Nazi Past in Contemporary German Legal Education
11.30 a.m.	**Coffee Break**
12 a.m.	**Concluding Discussion**
1 p.m.	**End of Symposium**