

Exploring the History of European Law

Conference, University of Copenhagen 29th of June 2010

Historians of European integration have for long neglected the history of European law. Little historical research exists on the role of the European Court of Justice as a motor of further integration, for example. As a result, historiography systematically has underestimated the extent to which processes of European integration in the Twentieth Century have been influenced and shaped by law. Considering the fundamental legal nature of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the European Community (EC) and the European Union (EU), the result has been a distorted understanding of the institutional dimension of European integration.

This first conference held by the RICHIE workshop on the history of European law (<http://www.europe-richie.org/Groupees/law/index-en.html>) is organised with the express purpose of establishing the history of European law as a distinctive field of research, identifying possible archival resources, constructing methodological frameworks and eventually writing histories of European law that not only fill in the current gap in historiography, but also contribute to ongoing legal and social science research in European law.

The conference is organised by the following research network: Rethinking European Integration, (http://cemes.ku.dk/rethinking_european_integration/) Centre of Modern European Studies, Faculty of Humanities (CEMES) and Centre for Studies in Legal Culture, Faculty of Law (CRS) both part of the University of Copenhagen. It is funded by Rethinking European integration, CEMES and CRS.

The conference will be held on the first floor of **Nørregade 10** in Hall Room number 3. This is ideally located at the heart of Copenhagen and very close to Nørreport Station which is served by both metro and train.

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Programme:

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8.45-9.00

Introduction by Morten Rasmussen and Alexandre Bernier.

9.00– 12.30

First session: The history of European law from the Inter War Period to 1958

- Antonio Grilli (European Commission), *The Advocate Generals of the ECSC Court of Justice, 1952-1958*.
- Tobias Witschke (Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation), *Merger Control in the ECSC – A Paper Tiger?*
- Karin van Leeuwen (Doctorate Student, Institute of Netherlands History, Den Haag / Radboud University Nijmegen), *Defending democracy. European ideals and constitutional realities in the early post-war Netherlands*
- Julie Bailleux, (Doctorate Student, Université Paris 1, Panthéon Sorbonne), *A European Legal Doctrine at the Cradle. The first international studies conference about the European Coal and Steel Community (1957)*
- Morten Rasmussen (Assistant Professor, University of Copenhagen), *A History of the Legal Service of the ECSC and the EC 1952-1970*.

Chair: Laurent Warlouzet (Assistant Professor, Université d'Arras),

Commentator: Jean-Michel Guieu (Assistant Professor, Université de Paris I)

12.30-13.30

Lunch

13.30-17.00

Second session: The History of European law after 1958

- Anne Boerger (Assistant Professor, University of Alberta), *European Law seen through the eyes of Michel Gaudet – Sketches to a Biography*
- Bill Davies (Assistant Professor, American University, Washington DC), *Between Sovereignty and Integration: Germany's Resistance to European Law, 1958-1975*
- Laurent Warlouzet (Assistant Professor, Université d'Arras), *Building an 'Economic Constitution' for Europe. The role of case law in the development of the EEC Competition Policy (1965-89)*
- Alexandre Bernier (Scientific Assistant, University of Copenhagen), *A History of the 'Association des Juristes Européens', 1954-1970*
- Peter Pichler (Ph.D., University of Graz), *How Does One Write a (Hi)Story of European Law? A Theoretical Proposal*

Chair: Karen Gram Skjoldager (Post.doc., European University Institute)

Commentator: Hjalte Rasmussen (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen)

Final panel: 17.30-19.00

- Hjalte Rasmussen, (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen)
- Jean-Michel Guieu, (Assistant Professor, Université de Paris I)
- Bill Davies (Assistant Professor, American University, Washington DC)

Chair Morten Rasmussen (Assistant Professor, University of Copenhagen)