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Ius Commune Workshop on Comparative Legal History 2017

Ius Commune in the Making: The Role of Local Laws in the History of Private Law

Dear Colleagues,

The 22nd Ius Commune Conference will take place in Utrecht (November 23-24, 2017), and a panel will be devoted to the role of local laws in the history of private law.

The workshops on "Comparative Legal History – Ius Commune in the Making" aim to reveal and understand the nature and effects of various legal formants in the development of law. Indeed, forces of legal formants are too often lost or hidden beneath a superficiality of commonalities. In the past we have explored roles of legal actors (Edinburgh 2014) as well as legal sources (Maastricht 2016) in the making of law. The coming workshop at the Utrecht Ius Commune Conference (2017) aims to bring forward the force of local laws. This topic is of specific relevance in our contemporary resurgence of local, regional, and national particularities.

Over the largest stretch of time, local laws of different communities (written or unwritten) have played an important role. These local laws have been the subject of harmonization attempts over time; local laws have played an important role in practice of law; local laws have also fueled scholarly Ius commune or national codified laws; local laws have been as such the subject of scholarly research, in law as well as other disciplines (i.a. history, language). Invariably these issues are linked to the acceptance of diversity in law as well as in society. This workshop seeks to trace forces of local laws in the fabric of constructions of common laws.

Senior researchers and PhD candidates are invited to submit an abstract of a paper related to the above mentioned theme. Abstracts (aprox. 400 words) should be sent to Michael Milo (j.m.milo@uu.nl) no later than July 21, 2017.

Shortly after that, the authors will be informed whether their papers are selected for a presentation during the Workshop. All contributions should be in English. Co-authored papers will be also considered. Researchers from within and outside the Ius Commune Research School will be eligible to present abstracts. Please also forward this call to colleagues who might be interested.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the organizing committee,

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