

History of Legal Sources: The Changing Structure of Law

The XXII Annual Forum of the Association of Young Legal Historians is devoted to the important subject of legal sources as main elements in the structure of a legal system. The juristic understanding of legal sources and their relationship determines the outline, the understanding and the application of a legal system. All legal norms, in order to be legal norms, must be contained in forms which are recognized as having binding legal authority and these forms have been changing throughout the history of law. The subject of legal sources offers numerous opportunities for scholarly research – legal sources can be examined from a doctrinal perspective as a theoretical concept underlying the understanding of law; from a historical perspective which encompasses the many changes of legal sources and their hierarchy in different periods of legal development; from a practical perspective illuminating the consequences of the particular structure of legal sources in the real world. The goal of the Forum is to discuss the complexity and importance of legal sources in various legal systems and different periods of history.

The following topics may be seen as connected with the subject of legal sources: the relationship between judges and legislators, the hierarchy of national and transnational legal sources, conflict of laws, the structural differences between civil law and common law, the contrast between public law and private law, the distribution of normative power between private entities and the state and countless other questions.

We invite papers on any aspect of legal sources. The papers may approach the subject dogmatically, historically or empirically, they may be focused on a specific period and location or present general reflections on the importance of legal sources for the legal system. We encourage contributors to employ innovative approaches and multidisciplinary research.

Abstract and CV should be sent to forum2016@aylh.org.

The deadline for sending proposal abstracts is 1 February 2016.

Abstracts should not exceed 500 words.

Presentations should not take more than 20 minutes.

Conference fee is 100 EUR. It includes beverages, lunches and dinners during the conference and excursion on the last day.

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We look forward to welcoming you in Belgrade.

The Organising Committee