

The Merchant and the Law: Mind the Gap?

Conference date: Monday 30 March 2015

Venue: Maastricht University, Faculty of Law, Bouillonstraat 1-3, 6211 LH Maastricht
Conference room: FEESTZAAL

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.30 Welcome by Dr. Bram Van Hofstraeten, Maastricht University

09.30-10.15 Looking for a Theoretical Framework

Prof. Em. Stuart Jenks, University of Erlangen Not 'What was the Law?', but 'Why was the Law?' and 'For Whom?'

10.15-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-11.30 The Law and the Organisation of Trade I

Prof. Dr. Alain Wijffels, Leiden University, KU Leuven, Université Lille 2 (CNRS), Université Catholique de Louvain What Matters to Merchants. Trade Regulation and Public Governance: The Controversy Between the Merchant Adventurers and the Hanse, 1601-1603

11.30-12.15 The Law and the Organisation of Trade II

Drs. Kate J. Ekama, Leiden University

The Magellan Company versus the Dutch East India Company. Resolving

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12.15-14.00 Lunch (Faculty of Law)



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14.00-14.45 The Law and the Organisation of Trade III

Dr. Luisa Brunori, Université Lille 2 (CNRS)

The King and the Commercial World: Royal Intervention in France before the Ordonnance du Commerce (1673)

14.45-15:30 The Merchant Community and Legislation I

Dr. Flávio Miranda, IEM-Nova University of Lisbon, CITCEM-UP The Merchant and the Crown. The Origins and Development of Merchant Law in Medieval Portugal

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.45 The Merchant Community and Legislation II

Dr. Karwan Fatah-Black, Leiden University

Comparing Laws, Courts and Appeal Practices for a Gateway and a Trading Hub in Early Modern Globalization: Paramaribo and Willemstad

19.00 Dinner at Grand Café Maastricht Soiron, Vrijthof 18, Maastricht





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09.30-10.15 Jurisprudence I: Finance and the Law

Drs. Wouter Druwé, KU Leuven

Professional Money Lending in the Canon Law Consilia of Wamesius

10.15-11.00 Jurisprudence II: Contractual Freedom and the Law

Prof. Dr. Wim Decock, KU Leuven

An Inquiry Into The Real Advocates of 'Libertas Mercatoria'

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.15 The Mismanagement of Commercial Risks and the Law I

Dr. Jeroen Puttevils, Centre for Urban History, University of Antwerp *Merchant Bankruptcies in Sixteenth-Century Antwerp in Theory and Practice*

12.15-13.00 *Conclusions*

Dr. Justyna Wubs-Mrozewicz, Leiden University

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