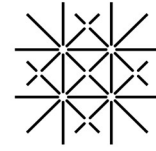




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Criminal Law and the Anthropocene
Cross-disciplinary Perspectives and Critical Approaches

25-29 May 2026

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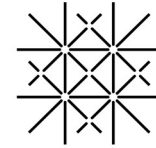
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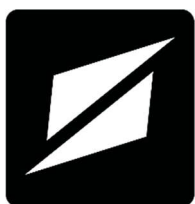
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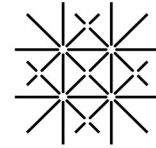
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Research topic

The Spring School is a hybrid of research and teaching. It will bring together internationally renowned scholars, early-career researchers, and students to address a highly relevant topic in an interactive, international, and interdisciplinary setting:

What role does (criminal) law play in the Anthropocene, i.e., in an era in which humanity has become a geophysical force?

The Anthropocene describes not only ecological crises, but also a profound shift in the conditions under which law functions at all. Climate collapse, biodiversity loss, and planetary tipping points are undermining classic legal distinctions: between action and structure, between individual guilt and systemic causation, between local offenses and planetary impact.

The Spring School takes these shifts seriously – not abstractly, but at the core of criminal law. It brings together criminal law dogmatics, critical theory, environmental research, and political ecology. The goal is not a finished model, but a more precise understanding of where criminal law reaches its limits today – and where it needs to be reimagined.



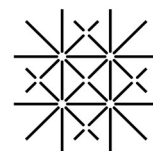
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Program

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- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Anthropocene
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- Writing Workshop

Time	Monday 25 May
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffe
9:00-9:30	Welcome Address Criminal Law and the Anthropocene: Idea and Objective of the Spring School Organizing Committee
9:30-10:30	Opening Lecture The Evolution of Knowledge: Rethinking Science for the Anthropocene <i>Jürgen Renn (MPI Jena)</i>
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-13:00	Panel Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on the Planetary <i>Chair: Bijan Fateh-Moghadam (University of Basel)</i> <i>Nils Richterich (Goethe University)</i> <i>Olivia Woolley (Durham University)</i> <i>Manuel Arias Maldonado (University of Malaga)</i> <i>Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (University of Ottawa)</i>
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30	Lecture The Anthropocene as a Transformative Paradigm in Criminal Law (Provisional) <i>Bijan Fateh-Moghadam (University of Basel)</i>
15:30-18:00	Writing Workshop (Session I)
18:00	Welcome Drinks



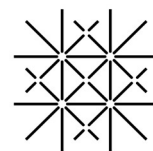
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Time	Tuesday 26 May
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:15	Lecture Capitalism, Colonisation, and the Ecocide-Genocide Nexus (Provisional) <i>Martin Crook (University of West England)</i>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:30	Panel Criminal Law in the Anthropocene: Towards a New Constellation of Actors, Time, and Space <i>Chair: Luigi Foffani (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)</i> Part I: On Temporal and Spatial Paradoxes <i>Alice Savarino (University of Basel)</i> <i>Giuseppe Di Vetta (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)</i> Part II: Rights of Nature in Criminal Law <i>Eduardo Salazar Ortuño (University of Murcia)</i> <i>Finn-Lauritz Schmidt (Goethe University)</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00	Lecture The Life in the Anthropocene <i>Kregg Hetherington (Concordia University)</i>
15:00-17:30	Writing Workshop (Session II)
19:00	Social Event



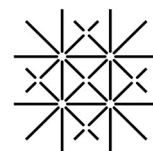
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Time	Wednesday 27 May
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:00	Lecture Time-Space-Law in the Anthropocene (Provisional) <i>Nikolas M. Rajkovic (Tilburg University)</i>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:30	Panel ICC/TCL in the Anthropocene <i>Chair: Christoph Burchard (Goethe University)</i> <i>Eliana Cusato (University of Amsterdam)</i> <i>Elena Blanco (UWE Bristol)</i> <i>Darryl Robinson (Queen's University)</i> <i>Emanuela Fronza (University of Bologna)</i>
12:30 -14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:00	Lecture Planetary Crimes (Provisional) <i>Christoph Burchard (Goethe University)</i>
15:00-17:30	Writing Workshop (Session III)
18:00	Visit to Piazza dei Miracoli (Square of Miracles) - Social Dinner Event



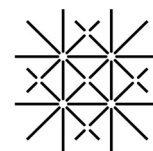
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Time	Thursday 28 May
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:00	Lecture Criminology in the Anthropocene (Provisional) <i>Rob White (University of Tasmania)</i>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-12:15	Lecture Anthropogenic Climate Change (Provisional) <i>Roberto Buizza (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)</i>
12:15-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:45	Panel Criminal Law in the Anthropocene: Contrasting Tendencies in Criminalization <i>Chair: Gaetana Morgante (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)</i> Part I: Climate Criminal Law <i>Nicolai von Maltitz (LMU Munich)</i> <i>Sjoerd Lopik (Leiden University)</i> <i>Maria Giovanna Brancati (Luiss Guido Carli University)</i> <i>Ellen Gijsselaar (Leiden University)</i> Part II: Civil Disobedience <i>Felix Butz/Jan-Ulrich Dittmer (Humboldt University Berlin)</i> <i>Arianna Visconti (Catholic University of Sacred Heart Milan)</i>
16:45-17:00	Break
17:00-18:00	Lecture The Anthropocene in Law and Society Research (Provisional) <i>Mariana Valverde (Toronto University)</i>
20:00	Farewell Party



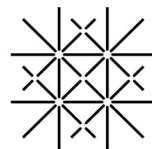
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Time	Friday 29 May
8:30-9:00	Welcome Coffee
9:00-10:00	Lecture Critical Environmental Law as Method in the Anthropocene (Provisional) <i>Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos (University of Westminster)</i>
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-13:00	Panel The Governance of the Anthropocene: Critiques and Promises <i>Chair: Adán Nieto Martín (University of Castilla-La Mancha)</i> <i>Jaye Ellis (McGill University)</i> <i>Elizabeth A. Bennett (University of California Berkeley)</i> <i>Louis Kotzé (Wageningen University)</i> <i>Guilherme Pratti Dos Santos Magioli (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)</i>
13:00	Goodbye Coffee



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