

From Colony to Republic: The Social History of Law in Nineteenth-Century Latin America

Friday 21 October – Saturday 22 October 2022
University of Oxford
Online and in-person

Convenor:
Timo Schaefer, University of Edinburgh



Keynote address: Thursday 20 October 2022

17.00 - 18.00

Keynote Address

Latin American Centre Main Seminar Room, 1 Church Walk

Juan Manuel Palacio (Universidad de San Martín, Argentina)

Towards a History of Labour Law in Post-Colonial Latin America

Day 1: Friday 21 October 2022

11.00 - 13.00

Session 1: Labour-Law in Post-Colonial Latin America

Latin American Centre Main Seminar Room, 1 Church Walk

Chair: **Juan Manuel Palacio** (Universidad de San Martín)

Andre Jockyman (University of Oxford)

Anti-Vagrancy Laws and Forced Labor in Post-Colonial Brazil, 1824-1840

Casey Lurtz (John Hopkins University)

Debt Peonage in Post-Colonial Mexico, Central America, and Peru

María Luisa Soux (Universidad Mayor de San Andrés)

Service Tenantry and Republican Law in Post-Colonial Bolivia

13.00 – 15.00

Lunch

15.00 – 17.00

Session 2: From Colony to Republic

History Faculty Lecture Theatre, 41-47 George Street

Chair: **Graciela Iglesias Rogers** (University of Winchester)

Bianca Premo (Florida International University)

Civil Lawsuits in the Late Colony

Sarah Chambers (University of Minnesota)

Civil Law and Property Confiscation during the Wars of Independence

Tomás Straka (Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Venezuela)

The Meaning of Race in Venezuela between Colony and Republic

Reuben Zahler (University of Oregon, USA)

Women and the Law in Colonial and Republican Venezuela

17.00

End of Day 1

Day 2: Saturday 22 October 2022

- 10.00 – 12.00 **Session 3: Plebeian, Slave, and Women Litigants in Post-Colonial Latin America**
Latin American Centre Main Seminar Room, 1 Church Walk
Chair: **Eduardo Posada-Carbó** (University of Oxford)
- Yesenia Barragan** (Rutgers University)
Poor Slave Masters as Litigants in Gradual-Emancipation Suits in Colombia
- Cassia Roth** (University of Georgia)
Enslaved Mothers as Litigants in Post-Colonial Brazil
- Ángela Pérez-Villa** (Western Michigan University)
Battered Women as Litigants in Colombia, 1825-1830
- Natalia Sobrevilla** (University of Kent)
Soldiers as Litigants in Post-Colonial Peru
- 12.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 16.00 **Session 4: Indigenous People and Republican Law**
Latin American Centre Main Seminar Room, 1 Church Walk
Chair: **Timo Schaefer** (University of Edinburgh)
- Helga Baitenmann** (University of London)
The Privatization of Indigenous Land in Nineteenth-Century Michoacán, Mexico
- Daniela Marino** (Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico)
Changes in Indigenous Property Rights in Post-Colonial Mexico
- Cecilia Méndez** (University of California Santa Barbara)
The Emergence of an 'Indigenous-Rights' Discourse in Nineteenth-Century Peru
- Tristan Platt** (University of St. Andrews)
Republican Law and Indigenous Land in Post-Colonial Bolivia
- 17.00 – 19.00 **Commentaries and Final Reflections**
Latin American Centre Main Seminar Room, 1 Church Walk
- Fernanda Pirie** (University of Oxford)
- Alan Knight** (University of Oxford)
- 19.00 End of conference