



THE CORE OF PROPERTY



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The aim of this Private Law Theory (PLT) workshop is to initiate a dialogue about property theory in North America and in Europe. Is there a 'core of property'? And if so, what is it? How are basic concepts affected through the idea of the commons as a viable „third way“ of regulating the use of resources? Which new questions of legitimacy occur in the context of intellectual property? How does globalization impact on property doctrine? What is the relation between politics, economy and the 'law of things'?

Participants will not present their papers in a classical way, but are asked to place their texts into context and into conversation with the other papers of each session. The workshop wants to encourage a constructive dialogue of theoretical perspectives encircling the values and forms of property.

Organizers:

Dan Wielsch | Albertus-Magnus University Cologne

Bertram Lomfeld | Free University Berlin

Hanoch Dagan | Columbia Law School, NY



- Thursday, October 08 -

Arrival at Hirschburg

19.00 *Welcome Drinks & Dinner*

- Friday, October 09 -

9.30 Session 1 – Setting the Course

Hanoch Dagan (Columbia)
| *Property's Structural Pluralism*
| *The Human Right to Private Property*

Sjef van Erp (Amsterdam)
| *Fluidity of Ownership and the Tragedy of Hierarchy*

Lee Anne Fennell (Chicago)
| *The Problem of Resource Access*
| *Lumpy Property*

Christine Godt (Oldenburg)
| *Regulatory Property Rights and the
Reconceptualisation of Private Property*

Lunch Break

14.00 Session 2 – Changing the Game

Yochai Benkler (Harvard)
| *Commons and Growth*
| *Practical Anarchism*

Dan Wielsch (Cologne)
| *The Differentiation of Property*
| *Private Governance of Knowledge*

Maria Marella (Perugia)
| *Exploring the Limits of Property's Sociability*

Michael Heller (Columbia)

Dinner at Hirschburg

- Saturday, October 10 -

9.30 Session 3 – Restructuring the Concept

Thomas W. Merrill (Columbia)
| *Property and Sovereignty, Information and Audience*

Gregory S. Alexander (Cornell)
| *Ownership and Obligations*

Mikhail Xifaras (Science Po, Paris)
| *What's Property?*
| *Revisiting Possessive Individualism*

Bertram Lomfeld (FU Berlin)
| *De-Liberating Property*

Lunch at Hirschburg

Departure

Workshop room and accomodation are located on the castle Hirschburg (Hirschburg 1, 53639 Königswinter, Germany).

