



Invitation and call for papers

MEMORY AND POST-MEMORY LAWS IN LEGAL EDUCATION

International symposium

as part of the initiative of excellence
of the Pedagogical University of Krakow

Krakow, Poland, 19-20 September 2022



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The Institute of Law and Economics as part of the initiative of excellence of the Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland is pleased to invite scholars, postdoc, and Ph.D. researchers from the discipline of legal studies as well as social sciences and history to take part in the international symposium Memory and post-memory laws in legal education, which will take place on site, in Krakow, Poland from 19-20 September 2022. This rather intimate symposium, will gather some 12-15 international scholars, coming from EU and non-EU countries to discuss the phenomenon of memory laws from theoretical, comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives.

TOPIC

Memory laws (*les lois mémorielles*) are a growing area of research in legal scholarship, demonstrating a deep connection with other areas of social and human sciences, such as sociology, political science, pedagogical sciences and, of course, history.

While there is no binding definition of memory laws and their categories are a contractual issue, they cover the entire spectrum of legal regulations: from those penalizing denial of international crimes, to parliamentary declarations regarding the legal qualification of an event from the past. As legal acts containing normative indications about the past, memory laws often aim to strengthen the collective identity of a nation / community: they influence the legal situation of individuals and groups, but also shape the historical narrative of a place and its inhabitants.

Legislation of memory and post-memory opens up many current research issues, the analysis of which is also important from the point of view of legal education - the process of educating law students and improving the professional competences of law practitioners, especially by underlining the role and importance of law in society. Legislation of memory and post-memory opens also affects the social dimension of law, which should be taken into account in legal education.

We invite contributions that explore, or relate to, some of the following questions:

- Memory laws as a phenomenon of law or politics? The use and abuse of the social impact of law.
- Memory laws as an organizer of collective (post) memory. Strengthening or contradicting individual memory.
- Memory laws as colonization of collective memory. History, state and law.
- Memory laws, constitutional values and human rights. Truth, opinion and the law.
- Memory laws, protective function and the frolics of criminal law.
- The place memory laws in the education of law students.

ELIGIBILITY

Graduate and postgraduate researchers having obtained their PhD within the past 10 years of being on the verge of obtaining it will be given preference. This invitation is extended to faculty members, scholars, postdoc, and Ph.D. researchers from the discipline of legal studies as well as social sciences and history.

FORMAT

The symposium is planned to take place in person at The Institute of Law and Economics of the Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland.

FUNDING

- There is no conference fee.
- Organisers will cover accommodation, meals and programme for the duration of the conference.
- Researchers whose proposals have been selected may be eligible for assistance with travel costs upon request up to the limit of 200 Euro per person.
- We can offer special favourable treatment to limited number of PhD students. The scale of financial support will be agreed with the organizers after the positive approval of the application and the paper proposal.

DEADLINES FOR PAPERS AND HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants are invited to submit proposals of up to 500 words, in English, plus a short biographical note of 100 words, and 5 keywords to **Dr. Piotr Uhma**, Chairman of the Symposium (piotr.uhma@up.krakow.pl) by 15 July 2022.
- Applicants whose proposals have been selected will be informed by 22 July 2022.
- Final papers, of about 8,000 words in English, to be submitted by selected applicants will be due by 15 September 2022.
- An academic, peer reviewed publication will follow the symposium.

