



Detail from cover image - ratification of Treaty of Amiens, 1802 (National Archives)

History, Politics, Law: In Conversation

Bentham House, UCL / online

15–16 July 2022

To mark the publication of [*History, Politics, Law: Thinking through the International*](#) (CUP 2021) the editors are convening a forum for reflection on the interdisciplinary conversations reflected in this volume, and in other recent works including Martti Koskenniemi's [*To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth: Legal Imagination and International Power, 1300–1870*](#) (CUP, 2021).

We hope to give participants space to reflect on questions emerging from this work, and explore the future of interdisciplinary interaction, without the pressure of presenting formal papers or needing to prepare publications. The event will have two components: a day of panel conversations and a book event, open to all; and a smaller doctoral workshop, not open to the public.

15 July, c. 9am–4.30pm—Panel conversations (hybrid: mostly online; open to public online; limited in-person places)

The *History, Politics, Law* volume presented overarching methodological reflections, and a series of chapters from lawyers and historians arranged around themes of potential dialogue ('Law and Constructions of the Political'; 'Empires, States and Nations'; 'Institutions and Persons'; 'Economics and Innovation'; and 'Gender'). We hope to spark further grounded yet open-ended exchanges through thematic panels on:

- Discipline, identity and responsibility
- Beyond the textual
- Translation
- Temporality, chronology and periodization

A **detailed schedule is overleaf**. Each panel will begin with a loose set of shared questions, and panelists will speak to these questions for c. 8–10 minutes through the lens of their own work, past or current; followed by discussion between panelists and audience Q&A. Panelists are not expected to speak 'for' their discipline in any sense, but rather 'through' their own, more specific, work: the emphasis is not to converge on methodological prescription but to see what emerges from juxtaposing some distinct projects.

15 July, c. 5.30–6.30pm—Author interview and audience Q&A with Martti Koskenniemi (hybrid: open to public online; limited in-person places)

This session will focus on Koskenniemi's new monograph, [*To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth: Legal Imagination and International Power, 1300–1870*](#). This work offers a sweeping resource from and through which to think about many of the themes explored in the panels, as well as new avenues for reflection across disciplines and periods.

16 July, c. 9.30am–5.30pm—Doctoral workshop (closed to public)

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Panelists in alphabetical order; sequence of speaking may vary with structure of panel discussion

9am **Welcome**

9.15–10.15am **Discipline, identity, responsibility**

Chair and introduction: Megan Donaldson

Anna Becker (Aarhus)

Karen Knop (Toronto)

Anne Orford (Melbourne)

COFFEE

10.45am–12pm **Beyond the textual**

Chair: Annabel Brett

Duncan Bell (Cambridge)

Saliha Belmessous (UNSW)

James Lowry (Queens CUNY)

Isobel Roele (QMUL)

LUNCH

1.30–2.45pm **Translation**

Chair: Martti Koskenniemi

Annabel Brett (Cambridge)

Lena Foljanty (Vienna)

Emma Hunter (Edinburgh)

Sudipta Kaviraj (Columbia)

COFFEE

3.15–4.30pm **Temporality, chronology, periodization**

Chair: Karen Knop

Martin Clark (Melbourne)

Megan Donaldson (UCL)

Mamadou Hébié (Leiden)

Natasha Wheatley (Princeton)

WINE RECEPTION

5.30–6.30pm **Author interview: Martti Koskenniemi on *To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth***

DINNER (for in-person panelists and doctoral workshop participants only)