

FRANCO-AMERICAN LEGAL INFLUENCES, THEN AND NOW

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This day-long conference will explore historical and contemporary moments of intellectual influence and reception between French and US legal thought. We will examine the influence of the French pre World War I juristes inquiets (Gény, Salleilles, Demogue and others) on the American social jurists (Pound, Cardozo, Brandeis) and legal realists; the role of “French Theory” in changing the course of critical legal thought Studies in the US in the latter half of the twentieth century; and the impact of American legal theory on French legal theory movements and education today. We will ask several questions throughout: When have influence and reception been possible, under what political and intellectual conditions, and with what degree of desire, resistance, or reciprocity? What interdisciplinary formations have been suggested by various waves of influence; when has social science, and when have the human sciences, emerged as law’s interdisciplinary dancing partner? What caused waves of influence, and their interdisciplinary desires, to subside and die out? The program will conclude with a roundtable on contemporary possibilities for transatlantic legal study.

The immediate goals of the conference are to deepen awareness of French influence in American legal thought and practice, and of American influence in French legal thought and practice, and to hone our tools for the assessment of influence and reception, their conditions and the conditions that block them.

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SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST RECEPTION
9:00 – 9:15 AM	INTRODUCTIONS
9:15-10:30 AM	PANEL 1 - “THE SOCIAL” IN FRANCE AND IN AMERICA: THE <i>JURISTES INQUIETS</i> AND SOCIOLOGICAL JURISPRUDENCE Frédéric Audren; Marie Claire Belleau; Bernard Harcourt; Amalia Kessler; Julie Suk; Judith Surkis; Mark Toufayan; Mikhail Xifaras
10:30-10:45 AM	COFFEE BREAK
10:45 -11:45 AM	PANEL 2 - LEGAL REALISM IN AMERICA AND WANING OF CRITIQUE IN FRANCE Alexandre Guigue; Janet Halley; Christophe Jamin; David Kennedy; Pierre Schlag; Kendall Thomas; Michel Troper
11:45-1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 – 2:20 PM	PANEL 3 - CRITIQUE DU DROIT IN FRANCE & CLS IN THE US Louis Assier-Andrieu; Nathaniel Berman; Antoine Jemmaud, Duncan Kennedy; Eric Millard; Mark Tushnet
2:30 – 4:00 PM	PANEL 4 - “FRENCH THEORY” IN FRANCE AND IN THE US (THE CARGO CULT) Daniel Borrillo, Peter Brooks; Eric Fassin; Peter Goodrich; Mitchel Lasser; Bernie Meyler; Andrew Parker; Ravit Reichman; Julie Saada
4:00 – 4:20 PM	COFFEE BREAK
4:20-5:50 PM	PANEL 5 - CRITICAL LEGAL THOUGHT TODAY, IN FRANCE AND AMERICA Noa Ben Asher; Elizabeth Emens; Vincent Forray; Ariela Gross; Bertrand Guillaume; Stéphanie Hennette-Vaucher; Sebastien Pimont; Annelise Riles; Susie Schmeiser