

# THE USES OF JUSTICE AND LEGAL PLURALISM

## A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE 1600-1900

International Conference • University of Leiden, the Netherlands, March 17-18, 2016

### Provisional programme

#### Thursday 17 March

9:30-9:45 Manon van der Heijden (Leiden University), Welcome and introduction

9:45-11.00 Keynote lecture:

Philip Huang (University of California, Los Angeles), The Sinitic Justice System, Past and Present – in a Global perspective

11.00-11.30 Coffee & tea

11:30 – 13:00 Session 1. Asia I

- Quinn Javers (University of California, Davis), Local intelligence and state ignorance: geographies of justice in late Imperial Sichuan
- Nadeera Rupesinghe (Leiden University), Facing the law in the Galle Landraad
- Sanne Ravensbergen (Leiden University), “Pongton tangan”, criminal cases and Islamic legal advice in colonial Java, 1807-1918

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Session 2. Asia II

- Mahmood Kooria (Leiden University), A Qāḍī under a tree and the Fuqahā below the wind. Legal discourses in the seventeenth-century courts of Aceh, Indonesia
- Anne van der Veer (Leiden University), Becoming legal strangers: The legal separation of the Chinese in the nineteenth-century Dutch East Indies

15:30-16:00 Coffee & tea

16:00-17:30 Session 3. The Americas

- Skyler Reidy (University of Southern California, Los Angeles), Peculiar relations: legal pluralism and New Mexican peonage

- Karwan Fatah-Black (Leiden University), Did the access to law courts become more difficult for people of color in the decades before Abolition?
- Donald Fyson (Université Laval, Quebec), Legal pluralism and everyday criminal law in Quebec, 1760-1892

19:00 Dinner

## Friday 18 March

9:30-11:00 Session 4: Europe I

- Ans Vervaeke (Free university of Brussels), Shifting profiles? Litigants in the courts of the Franc of Bruges during the great litigation decline (1650-1795).
- Griet Vermeesch (Free university of Brussels), The uses of legal aid to the poor in the Dutch town of Leiden (1750–1810).
- Gertjan Leenders (Ghent University), Using justice in times of crisis: An actor-centred approach on the prosecution of denunciation to the enemy in the wake of the First World War in Belgium

11:00-11:30 Coffee & tea

11.30-12.30 Session 5: Europe II

- Elizavetha Blagodeteleva (Higher School of Economics, Moskow), The use and abuse of legal services in nineteenth-century Russia.
- Miso Dokmanovic (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje), Local justice in the falling empire: the judicial role of the Parish educational councils in 19<sup>th</sup>-century Ottoman Macedonia.

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00: Session 6. Europe III

- Alexandr Osipian (Institute of Economics and Humanities, Kramatorsk), Legal pluralism in the cities of early modern Kingdom of Poland: the uses of justice by the local and foreign Armenian merchants.
- Anat Vaturi Multiple Courts in Inter-Religious Coexistence: Jewish Legal Practice in Old Poland.

15.00-15.15

Jaco Zuijderduijn (Leiden University), Closing remarks

15:15- Coffee and tea