



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LAW AND SOCIETY  
BERKELEY LAW

## WORKSHOP

### Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Comparative Perspective

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm

Room 107, Berkeley Law

Cosponsored by the T.M.C. Asser Institute (The Hague), the Center for the Study of Law and Society and the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law

This one-day workshop held at Berkeley Law focuses on the legal governance of historical memory often addressed in academic literature under the heading of *memory laws*. In recent years, such memory laws have spread throughout Europe and beyond, and these days encompass much more than just a prohibition of Holocaust denial – as was common twenty years ago. Memory laws aim to establish “proper” ways of interpreting – often dramatic – historical events. While many non-European states also have such laws, their status in Europe remains, for historical and political reasons, hotly contested in terms of fundamental rights, the protection of minorities and rule of law. In particular last month, the Polish law regarding the country’s 20<sup>th</sup> century history provoked an international outcry in Israel, Ukraine, USA and elsewhere. It is commonplace to argue that the United States does not have memory laws; but it does have memory politics. Debates around Ferguson and Charlottesville affairs have recently testified to this. The workshop will gather both Europe and US-based scholars, many of whom have contributed to the recent book *“Law and Memory: Towards Legal Governance of History”*, co-edited by Uladzislau Belavusau and Aleksandra Gliszczyńska-Grabias (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

#### **Panel I “Governance of Historical Memory in European and US Law”**

Chair: Dr. Ulad Belavusau (T.M.C. Asser Institute – University of Amsterdam)

Prof. Eric Heinze (Queen Mary University of London)

Prof. Robert Kahn (University of St. Thomas, Minnesota)

Dr. Heleen Touquet (KU University Leuven)

Discussant: Prof. Reuel E. Schiller (UC Hastings College of the Law)

#### **Panel II “Eastern Europe as a Current Hub of Memory Laws and Memory Wars”**

Chair: Prof. Robert Kahn (University of St. Thomas, Minnesota)

Prof. Nikolay Kuposov (Emory University)

Dr. Ulad Belavusau (T.M.C Asser Institute)

Marina Bán (T.M.C. Asser Institute)

Discussant: Prof. Richard Buxbaum (UC Berkeley School of Law)

#### **Panel III “Wider Perspective on Legal Governance of History”**

Chair: Prof. Jonathan Simon (UC Berkeley School of Law)

Prof. Dimitry Kochenov (Groningen University)

Prof. Angana Chatterji (Center for Race & Gender – UC Berkeley)

Dr. Grażyna Baranowska (Polish Academy of Sciences)

Discussant: Prof. Mariane C. Ferme (Department of Anthropology – UC Berkeley)

**SPACE IS LIMITED. TO REGISTER for the WORKSHOP, which includes breakfast, lunch & closing reception, and to receive the DETAILED WORKSHOP AGENDA:**

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