

Laymen as Judges in European Courts

Comparative Legal History of Procedural Law in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

University of Ghent, March 15-16, 2013

Faculty of Law, Faculty Board Room

Program

Friday 15 March 2013

- 10.00 – 10.30: Welcome and coffee
- 10.30 – 10.45: **Opening**
Georges Martyn (Ghent University)
- 10.45 – 11.30: **Piercing the Corps: Laymen in the Dutch Judiciary**
Corjo Jansen (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen)
- 11.30 – 12.15: **Laymen in Court: an Obstacle to a Modernization of the Belgian Judicial System? (1795-present)**
Dirk Heirbaut (Ghent University)
- 12.15 – 13.00: **Trial by Jury in Ireland: Problems and Reforms, 1833-1925**
Niamh Howlin (UCD School of Law, Dublin)
- 13.00 – 14.00: **Lunch**
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| 14.00 – 14.15: Laudatio and handing over of the Medal of Ghent University
<i>Prof. Dr. Paul Van Cauwenberge (Rector Ghent University)</i> |
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Friday 15 March 2013 (continuation)

- 14.15 – 14.45: Cake and toast to the International Francqui Professor Dr. Heikki Pihlajamäki
- 14.45 – 15.30: **Lay Judges in the Nineteenth-Century. Tribunal de Commerce: Belgium and France Compared**
Dave De ruysscher (Free University of Brussels)
- 15.30 – 16.15: **Wise men? Lay Judges and the early Belgian Labor Courts ('Conseils de prud'hommes - Werkrechtseraden') (1810-1867)**
Bruno Debaenst (Ghent University)
- 16.15 – 17.00: **Discussion**

Saturday 16 March 2013

- 10.00 – 10.45: **Rejecting the European Jury: The Finnish Discussions on the Future of Lay Judges in the Late Nineteenth Century**
Heikki Pihlajamäki (University of Helsinki)
- 10.45 – 11.30: **The Unwelcome Juror: History of a Silent Farewell**
Filippo Contarini (University of Lucerne)
- 11.30 – 12.15: **Democracy, Jury Trial and the Political Offence in the Belgian Legal Tradition**
Bram Delbecke (Catholic University of Leuven)
- 12.15 – 13.00: **Final discussion and closing, followed by lunch**