



'Causerie' at the Institute for Legal History

Tuesday October 6th, 2015 - 16u30 p.m.

Dr. Angela Condello (Roma III, Law School - Institut Marcel Mauss – Paris)
is giving a lecture about:

'Instance, Example, Case'

The main task of this talk is to discuss exemplarity as a specific form of normativity: the permanent flux of the life converges in forms and examples that can have a peculiar normative force (a force pragmatically and culturally connoted). Exemplarity often originates in extraordinary historical circumstances, like for instance in recent Supreme Court case *Jones v. US* (132 S. Ct. 945, 565, 2012).

The force of examples is intrinsically shaped by narratives (not all narratives are exemplary, but all exemplary cases are based on narratives): exemplarity is the mediation between the single aspects of the single story-event (names, places, dates) and the possibility to extend its pertinence beyond the limits of the single case.

Any instance of exemplarity balances different dimensions. Legal reasoning must balance the particularity of the present case, the relevance of past decisions and the possible ways in which the case might be used by future courts (in different ways if we compare Civil Law and Common Law systems).

Location: Institute for Legal History, Faculty of Law, Universiteitstraat 4, 9000 Gent, meeting room 06.02.100.047, next to the Auditorium 'Blauwe zaal'.

We would like to welcome you, but please register via mail: Karin.Pensaert@UGent.be