

Natural Law 1625-1850: An International Research Project

Conference at the University of Tartu, Estonia

2-3 September 2021

Early Modern Natural Law around the Baltic Sea: Teaching and Use

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

9.00.-9.30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks: The Baltic Space

Knud Haakonssen, Pärtel Piirimäe

Session 1: The early teaching tradition in the Swedish realm

Chair: Kari Saastamoinen

9.30-10.15 Anna Fredriksson, *Johannes Schefferus - professor of natural law at Uppsala University 1655-1677*

10.15-11.00 Meelis Friedenthal, *Natural law and pietism in Tartu: Michael Dau between Thomasius and Spener*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.15 Joachim Östlund, *Natural Law and treaties with "barbarians" in Swedish dissertations, 1699-1716*

12.15-13.00 Bo Lindberg, *The reception of Pufendorf's natural law at Swedish universities in the era of absolutism*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Session 2: The diffusion of ideas

Chair: Adriana Luna-Fabritius

14.00-14.45 Michael Seidler, *Scattering natural law: the diasporic role of Pufendorf's Dissertationes*

14.45-15.30 Kristoffer Schmidt, *Natural law texts in 17th and 18th century Danish private libraries*

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.45 Frank Grunert & Martin Kühnel, *Nordic students in Halle. Their studies and their impact*

Session 3: The early uses: sovereignty, navigation, legal practice

Chair: Knud Haakonssen

16.45-17.15 Mikkel Munthe Jensen (video), *The political use of natural law in the late seventeenth century: Legal controversies in the joint Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein*

17.30 – 18.30 Pre-dinner drinks and discussion of the Network

19.00. Dinner

FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

Session 3 (continuation): The early uses: sovereignty, navigation, legal practice

Chair: Knud Haakonssen

9.00-9.45 Leos Müller and Steve Murdoch, *Johann Gröning's Navigatio libera and the Nordic neutrality in the Nine Years War, 1688-1697*

9.45-10.30 Tine Reeh, *The use of natural law in legal practice regarding cases of incest in 18th century Denmark-Norway*

10.30-10.45 Short break

Session 4: The eighteenth-century teaching traditions

Chair: Peter Schröder

10.45-11.30 Andreas Hellerstedt, *Immanuel Proeleus's theory of animal rights: conception and reception, ca 1709-1755*

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-12.45 Thor Inge Rørvik, *The teaching of natural law and the law of nations at the Residential College (Regensen) in Copenhagen, 1755-1758: The unfinished textbook of Johan Ernst Gunnerus (1718-1773)*

12.45-13.30 Jonas Gerlings, *Natural Law before Immanuel Kant: The teaching and application of natural law in mid 18th century Königsberg*

13.30-14.30 Lunch

Session 5: Later uses: liberty, rights and commerce

Chair: Louis Pahlow

14.30-15.15 Ere Nokkala, *Peter Forsskål's Natural Law: Justifying Civil Liberty in Sweden*

15.15-16.00 Mads Langballe Jensen, *Danish uses of natural law in the "period of flourishing commerce" c. 1775-1807*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.15 Brian Kjær Olesen, *Consequences of natural law: Liberty, rights, and the limits of modern monarchy, 1785-1799*

17.15-18.00 Pärtel Piirimäe, *Natural law and the problem of serfdom: the debates in the Baltic provinces c. 1760-1830*

18.00-18.15 Short break

18.15-18.45 Concluding remarks

19.30 Dinner

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