

Saturday, 11.10.2025 (IZEA)

3.4. GERMANY

Chair: YUKI TAKAKI (KYOTO)

09.00–09.45 ANDREAS BLANK (KLAGENFURT)
Methodological Criticism: Johannes von Felden's "Annotata" to Grotius

09.45–10.30 MIKKEL MUNTHE JENSEN (HALLE)
Simon Heinrich Musäus and the teaching of Grotius at the University of Kiel, 1682–1711

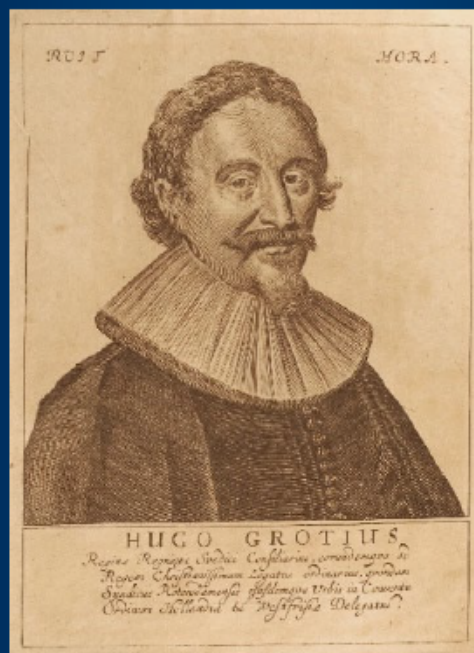
10.30–11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00–11.45 MARTIN KÜHNEL (HALLE)
Grotius in Halle

4. RESULTS AND FURTHER PERSPECTIVES

11.45–12.30 MICHAEL SEIDLER (BOWLING GREEN)
Concluding Remarks

END OF THE CONFERENCE



International conference of:

NATURAL LAW 1625-1850. AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

In 1625, Hugo Grotius published his groundbreaking work "De Iure Belli ac Pacis", which has profoundly shaped legal and intellectual history ever since.

Marking its 400th anniversary, this conference explores the diverse reception of the work in the 17th and 18th centuries, from editions, lectures, and commentaries to its creative transformation by leading scholars.

The focus lies on the concrete media and forms of transmission that made this classic of natural and international law so influential.

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Teaching Hugo Grotius The academic Reception of *De Iure Belli ac Pacis* in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries



09.10.–11.10.2025

Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die
Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung (IZEA)
Franckeplatz 1, Haus 54
and Stadtmuseum Christian-Wolff-Haus
Große Märkerstr. 10
06110 Halle (Saale), Germany



Thursday, 09.10.2025 (IZEA)

09.00–09.15 KNUD HAAKONSSSEN, LAURA BECK
VARELA, FRANK GRUNERT
Welcome and Introduction

1. FORMS OF PRESENTATION

Chair: MARTIN MULSOW (ERFURT)

09.15–10.00 MARTINE VAN ITTERSUM (DUNDEE)
Hugo Grotius' public personas in the Age of Enlightenment

10.00–10.45 MARK SOMOS (HEIDELBERG)
Teaching DIBP: new evidence from the global census bibliography

10.45–11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15–12.00 BENJAMIN STEINER (ERFURT / MUNICH)
Teaching Grotius by tables

12.00–12.45 FRANK GRUNERT (HALLE)
*DIBP as a subject of academic lectures: Jakob Thomasius,
Christian Wolff and Johann Gottlieb Heineccius*

12.45–13.45 LUNCH

2. GROTIUS AS FOUNDING FATHER: MYTH AND REALITY

Chair: KNUD HAAKONSSSEN (ST ANDREWS)

13.45–14.30 MARTIN MULSOW (ERFURT)
Reception of Grotius in Boineburg's Circle

14.30–15.15 GÁBOR GÁNGÓ (BUDAPEST)
*Johann Heinrich Boecler's Commentatio on Grotius's DIBP in
the context of the early German reception*

15.15–16.00 STEFANIE ERTZ (ERFURT)
*Conring's Disputatio philosophica de jure, Helmstedt 1637, as a
premature document of philosophical reception of DIBP at
German academia – and, possibly, as an authentic interpretation
of the Etiamsi daremus*

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16.00–16.30 COFFEE BREAK

3. TEACHING DE IURE BELLI AC PACIS IN DIFFERENT LOCALES

3.1. GROTIUS IN THE CATHOLIC WORLD

Chair: FIAMMETTA PALLADINI (BERLIN)

16.30–17.15 GUSTAVO CABRAL (FORTALEZA)
*Natural law and rationalism in Portuguese language: the impact of
Hugo Grotius in the Portuguese legal Enlightenment and in the rising
of Brazilian legal literature*

17.15–18.00 JOSÉ LUIS EGÍO (MADRID)
*Grotius' DIBP in the writings of Diego Vincencio de Vidiana.
Scholastic reorientation and practical and pedagogical implications*

18.15–19.00 OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION:

*Grotius lesen | Grotius lehren. De Iure Belli Ac Pacis und seine
Rezeption in Halle*

19.30 DINNER

Friday, 10.10.2025 (Christian-Wolff-Haus)

09.00–09.45 LAURA BECK VARELA (MADRID)
*Grotius on the Index: Censorship of Heineccius' Praelectiones
academicae on Grotian DIBP in late eighteenth-century Spain*

09.45–10.30 FELIX WALDMANN (CAMBRIDGE)
*Grotius and curricular natural law in the Kingdom of Naples, 1744–
1792*

10.30–11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00–11.45 IVO CERMÁN (ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE)
*Liberal or absolutist? Grotius' DIBP and Austrian enlightened
absolutism*

3.2. ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, NETHERLANDS

Chair: LAURA BECK VARELA (MADRID)

11.45–12.30 HANS BLOM (ROTTERDAM)
*The mid-seventeenth century Dutch reception of Hugo Grotius:
republican dog whistles, theological justifications and legal
technicalities*

12.30–14.15 LUNCH

14.15–15.00 GIOVANNI GELLERA (GENEVA)
*Natural, Roman and national Law in Seventeenth-Century
Scotland*

15.00–15.45 BRANDON CLYDESDALE (EDINBURGH)
*Francis Dickins – Grotius, Cambridge, and the Scottish
Enlightenment*

15.45–16.15 COFFEE BREAK

3.3. SCANDINAVIA

Chair: ANNA BECKER (AARHUS)

16.15–17.00 PÄRTEL PIIRIMÄE (TARTU)
Grotius in Uppsala in the seventeenth century

17.00–17.45 MADS LANGBALLE JENSEN
(LUND/HALLE)
*Early receptions of Grotius and Selden in seventeenth-century
Denmark: the establishment of an academic discipline*

17.45–18.30 SØREN KOCH (BERGEN)
*The impact of Grotius' DIBP on Scandinavian lawyers and law-
teaching*

19.15 DINNER

