

# Transnational Exchange in the Development of Criminal Law Thought: Western Europe and the United States, 19th and 20th Centuries

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## Location

Ecole Normale Supérieure, Campus Jourdan  
4 boulevard Jourdan, 75014 Paris (Room 5/35 Josiane Serre)

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**Welcome Address - Amalia Kessler (Law School, Stanford University) and Jean-Louis Halpérin (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)**

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8:30 am - 9 am - Breakfast

**9 am - 10:30 am**

## Panel 1 - Transatlantic Exchange in the Development of Criminal Law: Germany, France, Italy and the United States

- Commentator: [Blaise Wilfert-Portal](#) (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)
- [Sylvia Kesper-Biermann](#) (Department of General, Intercultural and International Comparative Education, Universität Hamburg, Hamburg)  
“Atlantic Knowledge Transfer: US Criminal Law in 19th Century Germany”
- [Jean-Louis Halpérin](#) (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)  
“Beyond Penitentiary Systems: What Impact for American Criminal Law in 19th Century France?”
- [Luigi Lacchè](#) (Department of Law, Università di Macerata, Macerata)  
“The Reform of Criminal Justice in Italy Between the End of the Liberal State and Fascism: Transnational Perspectives between the USA and Italy (1919-1945)”

10:30 am - 10:45 am - Coffee Break

**10:45 am - 12:15 pm**

## Panel 2 - Transatlantic Exchange in the Development of Criminal Law: France and the United States

- Commentator: [Luisa Brunori](#) (CNRS, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)
- [Margaux Coquet](#) (Université du Luxembourg, Luxembourg)  
“John Altgeld and Emile de Girardin, Variations on the Theme of Penal Abolitionism”
- [Prune Decoux](#) (Histoire du Droit, Université de Bordeaux, Bordeaux)  
“Raymond Saleilles in *Law Reviews*. The Diffusion of the *Individualization of the Punishment*”
- [Raphaëlle Nollez-Goldbach](#) (Centre de Théorie et d'Analyse du Droit, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)  
“The Birth of International Criminal Justice: An Analysis of the US and French Positions”

12:15 pm - 2 pm - Lunch (Room R 3/46)

**2 pm - 4 pm**

## Panel 3 - Criminal Law and the Rise of Modernity: Sex, Vice, Animals

- Commentator: [Anne-Charlotte-Martineau](#) (CNRS, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)
- [Aniceto Masferrer](#) (Legal History and Comparative Law, Universidad de Valencia, Valencia)  
“Why and How Sexual Freedom Changed the Western Criminal Law”
- [Richard Ford](#) (Law School, Stanford University)  
“The Virtue of Vice: How Managing Mischief Made us Modern”
- [Amalia Kessler](#) (Law School, Stanford University)  
“Modern Criminology’s Distant Mirror: The Transatlantic Rise of Histories of Animal Prosecutions”
- [Jacqueline Ross](#) (College of Law, University Illinois, Champaign)  
““Innocents” Abroad: How Undercover Tactics Allowed American Moral Purity Societies to Challenge the French Model for Regulating Prostitution in the League of Nations”

4 pm - 4:15 pm - Coffee Break

**4:15 - 5:15 pm**

**Panel 4 - Criminal Law and National Particularity**

- Commentator: [David Sklansky](#) (Law School, Stanford University)
- [Máximo Langer](#) (Law School, University of California, Los Angeles)  
“Is the Adversary System Younger Than My Parents? The Supreme Court, Due Process and American Legal Identity”
- [Bernadette Meyler](#) (Law School, Stanford University)  
“Between Criminal Law and Politics: The Separation of Pardon from Amnesty in France”

5:15 pm - Closing Remarks