

Workshop

“Objectives and Methods of a Contextual Analysis in Comparative Law”

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The recent debates on methodology of comparative law are focussing on the clash of different approaches towards legal comparison (e.g. hermeneutical, legal, empirical, functional, postmodern etc). It is, however, remarkable that all kind of methods in comparative law claim to use contextual knowledge, which goes beyond pure legal knowledge. Although the claim and the necessity to open up towards interdisciplinary approaches seems to be uncontested, it is remarkable that the concrete methodologies, how to analyse contextual knowledge typically remains unclear.

The workshop brings together comparative law scholars, which are representing different approaches towards legal comparison. The purpose of the workshop is to uncover the theoretical premises and practical implications of contextual analysis in comparative law. The academic exchange shall not lead to a uniform approach towards contextual knowledge. On the contrary, the aim is to illustrate the plurality of objectives and methodologies and to intensify the discussion on this crucial topic of the methodology in comparative law.