

## **Practical and Pragmatic Literature in Legal and Science History**

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Berlin, November 30, MPIWG, 9:00 am  
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9:15 Beginning

9:30-10:30

1. Introduction: Using practical and pragmatical literature in the frame of the historiography of history of science and legal history

*The Role of Practical Knowledge in the Process of Evolution of Knowledge*  
Jürgen Renn

*The Role of Pragmatic Knowledge in Early Modern Legal History of Ibero-America*  
Thomas Duve

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00

2. What is practical and pragmatic literature? Examples from the research activity

*From the Praxis of the Artillerist to the Emergence of a Theory of Ballistics in the 16th Century*  
Jochen Büttner

*Pragmatic Normative Literature and its Circulation in Spanish America, 16th and early 17th Centuries*  
Otto Danwerth

12:00-13:00

3. What is the epistemic value of our research for the understanding of the process of evolution of knowledge? Examples and reflections concerning our approach to historical sources (Diffusion and emergence of new knowledge, stability and mutability)

*Diffusion of Innovations in the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Period*  
Matteo Valleriani

*Traveling Texts. Condensing and Translating Legal Knowledge in the 16th Century: Martín de Azpilcueta's Manual for Confessors*  
Manuela Bragagnolo

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00

4. What is the practical and pragmatical character in our historical sources? The relation between theory and practice.

*Theoretical practice and pragmatical theories. The role of practical knowledge in the quantum revolution*  
Christoph Lehner

*Franciscan Missionaries and Ecclesiastical Normativities in New Spain's Northern Frontiers, 1524-1630*

David Rex Galindo

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:15

5. Practical and pragmatic literature and ,convivencia': the genre and its peculiar use especially in "areas of contacts."

*Literature of Religious Polemics and Conversion in Contexts of "convivencia:" Its Practical Functions for a Social Order*

Monica Colominas

*"Contact Zones:" A Useful Frame for the Study of Multinormativity in the Iberian World?*

Max Deardorff

16:15-17:00 Final Discussion