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## KÄTE HAMBURGER KOLLEG

The Käte Hamburger Kolleg “Einheit und Vielfalt im Recht | Legal Unity and Pluralism” (EViR) at the University of Münster has been funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) since 2021. Fellows from all over the world, together with scholars from Münster, examine the dynamic tension between legal unity and pluralism from antiquity to the present. This is the first attempt to systematically investigate the phenomenon in its entire historical depth and across disciplinary boundaries. In addition to (legal) history, many other disciplines such as ethnology and sociology, as well as literature and religious studies, are involved in the Kolleg.

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# INDIGENOUS LAW

## PLURAL PATHWAYS TO RECLAIMING HERITAGE

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## INDIGENOUS LAW PLURAL PATHWAYS TO RECLAIMING HERITAGE

Indigenous law predates the establishment of settler-colonial states. It persisted and kept developing up until today, and, contrary to ‘aboriginal law’ or ‘indian laws,’ it remains the creation of indigenous peoples, a manifestation of their normative creativity. It is plural and offers many pathways to reclaiming cultural heritage and constructing alternative futures. This workshop provides the chance to discuss some of these possibilities.



This flyer displays two Marshallese nautical charts featuring coconut frond ribs and seashells. The first is a square *rebbelib* chart (cover), and the second is a *meddo* chart (above). Marshallese navigators used to memorize these charts to navigate outrigger boats between islands. Each seashell on the charts represents the location of an atoll or island. The length of the straight lines on the charts indicates the time it takes to navigate between points, while the curved lines depict ocean currents and swell patterns. Marshallese elites carefully kept the specialized knowledge of using *rebbelib* and *meddo* secret until German rule when Captain Raimund Winkler of the Imperial Navy ‘obtained’ it from local informants.

## PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 22 October 2024**

**14.00**  
**Reception**

**14.15**  
**Opening remarks**

**14.30**  
**Marijke Bassani (University of New South Wales)**  
Exploring barriers to the homecoming of cultural heritage for Indigenous LGTQIA+ Peoples

**15.30**  
**Tarisi Vunidilo (California State University)**  
Fijian Research Frameworks for Repatriation from Museums: An Indigenous iTaukei Perspective

**16.30**  
*Coffee break*

**17.00**  
**Munyaradzi Elton Sagiya (Käte Hamburger Kolleg Inherit, Berlin)**  
Decolonizing Heritage Conservation in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe: Legal Ambiguities and Community Aspirations

**18.30**  
**Public Keynote at the Historical Seminar**  
In Collaboration with the Center for Empire Studies  
Historisches Seminar, Domplatz 20-22, Room F4

**Val Napoleon (University of Victoria)**  
Taking Indigenous Intellectual Property Law Seriously as Law

**20.00**  
*Dinner*

**Wednesday, 23 October 2024**

**10.00**  
**Closed-door discussion of participants’ chapters**

**12.30**  
*Lunch*

**14.00**  
**Final Remarks**