History Seminars Speaker

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Joël Praz is a PhD Student in history at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne. His research is part of the Swiss National Science Foundation-funded project (2022-2026) "The Internationalization of Patent Systems: From Patent Cultures to Global Intellectual Property" under the direction of Prof. Jérôme Baudry, head of the Laboratory for the History of Science and Technology. Before this position, Joël was a researcher at the Diplomatic Documents of Switzerland (Dodis) where his research focused on relations with economic and financial international organizations, migration issues and diplomatic relations with the Northern Mediterranean region.

Above nations and their economies, lawyers and the international patent system

Over the past decade, the history of intellectual property has developed into a dynamic field of study. However, the internationalization of patent systems remains under-examined, despite its major importance in the global economy, as highlighted by the Covid-19 crisis. This research explores the initial phase of patent systems internationalization, beginning with the 1883 Paris Convention—an effort to harmonize diverse national patent cultures—and extending through the early 1950s, a period marked by the global reconfiguration following the Second World War.

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