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'A straight question deserves a straight answer, so here goes. What is the use of comparison? Quite simply, I have joined the camp of those who prefer a history that is open to all human societies across both space and time.'

An aeon ago, lost in the mists of time (c. 2010 CE), two Romanists and an Indologist had a dream: to fashion a properly comparative history of ancient law which would showcase the complexity of legal thought and practice across ancient Eurasian societies and traditions. That dream has taken a lot longer to realize than anyone – with the exception perhaps of Michael Crawford – originally anticipated. The fact that it has been realized at all is a testimony, first, to the international team of specialists who have generously dedicated their time, expertise and resources to the *Cambridge Comparative History of Ancient Law (CCHAL)* project for well over a decade, and second, to the unwavering support of Dr Michael Sharp at Cambridge University Press.

The shape of the *CCHAL* project and its distinctive working methodology were developed collaboratively over the course of four international project meetings. The first and second project meetings were hosted by the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge in May 2011 and June 2012, with funding support from The Maitland Trust. The third project meeting took place in July 2014 at Yale Law School, generously funded by the same, with the support of Professor Jim Whitman. The fourth and final meeting was held at the University of St Andrews in May 2017, with funding support from The Leverhulme Trust, the University of St Andrews and Cambridge University Press.

The initial goal of the *CCHAL* project was to redefine the mainstream study of ancient law, by placing ancient Near Eastern, Hellenistic, Greek, Egyptian, Roman, Chinese and Indian source material in conversation with each other.

1 Detienne 2008: 37.



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The formidable linguistic, technical, legal, historical and comparative skills needed to achieve this goal could only be met by assembling a relatively large team of experts into five, roughly area-specific, working groups: 'Near Eastern', including a specialist 'Egypt' sub-group; 'Greek' / 'Hellenistic'; 'Roman'; specialists in ancient 'Chinese' material; and specialists in ancient 'Indian' sources.<sup>2</sup> At the second project meeting in 2012, the decision was taken that every chapter in *CCHAL* would be written collaboratively by a designated team, with a working methodology that was more in line with that of the social sciences, than with the usual working practices of ancient lawyers and historians.

Every CCHAL chapter is, accordingly, the product of collaborative work undertaken by a discrete team of experts – as far as possible corresponding to one specialist from each major ancient legal tradition - working under the direction of a lead chapter writer. Early in the project, a further crucial decision was taken that the basic structure and framework for each chapter would be decided by that chapter's lead author: for example, Chapter 7 'Legal Procedure' is structured according to the categories and typologies found in relevant ancient Indian material (as proposed by Patrick Olivelle, its lead author). Once a lead author had circulated their initial plan for their respective chapter, that chapter's team of experts was asked to comment on the categories, assumptions and typologies that underpinned the proposed plan - in addition to providing the lead chapter author with specific information and scholarly detail from their own fields of expertise. Each and every CCHAL chapter has thus been repeatedly planned, written, rewritten and refined over time. This challenging and labour-intensive working method had two self-conscious aims: first, to develop a genuinely comparative perspective for each and every topic covered, and second, to remove any temptation to centre 'Rome' as a default category against which all other ancient legal traditions could (... should ... would) be compared.<sup>3</sup>

The CCHAL is thus as much an experiment in collaborative working and thinking, as it is a set of comparative essays on discrete themes relating to

- 2 Contributors to the CCHAL project have included Simon Corcoran, Michael Crawford, Caroline Humfress, David Ibbetson, Andrew Lewis, Dario Mantovani, Benet Salway, Boudewijn Sirks, Jim Whitman (Roman); Donald Davis, Ethan Kroll, Timothy Lubin Mark McClish, Patrick Olivelle (Indian); Michael Gagarin, Edward Harris, Robin Osborne, Nicolas Wiater (Greek and Hellenistic); Ernest Caldwell, Geoffrey MacCormack, Robin Yates (China); Noah Bickart, Ari Bryen, Sophie Démare-Lafont, Joseph G. Manning, Rachel Neis, Martha Roth, William Tooman, Katelijn Vandorpe, Bruce Wells (Near Eastern and Egypt). And Michael Sharp (Cambridge University Press).
- 3 See Chapter 12, this volume, for further discussion.



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ancient law. As discussed in Chapters I and I2, nineteenth- and early twentieth-century scholars compared ancient laws and legal systems but from within progressivist and teleological frameworks of development, more usually than not connecting ancient legal traditions with modern processes of nation-state construction. The *CCHAL* project, in contrast, is aligned with a twenty-first-century movement away from a 'national legal history' trend, towards the more cosmopolitan – if not global – impetus that animates much legal history today. We hope that our readers will take away a sense of what is distinctive about the various ancient legal traditions identified, rather than assuming that all 'ancient law' was the same – in addition to an appreciation of ancient legal traditions as dynamic and complex in various, contrasting and similar, ways.

Our concentration throughout has been on comparative legal history, rather than comparative law with a historical focus. In other words, we write as ancient historians who work on law and legal institutions, rather than as ancient lawyers who are interested primarily in doctrinal law. Chapter I lays out the basic parameters of our ancient source material and evidence, but it is perhaps worth stating at the outset what we mean by the term 'legal tradition'. We adopt the working definition of Duve:

'Legal traditions' are now increasingly understood as a product of a long-standing diachronic process of communication – isolated from the chaotic mass of historical normativity by later observers, but by no means pure and clearly delimited from each other. They say more about those who construct them than about the historical path-dependencies, which are much more complex evolutionary processes ... it should be the permanent task of legal historians to point out the complexity of the evolution of law, the manifold processes of exchange, and thus also the constructed character of 'legal traditions'.<sup>4</sup>

The CCHAL project did not set out to produce a taxonomy of five, or so, major ancient legal traditions. We intend 'legal tradition' as a heuristic labelling device, not as a description of a set of realities on the ground. Our five ancient legal traditions should not be thought of as internally coherent units or 'systems'. There are 'no stable historical or geographical referents' that correspond to our five (or so) ancient legal traditions.<sup>5</sup> As discussed in Chapter 12, we have been all too aware of the dangers of seemingly

4 Duve 2022: 362–63. 5 To adapt a phrase from Ruskola 2012: 258.



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compressing vast swathes of historical time and space into a single designation: 'Near Eastern', for example. We were forced to take a number of other pragmatic decisions too, for example excluding *shar'ia* despite the fact that early Islamic legal material is best understood as part of the (late) antique world.

As Chapter 2 outlines, what each of our five (or so) ancient legal traditions share is the existence of written evidence for their early history. We did not set out with the aim of tracing legal genealogies or causal connections, though of course these exist and merit much more detailed study (for example, in terms of transregional connectivity through trade networks; political and/or sociocultural contact, such as the Achaemenid expansion into the Indus Valley; imperial conquest and other military action, etc.). A fundamental and on-going challenge has been how to compare where we seemingly lack (evidence for) both structure and system, especially when our understanding of 'law' in a given ancient context may lie through a rejection of modern categories such as 'system of laws', 'administration of justice', 'criminal law', etc. Would a distinction between 'law' and 'custom', for example, have had (the same) meaning across all the ancient times and places referred to within these chapters?

In the end, after much discussion, we arrived at ten substantive topics for comparison: 'law as text' (Chapter 2, lead author Michael Gagarin, Greek); 'legal science' (Chapter 3, lead author Dario Mantovani, Roman); 'war, peace and interstate relations' (Chapter 4, lead author Katelijn Vandorpe, Near Eastern / Egyptian); 'law and the state' (Chapter 5, lead author Mark McClish, Indian); 'law and religion' (Chapter 6, lead author Bruce Wells, Near Eastern); 'legal procedure' (Chapter 7, lead author Patrick Olivelle, Indian); 'status and family' (Chapter 8, lead author Timothy Lubin, Indian); 'crime, redress and social control' (Chapter 9, lead author Ari Bryen, Roman / Egyptian); 'property' (Chapter 10, lead author Joseph G. Manning, Near Eastern / Egyptian); and 'contract' (Chapter 11, lead author David Ibbetson, Roman). All categories are 'generic enough to allow the beginnings of a comparison but neither [are] too general nor too specific to any particular culture'.6 Chapter 12 concludes with a set of broader frameworks and observations, and an invitation to future comparative research.

A project that has been this long in the making does not come to fruition without incurring innumerable debts, scholarly and otherwise. First and

6 Detienne 2008: 25.

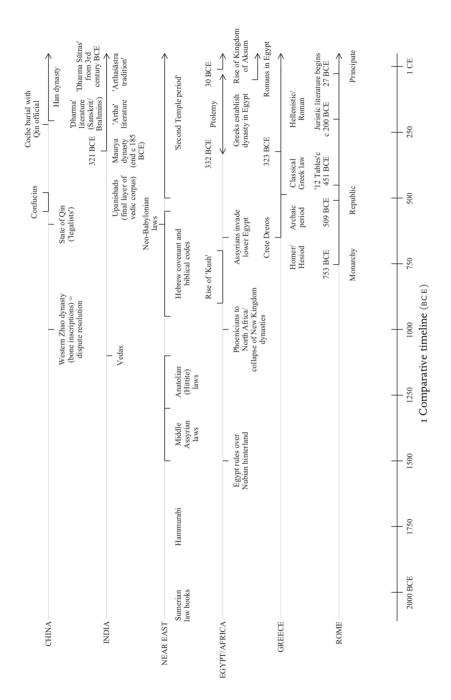


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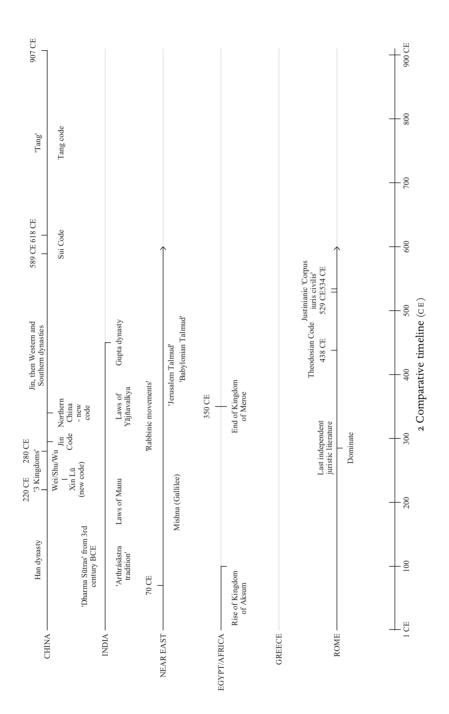


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# Abbreviations

AE L'Année Épigraphique

Aes. Aeschylus

Aeschin. Aeschines, Speeches
Andoc. Andocides, Speeches  $\bar{A}pDh$   $\bar{A}pastamba\ Dharmaś\bar{a}stra$ 

Arist. Aristotle

ARM Archives royales de Mari (1950–). Paris

Aulus Gellius, Attic Nights

AT Wiseman, D. J. (1953) The Alalakh Tablets.

Ankara

Ath. pol. Athenaion politeia [Constitution of the

Athenians]

b. B. Bat.
Baba Batra, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]
b. B.K.
Baba Kamma, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]
b. Git.
Gittin, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]
b. Hul.
Hullin, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]
b. Ket.
Kethuboth, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]
b. Kidd.
Kiddushin, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]

b. Ned. Nedarim, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] b. Pes. Pesachim, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] b. Qam. Baba Qama, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] Qiddushin, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] b. Qidd. b. Sanh. Sanhedrin, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] b. Shabb. Shabbat, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] b. Shavu. Shavu'ot, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate] b. Sotah Sotah, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]

b. Yeb. Yebhamoth, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]

b. Yoma, Babylonian Talmud [Tractate]

BDh Baudhāyana Dharmasastra

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# List of Abbreviations

BM British Museum
BrSm Brhaspati Smrti

Bruns, Fontes Bruns, C. G., Mommsen, T. and Gradenwitz,

O. (1909–12) Fontes

Chr Chronicles (Hebrew Bible)
Cic. Att. Cicero, Epistulae ad Atticum

Cic. Balb.
Cicero, Pro Balbo
Cic. Brut.
Cicero, Brutus
Cic. Cat. or.
Cicero, In Catilinam
Cic. De off.
Cicero, De officiis
Cic. De orat.
Cic. De rep.
Cicero, De republica
Cic. Verr.
Cicero, In Verrem

Cic. Part. or. Cicero, Partitiones oratoriae

Cic. Top. Cicero, Topica

CIG Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum (1825–60)
CIL Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum (1863–)
CSEL Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum

(1864-)

CT Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets in the

British Museum (1896-). London

CTH Laroche, L. (1966/1971 repr.), Catalogue des

textes hittites. Paris

Dem. Demosthenes, Speeches

[Dem.] Pseudo-Demosthenes, Speeches

DHal Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Rhōmaïke arch-

aiologia (Roman Antiquities)

Deut Deuteronomy (Hebrew Bible)
Dio Dio Chrysostomus, Speeches

Diod. Diodorus Siculus, Bibliotheca Historica EA Knudtzon, J. (1914), Die El-Amarna Tafeln.

Leipzig

Exod Exodus (Hebrew Bible)
Ezra Ezra (Hebrew Bible)
GDh Gautama Dharmasūtra
Gen Genesis (Hebrew Bible)
Herodotus Herodotus, Histories
Hesiod, Works And Days

Hesiod, Theog. Hesiod, Theogony



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IC Guarducci, M. (ed.) (1935–1950), Inscriptiones

Creticae. 4 vols. Rome

IG Inscriptiones Graecae (1873–)

ILAlg [Volume I] Gsell, S. (ed.,) (1922), Inscriptions

Latines de l'Algérie. 2 vols. Paris; [Volume II] Pflaum, H.-G. (ed.) (1957 and 1976), Inscriptions Latines de l'Algérie. 2 vols. Algiers Cagnat, R. and Merlin, A. with the collabor-

ILAfr Cagnat, R. and Merlin, A. with the collaboration of Chatelain, M. L. (1923), Inscriptions

latines d'Afrique (Tripolitaine, Tunisie, Maroc).

Paris

Iliad Homer, Iliad

Iscrizioni di Cos Segre, M. (ed.) (1993), Iscrizioni di Cos. Rome

Isaeus Isaeus, Speeches
Isocrates Isocrates, Speeches

JEN Chiera, E. (ed.) (1927–39), Joint Expedition

with the Iraq Museum at Nuzi. 6 vols. Paris

Jer Jeremiah (Hebrew Bible)

Justinian, Digest: Watson, A. et al. (eds. and

trans.) (1985), The Digest of Justinian. 4 vols.

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Justinian, Cod. Justinian, Codex repetitae praelectionis: Frier,

Bruce W. et al. (2016) (eds. and trans.), The Codex of Justinian: A New Annotated Translation with Parallel Latin and Greek

Text. 2 vols. Cambridge

Justinian, Inst. Justinian, Institutes: Birks, P. and McLeod,

. (1987) (eds. and trans.) Justinian's

Institutes. London

Juvenal Satires

KAŚ Kauṭilya Arthaśāstra KātSm. Kātyāyana Smṛti KātyDh Kātyāyana Dharmaśāstra

Kbo Figulla, H. (1916–21) Keilschrifttexte aus

BoghazköI. Leipzig/Berlin

Kgs Kings (Hebrew Bible) Lev Leviticus (Hebrew Bible)

Lex Irnitana Crawford, M. H. and González, J. (eds. and trans.) (1986), 'The lex Irnitana: A



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New Copy of the Flavian Municipal Law',

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Libani. Ep. Libanius, Letters

Liv. Livy, *Ab urbe condita* [History of Rome] *LSAM* Sokolowski, F. (ed.) (1955), *Lois sacrées d'Asie* 

Mineure. Paris

LSCG Sokolowski, F. (ed.) (1969), Lois sacrées des

cités grecques. Paris

LSS Sokolowski, F. (ed.) (1962), Lois sacrées des

cités grecques: supplément. Paris

Lysias, Speeches

M.Chr. Mitteis, L. and Wilcken, U. (1912) Grundzüge

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MDh Mānava Dharmaśāstra [Manu, Law Code]

m. 'Ar. 'Arakin, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. 'Avot Avot, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Baba Batra Baba Batra, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Hag. Hagigah, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Pe'ah Pe'ah, Mishnah (Tractate)

m. Hag.
m. Pe'ah
Pe'ah, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Pesah.
Pesahim, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Qidd.
Qiddushin, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Sanh.
Sanhedrin, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Shabb.
Shabbat, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Sukkah
Sukkah, Mishnah (Tractate)
m. Yeba.
Yebamot, Mishnah (Tractate)
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Yoma, Mishnah (Tractate)

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NārDh Nārada Dharmaśāstra

NSm Nārada Smṛti

Menander

NRSV New Revised Standard Version Num Numbers (Hebrew Bible)

Od. Homer, Odyssey

OGIS Dittenberger, W. (1903 and 1905), Orientis

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	Museum (1939–1990). 4 vols. London	
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P. BM Glanville	Glanville, S. R. K. (ed.) (1939), A Theban	
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P. Coll. Youtie	Hanson, A. E., et al. (eds.) (1976), Collectanea	
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	Archive from Tebtunis. Leiden	
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	Leiden	
P. Mich.	Michigan Papyri (1931–). Ann Arbor	
P. Oslo	Papyri Osloenses (1925–36). 3 vols. Oslo	
P. Oxy.	Oxyrhynchus Papyri (1898–). London	
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Philostr. VA Philostratus, Life of Apollonius

Pind. Ol. Pindar, Olympian Odes

Pl. Apol. Plato, Apology
Pl. Euthyphro Plato, Euthyphro
Pl. Laws Plato, Laws
Pl. Symp. Plato, Symposium

Pliny Ep. Pliny the Younger, Letters
Plut. Vit. Caes. Plutarch, Life of Caesar
Plut. Vit. Lyk Plutarch, Life of Lykourgos
Plut. Vit. Pyrrh. Plutarch, Life of Pyrrhus

Plut. Vit. Ti. Gracch. Plutarch, Life of Tiberius Gracchus

Plut. Vit. Sol. Plutarch, Life of Solon
Pollux Julius Pollux, Onomasticon

Polybius, Histories

Prov Proverbs (Hebrew Bible)

Psalm Book of Psalms (Hebrew Bible)

Ps. Asc. Verr. Ps-Asconius, Commentary on the Verrines

Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā-Sūtra Mimamsa sutra of Rishi

Jaimini

Res Gestae Caesar Augustus, Res Gestae Divi Augusti

Rgveda The RigVeda

Rhet. Her. Rhetorica ad Herennium

RO Rhodes, P. J. and Osborne, R. (eds.) (2007),

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Sam Samuel (Hebrew Bible)

SB Preisigke, F. et al. (1963 repr. –) Sammelbuch

griechischen Urkunden aus Ägypten.

Wiesbaden

SEG Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum (1923–)

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Sifre Deut. Sifre Deuteronomy

Soph. OT Sophocles, Oedipus Tyrannus

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Soph. Ant. Sophocles, Antigone

Strabo Geography

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tabl. A Tablet A: Driver, G. R. and Miles, J. C. (eds.

and trans.) (1935), The Assyrian Laws, Edited with Translation and Commentary. Oxford

Tac. Ann. Tacitus, Annales
T. Berakhot Tractate Berakhot

Theod. Cod. Codex Theodosianus (Theodosian Code)

Theoph. Char. Theophrastus, Characteres

Theoph. fr. Theophrastus, fragment (trans. Szegedy-

Maszak)

Thgn. Theognis, Elegaic Poems

Thuc. Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War

T. Shabbat Tractate Shabbat

UPZ Wilcken, U. (ed.) (1977), Urkunden der

Ptolemäerzeit (ältere Funde). 2 vols. Berlin.

Val. Max. Valerius Maximus, Facta et dicta memorabilia

VDh Vasiṣṭha Dharmaśāstra
ViDh Viṣṇu Dharmaśāstra
Xen. Hell. Xenophon, Hellenica
Xen. Mem. Xenophon, Memorabilia
YDh Yājñavakya Dharmaśāstra
YOS Yale Oriental Series



Maps



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