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## “Exemplarity as a Form of Normativity: How Individual Narratives Have Shaped American Legal Culture and the Construction of ‘Privacy’”

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 | 6:00–8:00 pm

Max Weber Room, Konrad-Zuse-Platz 1

In her talk, Dr. Condello argues that exemplarity shows the link between legal discourse, politics, and culture better than other forms of normativity. As a case study she focuses on the U.S. Supreme Court’s jurisprudential construction of the concept of “privacy.” Exemplary judgements can function as tools to accelerate a political agenda (rhetorical dimension), and they can also work as media to transfer a *savoir* from the individual case to the *agorà* (cognitive dimension). These different dimensions of exemplarity coexist in legal discourse and the normativity of *exempla* thus constitutes a pertinent perspective from which the multi-dimensional character of normativity can be discussed.



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The North American Studies Program presents Dr. Condello’s lecture in cooperation with the **Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture,”** where she is currently a fellow. The talk and discussion will be followed by a reception.