Venue:
Runder Vortragssaal
im Gästehaus “Otto Mayer”
der Deutschen Universität für
Verwaltungswissenschaften Speyer
Otto-Mayer-Straße 16
67346 Speyer

If you travel by car
- Leave the motorway A 61 at “Autobahnkreuz Speyer” (Speyer junction) to join the Bundesstraße 9 (Federal Main Road No. 9) towards Speyer.
- Take exit "Speyer/Verwaltungshochschule" towards Speyer.
- At the first traffic light turn right into the "Freiherr-vom-Stein" street. Here you will find the University’s main entrance and a parking site.
- If you drive straight on and turn to the right into "Otto-Mayer" street you will arrive in appr. 200 meters at another parking site. Turn right after the bus stop, on the right hand side. If you drive on for some 300 meters till the end of the street you will arrive at the university guest house parking site.

If you travel by train
- From Mannheim main station (ICE inter-city terminal) there is a direct train connection to Speyer every half an hour during the day (Line S3 or S4). Journey time is about 30 minutes. You can have a look at the schedule of the German Railways (www.diebahn.de).
- The University is about 2 km from Speyer railway station. We would recommend that you ride either by taxi or by bus. The bus, No. 561, departing every 30 minutes from bus stop "Bahnhof" (railway station) at platform 1, travels some 15 minutes to the bus stop "Verwaltungshochschule" (University) in front of the University's main entrance in the Freiherr-vom-Stein street.
- The city map of Speyer can be found at http://www.speyer.de/de/service/wegweiser.

If you travel by plane
- The closest major airport is in Frankfurt/Main. It has an ICE train station. You can reach Speyer easily by train to ICE main station Mannheim (appr. 30 minutes) where you have to change to a regional fast train (see travelling by train).

Colloquium
The Implementation of Social Rights: A Comparison of Case Studies from Latin America and Europe
5 and 6 December 2013

Scientific direction:
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Karl-Peter Sommermann
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Becker, LL.M.

Academic coordination:
Dr. Lorena Ossio, LL.M.
Objectives of the Colloquium

The growing literature on the judicial enforcement of economic, social and cultural rights has been largely dominated by studies dealing with the effects of a judicialisation of these rights in terms of democratic political theory or with a legal analysis of their normative scope. Only few studies refer to the implementation of social rights and even less to legislative strategies that have been or could be most effective for the implementation of social rights.

The colloquium aims to analyze in an open academic exchange between scholars of Latin American and European the implementation of social rights from a comparative legal perspective and to examine which core elements govern the process of implementation of social rights in national legislation. Particular interest will be paid to the interaction of legislation, executive measures and judicial control as well as to questions of legislative quality (legistics).

Thursday, 5 December 2013
Arrival of the participants

Friday, 6 December 2013
09.00 h Introduction
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Karl-Peter Sommermann
German Research Institute for Public Administration Speyer
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Becker
Director Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy

09.30 h Constitutional Requirements for the Implementation of Fundamental Social Rights by Ordinary Legislation
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Karl-Peter Sommermann

10.00 h Implementation of Social Rights in Latin America
Dr. Lorena Ossio Bustillos
Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy

10.30 h Discussion

11.00 h Coffee break

11.30 h Regulatory Impact Assessment and Social Legislation in Germany
Axel Piesker
Dr. Corinna Sicko
German Research Institute for Public Administration Speyer

12.00 h Social goals, social rights and legislative powers in the field of social policy in the Swiss Federal Constitution
Prof. Dr. Luzius Mader
Deputy-Director Federal Office of Justice

12.30 h Discussion

13.00 h Lunch break

14.00 h Fundamental Social Rights in Brazil
Szymon Mazur
Judge at the Regional Court of Fulda

14.30 h Implementation of Social Rights: The Case of Brazil
Prof. Dr. Fabiana de Menezes Soares
Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais

15.00 h Implementation of Social Rights: The Case of Colombia
Dr. Manuel Góngora Mera
Free University of Berlin

15.30 h Discussion

16.00 h Coffee break

16.30 h Fundamental Social Rights in Spain
Prof. Dr. Ricardo García Macho
University Jaume I (Castellón)

16.45 h Regulatory Impact Assessment and Implementation of Social Rights: The Case of Spain
Prof. Dr. Dolors Canals Amatller
University Gerona

17.15 h Discussion

17.45 h Implementation of Social Rights: Conclusions
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Becker

19.00 h Farewell Dinner