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Cacciavillani’s research focused on the legal-historical construction of property in the province of Córdoba, Argentina at the end of the 19th century. In publications and conferences, she has also addressed issues such as the relevance and usefulness of the teaching of legal history in the training of jurists, the role of legal history in legal argumentation, and the judges’ ability and willingness to understand and recognize in indigenous peoples’ lawsuits a property notion which goes beyond the limits of law. In these different fields, the author contests prevailing, ahistorical perceptions of law and stimulates critical reflection by pointing out both the effects of the colonial legacy and the prevailing gender barriers in law.
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