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Democracies worldwide currently face a legitimacy crisis. Despite the normative guarantee of democratic institutions, fair procedures and fundamental rights, approval ratings for politics are falling noticeably. This applies to the national level, as well as to the supranational level of the European Union and the international level. At the same time, populist and anti-liberal movements that question fundamental principles of legitimacy such as the rule of law or gender equality are on the rise – reason enough to take a closer look at the various patterns of legitimacy. The concept of legitimacy, which is ubiquitously used in the social sciences, offers interesting interdisciplinary perspectives, particularly for legal studies. This is why I organized the interdisciplinary conference ‘Patterns of Legitimacy’ in cooperation with the *German Chapter of the International Society of Public Law* at the University of Jena in June 2022. It is a pleasure to present the papers resulting from this conference.

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