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Letter from the president

RENDEZVOUS IN BERLIN!

Quite soon, between July 25-28, the Law and Society–RCSL joint meeting will take place in Berlin. The meeting is organized with 4 other national associations; the Socio-Legal Studies Association of the UK (SLSA), the Japanese Association of Sociology of Law (JASL), the Vereinigung für Rechtssoziologie (VfR), and the Sociology of Law Section of the German Sociological Association. It is going to be a major event. We expect that there will be well over 2000 participants from as many as 79 countries. It will be an exceptional opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world, to have exciting discussions, to discover new fields of research.

Most of the RCSL working groups will have sessions in Berlin. We will have a business meeting open to all. I will invite representatives from the sections of sociology of law from national sociological associations to attend this meeting in order to foster further cooperation. We will also have our board meeting, which will be an important one. Apart from RCSL input, the Oñati International Institute of Sociology of Law is also organizing several events in Berlin.

In a changing world the Research Committee is also changing. We have now our own website: <u>http://rcsl.iscte.pt/index.htm</u>. The 3 sub-committees appointed in last fall are working for a better organization of the Research committee, in order to improve the Statutes and to improve the functioning of the Working groups. The online journal co-organized by RCSL and Oñati is in progress, a governing committee has been appointed, and they in turn have appointed a general editor: Volkmar Gessner. They are now working on the precise configuration of the journal. All those projects are managed with the active participation of Board members.

We are still thinking ahead to 2008, when the RCSL will have two meetings: one in Milano – the annual meeting – organized by Vincenzo Ferrari and Luigi Cominelli, and the other in Barcelona, with the participation of our Research Committee to the World Forum on Sociology organized by the International Sociological Association. Vittorio Olgiati has agreed to serve as the scientific coordinator of this event. Some great developments ahead. But, first, to Berlin!

Anne Boigeol, RCSL President

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DONATIONS

The Research Committee is grateful to *Judith Blau* for making a donation to the General Support Fund and to *Lawrence M. Friedman* for making a donation to the Podgorecki Prize Fund.

THE RCSL AGENDA IN BERLIN (JULY 25-28, 2007)

You can find the program of the Berlin meeting clicking on:

http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/lsa/lsa07/. You will find below the main appointments for our Research Committee and the titles and convenors for the panels organized by the RCSL Working Groups.

Podgorecki Prize Award Ceremony

Friday Jul. 27, 12:30 PM, room HU02

RCSL Business meeting

(open to members and non members) Friday Jul. 27, 1:30 PM, room HU03)

RCSL Board meeting Friday Jul. 27, 2:30 PM, room HU04)

Sessions:

WG Gender and law (Rosemary Hunter):

- Feminism, law and families
- Feminism Politics and Policy
- Femlinism and the production of knowledge
- Epistemology of consent in Rape law
- Diversifying gender? Comparative Feminist legal scholarship
- Transgender and feminist perspectives on degendering law
- WG Business meeting

WG Legal profession

- Legal Professional Values & Identities (Kim Economides)

- Perception of justice (Johanna Shapland)
- Culture Identities (Fiona Cownie)

- International Criminal Tribunal and the European court of human rights (Fred Buinsma)

- Women/Gender in the legal profession (Ulrike Schultz)

- Struggles for political freedom (CRN20, Terence Halliday)

- The legal complex and political liberalism (CRN20, Terrence Halliday)

- Mobilization strategies on the legal complex (CRN20, Terrence Halliday)

WG Legal culture

- Comparing legal cultures: judges and the courts (Marina Kurkchiyan)

- Legal culture between Tradition and social change (Marina Kurkchiyan)

- Politics, justice, and crime: cross-cultural studies (Marina Kurkchiyan)

- Legal cultures: Cases studies (Fred Bruinsma)

WG Popular culture

- Contemporary Sporting themes and issues (Guy Osborn)- Images of Justice in Times of Political Instability (Guy Osborn)

- The Popular/Legal Imagination (Steve Greenfield)

WG Law and urban space (Antonio Azuela)

- Owners, Judges and the Decline of Public Interest: Expropriation in the XXI Century

WG Law and politics

(María Angélica Cuéllar Vázquez) - Law and politics

WG Law and migration (in formation)

(Devanayaka Sundaram)

- Law and International Migration

INTRODUCING THE WINNERS OF THE RCSL TRAVEL GRANTS

This year the RCSL will sponsor the trip to Berlin for 4 graduate students presenting papers at the conference:

Meergul Bobukeeva (Kyrgyzstan)

Alternative Dispute Resolution: A Thin Peace is Better than a Good Quarrel

Arnim Agrawal (India)

Emerging Demographic Dynamics, Globalization, and Migration: The Socio-Legal Aspects of Human Rights **David Restrepo Amariles** (*Colombia*)

Human Rights in a Sociological Perspective: The Case of the Displaced Population in Colombia

Devyani Prabhat (India)

The USA Patriot Act: Legitimacy, Authority, Domination, and Resistance. A Third Dimensional Power Analysis

A NEWSLETTER TO COME

Dear friends, this is the last newsletter before the Berlin meeting. Starting with this issue, the RCSL Working present themselves to the Groups membership: Rosemary Hunter kindly accepted our invitation to report on the activities of the Gender and Law WG. Our present commitment is to render the RCSL newsletter a truly effective way to share ideas, works and practical information. Obviously, in order to do this, each and every one of you is invited to contribute. Today, the Internet offers infinite ways to spread voice instantly through bulletin boards, blogs or forum of discussion. These are a much more immediate instrument than a quarterly publication like ours. However, we still feel that it is important and practical to concentrate all the news and institutional issues concerning our organization in a single newsletter. And you can still find all the freshest news

on our website (<u>http://rcsl.iscte.pt/</u>). So, when you post on the internet or circulate by email some piece of information which could be interesting for all our members, please copy me in.

Luigi Cominelli – Università degli Studi di Milano RCSL Secretary <u>luigi.cominelli@unimi.it</u>

THE OÑATI INITIATIVE ON "SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES IN THE GLOBALIZED WORLD"

On the invitation of the IISL director, Joxerramon Bengoetxea, a number of scholars met in March 2007 in Oñati to discuss the future role of the Institute in the development of the socio-legal community. A number of important international and national associations were represented by their elected officials:

• Law and Society Association (Richard Lempert, Malcom Feeley)

• Research Committee of the Sociology of Law (Anne Boigeol, Luigi Cominelli)

• Socio-Legal Studies Association (Bronwen Morgan)

• Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism (Anne Griffiths)

• Comités de recherche Études socio-juridiques - sociologie du droit (Pierre Guibentif)

• Canadian Association of sociology of Law (Mariana Valverde)

• Associazione di studi su diritto e società (Vincenzo Ferrari)

• Several former directors, or founders, of the IISL were also present (in addition to Pierre Guibentif: Terry Halliday, Johannes Feest, Bill Felstiner, Volkmar Gessner, Manolo Calvo).

After prolonged discussion, the group reached the conclusion that the IISL should be encouraged to pursue a triple purpose:

- Expand its activities as a clearing house for all information related to law and society, in a broad sense of the term (which is what the Oñati library/documentation already does to a large extent)

- Take the lead to organize a world forum for all associations working in the socio-legal field, again in a broad sense

- Offer to host the next international Law & Society meeting after Berlin (probably in five years' time), somewhere not too far from Oñati.

The idea is that future international meetings should not be organized any more by the Law and Society Association (with one or more "junior partners"), but by a new international "consortium" of associations, representing the full breadth of the socio-legal community. This idea of a "consortium" will, of course, have to be worked out and clarified. But it was because of this openness that it appealed to the participants of the Oñati meeting.

After the Oñati meeting, the president of the RCSL, Anne Boigeol, conducted a survey among the RCSL board members and found unanimous support for the "consortium" plan. A first opportunity to discuss this idea in a broader context will be at the Berlin 2007 Joint Law and Society conference. For this purpose, a special meeting to which all interested national and international organizations are invited, will be organized on Friday July 27 at 5 pm (Room HU10).

Johannes Feest

PRESENTING THE RCSL WORKING GROUP ON GENDER AND LAW

The Working Group on Gender and Law replaces the former Working Group on Women and Law, though with a new agenda and set of concerns, reflecting the shift that has occurred in legal theory from the early scholarship on 'women and the law' to more a more recent focus on the gendered nature of law and the legal construction of gender.

One of the projects of the Working Group has been to rethink key concepts in feminist legal theory. For example, the Working Group's 2005 meeting in Stilbay, South Africa, focused on the concepts of choice and consent. A collection of essays arising from this meeting has been produced, titled Choice and Consent: Feminist Engagements with Law and Subjectivity. It is edited by Rosemary Hunter and Sharon Cowan, and contains essays by Maria Drakopoulou (on a genealogy of the concept of consent), Louise du Toit, Sharon Cowan and Heather Douglas (on consent in rape law), Karin van Marle (on political consent), Anél Boshoff (on consent in family law), Gillian Calder (on choice and consent in relation to women's reproductive decisions and maternity rights), Hazel Biggs (on choice and consent in relation to end-of-life decision making), and Rosemary Hunter (on consent in civil procedure). The collection will be published by Routledge Cavendish in late 2007.

In July 2006, the Working Group held a well-attended workshop at Onati on the subject of 'Revisiting Equality', organised by Sally Sheldon, Rosemary Hunter and Maria Drakopoulou. Papers presented at the workshop provided critical reflections on the concept of equality from historical, philosophical, socio-legal and doctrinal perspectives. Key questions addressed in the papers included: what is the history of the feminist use of 'equality' and what lessons are there for the future? What are the effects of the feminist pursuit of equality? What are the advantages and disadvantages of strategising in terms of equality? And, what potential is there to reconceptualise equality, to mould it in a different form? The presentations were followed by lively discussions, which spilled well over their allotted sessions and into the lunch break and the evenings. Once again, an edited collection arising from the Workshop has been prepared, titled Rethinking Equality Projects in Law: Feminist Challenges. The MS has been submitted for publication as part of the Hart Publishing Onati

International Series in Law and Society, and is currently being considered by the Board of Editors.

The Working Group has organised six sessions – five paper sessions and a roundtable – as part of the Berlin law and society conference in July 2007. The theme chosen for discussion at the Berlin meeting is 'Feminism and the production of knowledge'. The paper sessions are on:

1. Feminism, Law and Families (Weds 25 July, 10.15)

Feminism, Politics and Policy (Weds 25 July, 12.30)

3. Feminism and the Production of Legal Knowledge (Thurs 26 July, 10.15)

4. The Epistemology of Consent in Rape Law (Thurs 26 July 12.30), and

6. Transgender and Feminist Perspectives on Degendering Law (Sat 28 July, 2.30)

The Roundtable (Sat 28 July, 12.30) is titled 'Diversifying Gender? Comparative Feminist Legal Scholarship', and is a collaboration between the Working Group, the Centre for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies at Humboldt University, and Womedlaw, a organisation of women from the Euro-Mediterranean countries concerned with issues of equality and diversity in the academic world. It will discuss potential differences between feminist legal discourses on different continents, asking questions such as: how are issues of law, gender and diversity reflected in different legal, cultural, institutional and political contexts? Which issues are on the cutting edge of feminist legal scholarship, and why? Which theoretical frameworks are discussed, used, or considered inappropriate? Where are the faultlines between mainstream and dissent? Which goals do we pursue in research? How do we influence legal theories and practices? What does feminist scholarship have to say in relation to paradigmatic cases such as religious pluralism, domestic violence and constructions of marriage? The Berlin meeting offers a rare opportunity to discuss such topics in a truly international setting.

The Working Group will also hold a Business Meeting at the Berlin conference, on Friday 27 July, 1.30 pm. Discussion will include plans for dates, locations and themes of future Working Group meetings.

You are warmly invited to attend the WG sessions at Berlin. If you would like to be added to the Working Group's mailing list, please contact the chair:

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2008 RCSL ANNUAL MEETING (MILAN AND COMO, ITALY, JULY 9-12)

The 2008 annual meeting of the **Research** Committee on Sociology of Law will be held from

Wednesday, July 9, through Saturday, July 12, 2008, hosted jointly by the University of Milano, the University of Milano-Bicocca, the University of Como-Insubria and Milan's Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale, which has assisted a number of relevant activities of the RCSL over the past decades and will celebrate its 60th anniversary precisely in 2008.

The theme of the conference will be **"LAW AND JUSTICE IN THE RISK SOCIETY"**. The venues will be **Milano** (Wednesday afternoon to Friday morning) and **Como** (Saturday morning), with the opportunity to join a social excursion on Saturday afternoon to **Lake Como** and some of its renowned natural and historical settings.

The programme of the event, which has already been approved in principle by the organizing committee, will respect the traditional structure of RCSL annual congresses, i.e. **Plenaries** and **Sessions of the ten Research Committee's Working Groups**: "Gender and Law", "Socio-Legal Methodology", "Legal Profession", "Comparative Legal Cultures", "Human Rights", "Law and Politics", "Urban Problems", "Social and Legal Systems", "Law and Popular Culture", "European Integration".

A number of **Workshops** specifically connected with main topic of the conference has also been planned. Among them: "Ecology" (including a more specific session on the renaissance of the "Commons" question), "Media and the Internet", "Market Economies, Enterprises and Work", "War, Terrorism and Social Control", "Health and Assistance", "Identities and Religion", "Legal Systems and their Risks". Individual contributions on socio-legal topics will also be welcomed and discussed in ad hocsessions of "**Research in Progress**".

A formal call for papers, as well as more detailed information on the programme, will appear in the Fall issue of the RCSL Newsletter.

The languages of the meeting will be English, French and Spanish, as stated in the ISA Statutes, with the opportunity of organizing special sessions – if needed – in other languages too.

Enquires, proposals for new themes or ad-hoc panels should be addressed to <u>vincenzo.ferrari@unimi.it</u> and <u>luigi.cominelli@unimi.it</u>

THE RCSL PARTICIPATION AT THE ISA FIRST WORLD FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY (BARCELONA, SEPTEMBER 5-8, 2008)

The RCSL will participate with its delegates at the ISA First World Forum of Sociology, to be held in Barcelona from 5th to 8th September 2008.

The Forum echoes some necessities and opportunities strongly felt in the ISA in the last years to promote intra-, inter- and trans- disciplinary communication and dialogue among RCs and their members. Accordingly, the Forum is not only conceived as a sort of Interim Meeting, vis-à-vis ordinary ISA World Congress, but re-defines the traditional format of ISA meetings. It will combine parallel programs of RCs (streams of common sessions) and a general program consisting of papers given by RC representatives (plenary sessions). The general theme of the Forum is "Sociological Research and Public Debate". As regards RCs programs, RCs were requested to sort out a main theme whose topic could fit precisely into the Forum general theme, that is, (1) deal with a relevant issue in public debate, to which (2) the concerned RC disciplinary speciality contributed in some ways.

Given the above, the RCSL Board appointed Vittorio Olgiati as *ad hoc* Scientific Coordinator, and approved, after a large and interesting discussion, his proposal to choose **"RE-THINKING LEGAL JUSTICE**" as RCSL main theme.

A **call for papers** on this topic will be forwarded by Vittorio Olgiati on behalf of the RCSL Board within the end of June 2008. The final World Forum program will be announced within the 31^{st} of January 2008. The dead-line for registration is the 1^{st} of June 2008.

CALL TO FORM A NEW WORKING GROUP ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND CIVIL JUSTICE

Dear Colleagues,

if you are interested to form a new **Working Group** on **Dispute Resolution and Civil Justice** please write to Professor **Masayuki Murayama** (e-mail: <u>aa00092@kisc.meiji.ac.jp</u>). Working Groups consist of no less than ten RCSL individual members, representing at least five different countries (art. 4.2 of the RCSL Statute).

NEWS

L'Association française de sociologie ("Réseau Thématique de Sociologie du Droit et de la Justice") organise à la fin de l'automne 2007 une Journée d'études: "Quelles théories pour la sociologie du droit et de la justice?". Pour l'appel à contribution, contacter les organisateurs: Thierry Delpeuch (ISP, CNRS), <u>delpeuch@gapp.ens-cachan.fr</u>, ou Laurent Willemez (Univ. de Poitiers) <u>Laurent.Willemez@univ-</u> poitiers.fr.

The Renato Treves International Research Doctorate in "Law and Society", based in Milano and offered by a consortium of European Universities and Research Centres (University of Milano, University of Como-Insubria, University of Bologna, University of Urbino, Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale, University of Lund, Carlos III University of Madrid, University of **Antwerp**), will shortly issue a call for a new intake of PhD candidates. The deadline for applications will be **September 15, 2007**. If you are interested in receiving the call write to phd@fildir.unimi.it.

BOOKS

A new reader on socio-legal issues, **Law in Action**, will be available this fall. It is edited by Stewart Macaulay of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Lawrence M. Friedman of Stanford Law School, and Elizabeth Mertz, also of the University of Wisconsin Law School. The publisher, Foundation Press, hopes to have page-proofs available for inspection at the Berlin meeting. The reader will contain, in addition to readings drawn from all of the social sciences, extensive notes and questions. The book deals both with the impact of law on society, and the impact of society on law; it also has material on the sociology of the legal and judicial professions, and on law, culture, and history.

La ley y los conflictos sociales, México, UNAM-SITESA, 2006 (Arturo Chávez, Angélica Cuéllar).

El estudio del derecho empieza a cobrar relevancia en nuestro país. La razón parece obvia: No se puede entender un procesode democratización sin una sólida base jurídica. Democracia sin ley no es democracia. Sin embargo, no existe una relación mecánica entre el establecimiento de instituciones propias de un régimen democrático, como el Instituto Federal Electoral y el Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación, y la consolidación de un Estado democrático de derecho. Hoy en día, la tendencia a dar cause judicial a conflictos sociales propiciados por procesos políticos es cada vez mayor. Esta situación nos palntea una doble necesidad, por un lado, revisar el papel que actualmente juega el poder judicial en el escenario político nacional y, por otro, analizar su capacidad efectiva para dar respuesta a las exigencias de una sociedad cada vez más dividida y demandante.

OÑATI IN BRIEF:

II CONGRESO SOCIO-JURÍDICO DE OÑATI

Las formas del derecho en Latinoamérica: Democracia, Desarrollo, Liberación (18 - 20 Julio 2007)

Programa Provisional Miércoles 18 de julio de 2007

09:00 - 10:30 Inauguración y Conferencia Plenaria: C. Lista, "Nuevas formas y viejos contenidos: los programas de 'Derecho y Desarrollo' y la reforma judicial en América Latina" (título provisional)

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10:30 - 14:00 Pueblos Indígenas (Coord.: L.E. Aguirre) - *El sistema Ombudsman en Iberoamerica. Implementación, Desarrollo y Perspectivas Comparadas* (Coord.: J. Sánchez Arellano y R. Meneses Reyes) - *Migraciones en los Circuitos Transfronterizos* (Coord.: S. Gil Araujo y Y.T. Hillón Vega) - *Mujer y Violencia. Desigualdad, exclusión y Derecho* (Coord.: M. Sánchez Busso y J. Gracia Ibáñez)

16:15 - 18:00 Human Rights, Memory, and Justice in Latin America (Coord.: C. MacDowell Santos y S. Maeso) – Los gobiernos de izquierda en América Latina (Coord.: R. de la Cruz Ochoa y R. Viciano) **18:15 - 19:15** Conferencia Plenaria: M.C. De Cicco, "Democracia e direito"

Jueves 19 de julio de 2007

09:00 - 10:00 Conferencia Plenaria: Aula Magna. A. Cuellar, "Instituciones en vilo. El derecho en el arduo camino hacia la democratización de la vida política en América Latina"

10:15 - 14:15 *Democracia Latinoamerica* (Coord.: C. Rivera y Grupo Doctorado de Latinoamerica) – *Pueblos Indígenas, desarrollo y participación democrática* (Coord.: J.A. Fontoura y C. Derani) – *Acceso a la Justicia* (Coord.: Sonia Boueiri)

16:15 - 18:00 Justicia Restaurativa en América Latina (Coord.: L.A. Fajardo, L.F. García y R. Ariza Santamaria) – Derecho, Desarrollo y Cultura Jurídica Local (Coord.: L. Ariza)

18:00 - 19:00 Conferencia Plenaria: Aula Magna. A. Azuela, "La expropiación y las transformaciones del estado: convergencia global y diálogo interdisciplinario"

Viernes 20 de julio de 2007

09:00 - 10:00 Conferencia Plenaria: Aula Magna. Fco. J. Caballero, "Del sueño americano al sueño latinoamericano"

15:30 - 18:00 (Donostia)

Acceso a la Justicia (Coord.: S. Boueiri) – Democracia Latinoamerica (Coord.: C. Rivera y Grupo Doctorado de Latinoamerica)

18:30 - 19:30 Conferencia abierta. J. Tapia, "Derecho y Desarrollo. Reflexiones sobre una experiencia y una esperanza" **Ceremonia de clausura**

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THE OÑATI MASTER'S PROGRAMME 2007/08

The 2007/08 International Master in Sociology of Law is an official Master of the University of the Basque Country and the Università degli Studi di Milano and

conforms to the criteria agreed in the Bologna process. This degree awards 60 ECTS postgraduate credits. For more information, please contact Susana Arrese Murguzur (susana@iisj.es)

24 – 28 Sept. 2007 **Sociology for lawyers** Patricia Campelo & Beatriz Izquierdo – University of the Basque Country

1 – 12 Oct. 2007 **Main issues in the Sociology of Law** Vincenzo Ferrari – University of Milan

15 – 26 Octob. 2007 **A Socio-legal Approach to International Children's Rights** Michael King – University of Reading

29 Oct.–9 Nov. 2007 Socio-Legal Research: Theory and Practice Angela Melville – University of Manchester

12 - 23 Nov. 2007

Asian and African Laws in Comparative Perspective Prakash A. Shah – Queen Mary University of London

26 – 30 Nov. 2007 **Comparative Legal Culture** Joxerramon Bengoetxea – University of the Basque Country

3 – 14 Dec. 2007
Litigation before Supranational Courts: the Case of European Court of Justice
Cristina Reale – University of Insubria, Como

17 – 21 Dec. 2007 International Relations, conflict resolution and democracy Igor Filibi & Noe Cornago – University of the Basque Country

7 – 18 Jan. 2008 International Criminology Susanne Karstedt – University of Keele

21 Jan. – 1 Feb. 2008 Institutional Law of the EU, Spain and the Basque Country Maite Zelaia, Dunia Marinas, Juan Ignacio Ugartemendia – University of the Basque Country

4 – 15 Feb. 2008 Judges and Decision Making, An Intercultural

Comparison Heike Jung – Universität des Saarlandes (Germany) & Joxerramon Bengoetxea – University of the Basque Country

18 – 29 Feb. 2008 Globalization, Law and Markets Terence Halliday – American Bar Foundation 3 – 14 Mar. 2008 **Work and the New Economy** Judy Fudge – York University

17 – 28 Mar. 2008 Developing Anthropology of Law in a Transnational World Anne Griffiths – The University of Edinburgh

Oct. 07 – Mar. 08 **Thesis Seminar & Tutorials** Oñati IISL Scientific Director and Visiting Fellows

Apr. 08 – Sept. 08 Research Project / Tesina

OÑATI WHORKSHOPS PROGRAMME 2007/08

April 3 – 4, Igor Filibi (Bilbao) Noé Cornago (Bilbao) Democracy with(out) nations?: Old and new foundations for political communities (English)

April 10 – 11, Nilda Susana Gorvein (Donostia) Iñaki Markez (Las Arenas)

De la Violencia colectiva y las dinámicas de humillación a la Salud Pública y la restauración de la dignidad de la persona (Castellano)

April 17 – 18, Leticia Albuquerque (Brasil), Fernanda Medeiros (Brasil) *The new ecological order* (English/Castellano)

April 24 – 25, Samantha Ashenden (United Kingdom), Chris Thornhill (United Kingdom) Normative and Sociological Approaches to Legality and Legitimacy (English)

May 8 – 9, Guy Osborn (United Kingdom) *Law and Popular Culture* (English)

May 15 – 16, Reza Banakar (United Kingdom) *Rights Discourse* (English)

May 22 – 23, Sari Kouvo (Sweden) Zoe Pearson (United Kingdom) Between Resistance and Compliance? Feminist Perspectives on International Law in an Era of Anxiety and Terror (English)

May 29 – 30, William J. Chambliss (USA) *State Crime in the Global Age* (English)

June 5 - 6, Jacques Faget (France) *La mediación en los conflictos políticos nacionales e internacionales* (Castellano/English/Français)

June 12 – 13, Vincenzo Ferrari (Italy) Sovereignty – Origins and Development (English) June 19 – 20, Gerd Winter (Germany)

Public Law Beyond the State: public governance networks and organisations in the transnational sphere (English)

Junio 26 – 27, Ignacio Muñagorri (Donostia) Juan S. Pegoraro (Argentina)

Orden normativo y control social en Europa y Latinoamérica en la era de la globalización (Castellano)

Junio/Julio 30 – 4, Carlos Lista (Argentina) Curso de Verano, Los procesos migratorios: políticas y legislación en el marco de la globalización (Castellano)

July 7 – 8, Emmanuel Lazega (France) *Meeting of the Working Group on Comparative Studies of the Legal Professions of RCSL* (English)

The IISL is open to proposals from scholars interested in organizing a workshop at the IISL in 2009. The set of 'guidelines' about how to present such a proposal to the Institute can be obtained by writing directly to IISL (Meetings). Completed proposals should reach the Institute **by 31st January 2008**.

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The Fall issue of the RCSL newsletter will be published in October 2007. You are welcome to submit any material that is related to socio-legal research and which might be of interest for our members. The next issue will include short items (400-500 words), information about conferences, seminars and workshops, brief presentations of collaborative research projects, debates on issues related to teaching, information about courses, recent or forthcoming publications, notices on research funds, prizes and awards. The deadline to submit an item is September 15, 2007. Please write to luigi.cominelli@unimi.it.