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### A great event: the 2009 RCSL-IISL joint meeting



It was a great event at the IISL-Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law! The Joint Meeting of the RCSL and the IISL was held on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute. More than 200 people attended the meeting, happy to be in this wonderful place, which has become such a well-known institution in the world of the sociology of law and of the law and society field.



Many sessions were organized by the working groups of the RCSL and of the Oñati network, dealing either with current developments of sociology of law and of socio-legal theory, or with many other topics, such as law and politics, migration and law, transitional justice, gender and law, parenting and marital breakdown, dispute resolution, so illustrating the development of the socio-legal approaches to law and justice.



The celebration ceremony was a high moment of emotion and intensity, reuniting many of the people

who contributed to the creation of the Institute and who contribute today to its development. Besides scientific interests, we were delighted with the Basque dances; by the beautiful *a cappella* concert given by San Sebastian's Santa Cecilia Choir at the Arantzazu Basilica; and by the dinner offered in the gastronomic society, illustrating the living Basque culture. A warm thank you goes to the IISL director and to all of the IISL staff, who contributed so brilliantly to the Meeting's success.

Anne Boigeol  
RCSL President

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RCSL Secretary



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## DONATIONS

The Research Committee is grateful to Anne Meuwese for her donation to the Treves grant fund.

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## THE 2009 RCSL ELECTIONS RESULTS

The new president of the Research Committee on Sociology of Law is Vittorio Olgiati. The new elected Board members are (in order of preferences): Luigi Cominelli; David Nelken; Carlos Lista; Ulrike Schultz; Volkmar Gessner; Angela Melville; Benoit Bastard.

RCSL members have accepted that the term of the current board and president be postponed in order to fit with the ISA terms, Vittorio and the new team will begin their term in Gothenburg in July 2010.

The members also accepted the principle of vote by electronic procedure. The text of the new statute can be found at: [http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl\\_Statutes\\_2009.pdf](http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl_Statutes_2009.pdf) A committee composed of Anne Boigeol, Johannes Feest, Vincenzo Ferrari and Mavis Maclean opened the ballots in Oñati.

The Board also agreed on the locations of the next RCSL annual meetings of 2011 (Jaipur) and 2011 (Joint meeting with the Law and Society Association in Honolulu).

Anne Boigeol  
RCSL President

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## Oñati Institute: Goodbye Carlos, Welcome Sol

Every two years, the scientific director of the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law changes, bringing the Institute an extraordinary diversity and wealth of competence and experience.

Carlos Lista has ended his term as scientific director. He has worked admirably, along with the staff and professors, to improve the organization of the Institute and has contributed to increase the relations with Latin American scholars and students. His term ended with a very successful event: the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute and the joint IISL-RCSL meeting. He has returned to his university in Cordoba, Argentina. Thank you Carlos and goodbye! Starting in September 2009, Sol Picciotto is the new director of the Institute. Emeritus Professor at Lancaster University he will bring to the Institute his fields of interest in law and economic regulation, and social theories of state and law. He also wants to develop the electronic publications of the Institute. Welcome Sol!

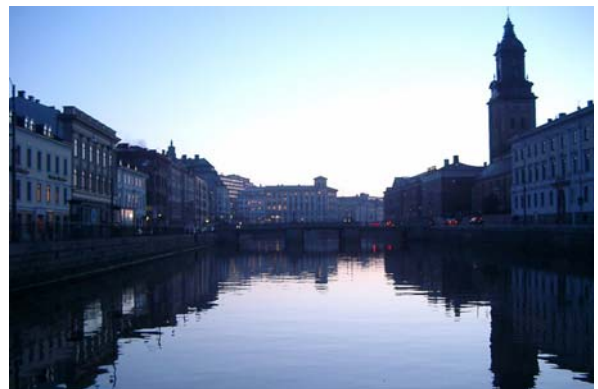
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## THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

XVII – ISA World Congress of Sociology

*Sociology on the move*

Gothenburg, 11-17 July 2010



<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/>

The Research Committee on the Sociology of Law has been granted 14 slots in the upcoming Meeting starting on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and finishing on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Working Groups planning to meet in Gothenburg will fill these slots. In addition, there is one Integrative session that has been allocated to us for a Joint RC12 / RC53 Session. The number of slots means that initially each WG has one Session allocated to it, along with the RCSL Business Meeting. It would be helpful if Working Group Chairs could confirm by e-mail that they will be using the slot provisionally set aside for them. In addition, Working Group Chairs who are looking for more time should let me know their ideal requirements so that we can achieve a balanced, high quality programme. I require this material before the end of 2009 so that the final programme can be submitted on time. I look forward to hearing from WG Chairs. Would any member who wishes to present a paper in Gothenburg and who has not yet been in touch with a Working Group Chair please send an abstract to the relevant WG Chair by December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for consideration.

Peter Robson  
Gothenburg RCSL Programme Co-ordinator

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## The World Consortium on Law and Society-WCLS

The WCLS Steering Committee organized two meetings during the Oñati Conference in July 2009. The first, on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> was open to all conference participants and aimed to up-date people on the activities that had been carried out so far. This meeting (which was the first for some of the participants) was similar to the ones held in Berlin in 2007, and Montréal and Milan in 2008.

The second meeting was for the members of the Steering Committee present in Oñati and was aimed at carrying on the discussion concerning the practical elements necessary to set up the Consortium, including those regarding the creation of a website, organizational structure, financial matters and a possible country in which to register the organization. The three working groups created in 2008 offered informative material and material for debate.

1) The website group (co-ordinated by Carlos Lista): the website is being developed by the IISL. The group agreed that in order to make optimum use of the latest technological and IT advances, the website will be more interactive than had originally been envisaged. Access will be free but not unlimited.

2) Organization and governance group (Terry Halliday and Ulrike Schulz): progress was made in making some aspects more specific.

- The WCLS is an association of associations. No individual membership will be possible.

- Full membership is granted to all associations/societies from a broad range of disciplines.

- Research Institutes will be members, but will not have a vote in the GA.

- Networks are invited to join, however not as full members.

- The IISL will serve as secretariat of the WCLS.

- A relatively small number of founding associations will initiate the WCLS, with more associations joining in the course of the following years.

- A review of the proposed governance structure will take place after the first two years.

- The contributions asked from societies will be based on membership numbers and classification into different types of countries (A, B, C, D countries).

3) Activities: Susanne Karstedt informed us of what the working group that she is in charge of had spoken about. Ralf Rogowski and Christian Boulanger co-operate in this group.

The following activities were suggested:

- The WCLS applies for one or two “branded workshops” within the usual framework of applications for workshops at Oñati. These will be run under the present conditions at Oñati and designated as WCLS workshops. They should have particular international and global themes.

- Summer schools for young researchers. These would be branded as WCLS events and offered to member associations for reduced fees. This

mechanism might help to recruit young scholars into the respective associations.

- Scholarships. Many associations are too small to support a full scholarship for a young researcher. The WCLS would offer associations the possibility of joining forces and offering one or two scholarships.

- The support and promotion of regional conferences; this includes conferences that have a particular interdisciplinary scope.

- Promoting and sponsoring international events; this is envisioned as a future activity and in collaboration with the other bodies that are running international events.

## THE WINNER OF THE PODGÓRECKI PRIZE 2009

### Boaventura de Sousa Santos



At the root of the socio-legal work of Boaventura de Sousa Santos is his seminal research *Law against the Law* (1974), a thoughtful analysis of conflict resolution mechanisms developed in a Brazilian Favela. After this fieldwork experience, he succeeded in setting up a

comprehensive research device in Coimbra – in the Portuguese speaking world certainly the most productive on socio-legal topics – including a research centre: the Centro de Estudos Sociais (created 1978); a journal: the *Revista crítica de ciências sociais* (launched 1978); as well as a Permanent Observatory of the Portuguese Justice System (established 1996). In the meantime, he managed to strengthen his links with the American Law and Society movement, notably by publishing numerous papers in journals in English, and engaging in several important debates (see e.g. "Room for Manoeuvre: Paradox, Program or Pandora's Box?", *Law and Social Enquiry*, 1989; and "Three Metaphors for a New Conception of Law: The Frontier, the Baroque, and the South", *Law and Society Review*, 1995). In maintaining narrow connections to these two worlds, he managed to keep distance from both of them, thereby creating distance to the world as a whole, and favourable conditions for the observation of the contemporary globalization process. In recent years, he has given crucial contributions to the World Social Forum launched in Porto Alegre, 2001, contributions based both on his theory of globalization, and on his pluralistic concept of a New Common Sense, seeking to decolonize and to reconcile the components of our postmodern experiences.

Boaventura de Sousa Santos has given new momentum to the discussion of crucial socio-legal concepts such as legal pluralism or production of law. He reminds us of the unavoidable link between science and politics, and gives us reasons to believe

that international scientific networks may have a force of their own in the process of globalization. Boaventura de Sousa Santos certainly deserves to be awarded with the Adam Podgórecki Prize 2009.

## PODGÓRECKI PRIZE 2010: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In 2010, the Podgórecki Prize will be awarded to an emerging socio-legal scholar for an outstanding published study, which may be in the form of a book, an article or a series of articles. **The prize committee herewith invites nominations before 30 April 2010.** Candidates are eligible if they have published one or more significant works within 10 years of having completed their doctorate. Nominations require the support from at least two members of the RCSL. Publications can be in any language. For works in languages other than those known by the prize committee, the nominators should ideally provide selected translations. To consider works in less well-known languages, the Prize committee can co-opt further members and consult other members of the RCSL.

Nominations must include:

- The candidate's CV
- A short statement from the nominators of the value of the candidate's work
- Three copies of all relevant publications

The members of the 2010 Podgórecki Prize Committee are: Prof. Stephan Parmentier, Catholic University of Leuven ([Stephan.Parmentier@law.kuleuven.be](mailto:Stephan.Parmentier@law.kuleuven.be)), Prof. Marina Kurkchyan, Oxford University ([mkurkchyan@hotmail.com](mailto:mkurkchyan@hotmail.com)) and Prof. Luigi Cominelli, University of Milan ([luigi.cominelli@unimi.it](mailto:luigi.cominelli@unimi.it)). Nominations and all supporting documents should be **received by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, at the following address: Prof. Stephan Parmentier, Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC), K.U.Leuven, Faculty of Law, Hooverplein 10, 3000 Leuven, Belgium.

### THE RCSL-ISA PODGÓRECKI PRIZE

The Research Committee on the Sociology of Law established the Podgórecki Prize in 2005, to honour the memory and lifetime achievement of the late Adam Podgórecki, who was a founding member of the RCSL and the International Sociological Association and a leading figure for many years in the international law and society community.

Podgórecki worked tirelessly and fearlessly for the independent status of socio-legal research against the pull of the large disciplines of sociology on the one side and law on the other. His inimitable personal style was direct, engaging and uncompromising. His many admiring colleagues in Warsaw, Oxford, Ottawa and the world over remember him fondly. A committee chosen by the President of the RCSL awards the Prize annually. Every other year, the prize is given to a distinguished scholar, in recognition of his or her contributions to the field. In the alternate years, the

prize is given to a younger scholar, to reward promising work in the sociology of law and allied disciplines.

The Podgórecki Prize rules can be downloaded at:

[http://rctl.iscte.pt/rctl\\_apodgpr.htm](http://rctl.iscte.pt/rctl_apodgpr.htm)

## A TALE OF THREE STUDENTS

The RCSL sponsored the trip to the ISA-RCSL annual meeting in Oñati for 3 graduate students.

These are their stories:



**Julieta Mira (Argentina)**

*La emergencia de una "memoria jurídica". El caso argentino*

Thanks to the travel grant sponsored by the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, I attended the RCSL 2009 meeting celebrated in Oñati (Basque Country, Spain). This was an inspiring and rewarding opportunity to meet worldwide colleagues, in a propitious environment for critical thinking on Sociology of Law. The communication between doctoral students and professors from different places and backgrounds, provided me with new parameters and perspectives for thinking about different aspects of my research subjects: human rights, memory and justice. I had very engaging discussions throughout the sessions, during lunch and dinner times. For all these reasons, I am very grateful to the RCSL for its contribution to my professional development, which will reinforce my knowledge in the field of Sociology of Law.

I presented the paper "The build-up of a 'juridical memory': The Argentine case", in Session 5: *Political violence, the state and (trans)national justice*, chaired by Cecilia MacDowell Santos and José Atilés. My paper treated some aspects of my field work regarding criminal proceedings for international crimes in the context of the so-called 'fight against impunity'. I have been researching criminal trials in Madrid, Rome and Buenos Aires that involved atrocities perpetrated during the last dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983). In this work, I also presented an ethnographic methodology, leading research inside a court room in order to facilitate the understanding of the value and meaning of justice and memory. In this paper I concluded that oral and public debates can be understood as 'scenarios of memory'. Therefore, it is possible to see the court room as a scenario in which a social drama from the past takes place with players and special rules for the 'mise en scène'. In fact, criminal proceedings suppose an impact in 'collective memory' that leads to a 'juridical memory'.

To sum-up, I fully benefited from this experience in Oñati. It was very thought-provoking to receive other participants' feedback, as well as the coordinators comments, who encouraged me to continue this research work. I am very grateful to the International

Institute for the Sociology of Law's team, for all their kind help, warm reception and great organization of the Meeting. I hope to contribute to the RCSL's network from Argentina, and I am looking forward to seeing my RCSL's colleagues at the next conference!

**Tanushree Bhatnagar (India)**

*Gender, Migration and Globalization:  
Studying the Trends within This Trinity*



Thanks to the travel grant support that I received from the RCSL, I had the opportunity to attend the Joint Meeting: Complexity, Conflicts, Justice, 20 years of Sociology of Law at the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Gipuzkoa, Spain from July 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. In the Joint Meeting I presented a

paper in the session chaired by Dr. Rashmi Jain. Participating in the conference was a great learning experience.

Through my paper I tried to bring to light the socio-legal problems faced by women throughout the world when they migrate from one country to another due to various reasons and how their lives are affected by this. Present in the session were some eminent scholars, such as Professor Gessner. The discussion that took place after my presentation was a wonderful way to broaden my perspective on the topic after gaining first-hand experience from participants from various countries, such as Brazil and Japan. During the conference I also had the chance to attend other sessions, which helped me to consider other themes in socio-legal studies. This enhanced my knowledge about the socio-legal situation in other countries of the world. It gave a huge impetus to my interest in the subject.

The event was a brilliant forum to meet some of the renowned scholars in the field of Sociology of Law. The high level of intellectual exchange and rich discussions were a source of inspiration. It also gave me a great opportunity to make friends from different countries with different cultures. It was really nice to sit together after the sessions and have an inter-cultural exchange. It was an unparalleled international learning experience, which widened my perspective. I would like to thank in particular Professor Arvind Agarwal, Head of the Department, University of Rajasthan, India who was my guide and mentor throughout. My journey to Oñati started with an International Conference on Sociology and Law in India where I received first prize. Professor Agarwal guided me at every step. Apart from academic exposure, the conference also gave me a great opportunity to explore the serene and beautiful scenery of the Basque Country. It was a pleasure to spend four days in such a peaceful and gorgeous town that captured the beauty of the whole of Spain. Overall the conference was a fulfilling experience. Without the RCSL travel grant it would not have been possible.

Tanushree Bhatnagar is a 5<sup>th</sup> year student at the Gujarat National Law University.

**Theresia Dyah Wirastrri (Indonesia)**

*Revealing Domestic Violence in West Jakarta  
Religious Court*

Thanks to the travel grant given by the RCSL, I had the opportunity to attend the RCSL-IISL Joint Meeting,



as well as to celebrate the Institute's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. As an alumna of the IISL Master programme, I was delighted to go back to Oñati to present a paper. It was a fruitful experience, both at personal and academic levels, being in a forum of thoughts, knowledge and ideas amongst scholars from many countries. I

presented a paper on a panel from the WG Legal Profession / Women in the Legal Profession, chaired by Professor Ulrike Schultz. It was an unforgettable moment to present a paper alongside Anne Boigeol and Ulrike Schultz. My paper derived from my Oñati Master's Tesina and intended to deliver a glimpse on women's stories in dealing with the issue of domestic violence under the divorce cases at the Religious Court. Even though the Indonesian government has passed a Law on the "Elimination of Domestic Violence," many women opt not to pursue the matter in the public domain and choose to settle it under divorce claims in Religious Court. This shows how the settlement of domestic violence in Indonesia is not just a matter for state courts since people are still strongly influenced by religious norms and traditional socio-cultural aspects.

At the end of my presentation, I received some interesting comments and questions from the audience, especially on the role of Islamic law intersecting with domestic violence settlements. The comments and questions were valuable in helping me to be more critical in conducting and developing the topic and research in general. Receiving comments and feedback was also a form of encouragement to pave my footsteps in the field of sociology of law.

I would like to use this opportunity to give my full appreciation to the committee for organizing a successful conference. It was not only a professional forum but also a medium for having social discussions with professors, colleagues, tutors and friends. My participation in the conference has definitely enriched my knowledge, and I hope to share that with my colleagues and students. Overall, the nostalgia of a conference in Oñati and celebrating the Institute's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a wonderful experience. Once again, thank you to the RCSL for giving me the travel grant and especially to Professor Ulrike Schultz for her inspiring support.

Theresia Dyah Wirastrri is currently an associate researcher at the Center for Women and Gender Studies University of Indonesia and a lecturer at the

Gender Studies Postgraduate Program University of Indonesia.

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## THE RCSL TRAVEL GRANTS 2010

The Research Committee on Sociology of Law will offer a travel subsidy to 3/4 graduate students from B and C countries who submit their proposals for the ISA-RCSL Gothenburg meeting 2010 (see above).

Applications must consist of a curriculum vitae and a one-page statement illustrating current research interests, to be sent by March 15, 2010, to Luigi Cominelli ([luigi.cominelli@unimi.it](mailto:luigi.cominelli@unimi.it)).

The lists of B and C Countries are available at:

[http://www.isa-sociology.org/table\\_c.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/table_c.htm)

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## NEWS FROM THE OÑATI INSTITUTE:

### INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S IN SOCIOLOGY OF LAW 2010-2011

A one-year programme covering the main techniques and topics of the sociology of law for a Master of Arts degree (60 ECTS) accredited by the Università degli Studi di Milano and the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU). This MA is both a recognised self-standing qualification, and one that is accepted as a foundation for higher research degrees (PhD) by universities all over the world. The programme is in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, and previous graduates are now among the leading scholars or practitioners in their field.

A maximum of 20 applicants will be selected from all countries to benefit from the unique resources of the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, in the beautiful Basque Country. The courses are taught in Oñati from September to March by visiting professors who are leading specialists on each topic (40 ECTS credits). The degree is completed by an independent research project supervised by a specialist in socio-legal studies, culminating in the writing of a dissertation submitted in September (20 ECTS credits).

#### Courses 2010-11

Socio-Legal Research: Theory and Practice  
Angela Melville - University of Manchester

Lawyers, Empire and Globalization  
Yves Dezalay –CNRS  
Mikael Madsen – University of Copenhagen

Quantitative Methodology  
Sharyn Roach Anleu – Flinders University

Dispute Resolution  
Luigi Cominelli – University of Milan

States, Markets, Societies and Global Governance

Igor Filibi & Noé Cornago - UPV/EHU

Theories of Law in Society  
Arvind K. Agrawal - University of Rajasthan

The Multicultural Constitution  
Daniel Bonilla – Universidad de los Andes

Law and the Economy  
David Campbell – University of Durham

Transitional Justice and Rule of Law  
Adam Czarnota – Univ. of New South Wales

Comparative Legal Culture  
Joxerramon Bengoetxea – UPV/EHU

Global Law Making  
Terence Halliday – American Bar Foundation

Law and Anthropology  
Letizia Mancini – University of Milan

International and European Media Regulation  
Lucia Bellucci – University of Milan

Territory and Sustainability: socio-legal perspective  
Antonio Azuela – Univ. Nacional de Mexico

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The deadline to receive applications for the 2010/11 Programme ends on 20 February 2010. For more information you can visit the IISL web page: <http://www.iisj.es> or contact Susana Arrese Murguzur ([susana@iisj.es](mailto:susana@iisj.es)).

### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR OF THE OÑATI INSTITUTE (THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW)

The International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Basque Country, Spain ([www.iisj.es](http://www.iisj.es)) invites applications for the position of Academic Director between September 2011 and July 2013.

The Oñati Institute has a rotating directorship. Once every two years a new Scientific Director is appointed with a view to maintaining and enhancing the Institute's unique multicultural atmosphere. The Oñati Institute is renowned for its global profile, and the RCSL adopts this recognition of the diversity of legal cultures as a guideline in search of candidates for the next directorship, the term of which will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Knowledge of English is necessary and a fair competence in one of the other

Institute's languages (in particular Spanish or French) or any other international language is desirable. Some familiarity with the Oñati Institute and its activities is also advisable. The job carries a Spanish visiting professor's salary (plus fringe benefits like travel allowances and free accommodation).

Socio-legal scholars interested in this challenging task are invited to submit formal applications or letters of intent and CVs to the RC SL President (Anne Boigeol: [aboigeol@gmail.com](mailto:aboigeol@gmail.com)) before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The RC SL Board will select and propose one or more of the candidates to the Oñati Institute Board, which will confirm the appointment of the next Director in September 2010. Informal inquiries may be made to Professor Sol Picciotto (email: [solpicciotto@iisj.es](mailto:solpicciotto@iisj.es)).

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## PRESENTING THE RC SL WORKING GROUP ON LAW AND MIGRATION

The RC SL Working Group on Law and Migration has organized sessions in the RC SL annual conferences, in Berlin, Milan and Oñati. In these sessions there were 36 participants from across countries spanning over five continents.

Professor Arvind Agrawal of the University of Rajasthan in Jaipur (India) coordinated the WG sessions in Berlin and Milan. He was helped by Alicia Girron (Mexico) and Taumota (Japan) in organizing the session in Berlin in 2007. Dr Rashmi Jain from Rajasthan University in Jaipur, and Professor Hanne Petersen from Denmark organised the session in Oñati in July 2009.

At the ensuing 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Sociology, in Gothenburg, July 2010, the Working group on Law and Migration will organise a session as part of the RC SL programme. The session of the Working Group on Law and Migration at Gothenburg will again be co-ordinated by Professor Arvind Agrawal and Dr Rashmi Jain of Jaipur.

A programme on Migration, Law and Modernity will be offered as part of the Integrative Session on Modernity, Development and Population at the ISA World Congress.

Besides this, research work on Restrictive Legislations on Immigrants through the lense of socio-legal history as construction, deconstruction and reconstruction of Migration processes, can be described as follows:

(1) The socio-historical construction of the legislative dimensions, the indentured labourers and the transformation into Indian Diaspora with South African nationality and citizenship.

(2) The French Nationality during the colonial era: the law of renunciation under the decree of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1881 to renounce Hindu jurisprudence for the French civil law and the adoption of Catholic surnames irrespective of religious affiliation.

(3) Citizenship, discrimination and integration through the socio-legal history of the immigrant nation: a case study of United States of America.

The study will focus minimally on the law-in-context approach and will judiciously resort to policy research with an empirical orientation. As the research accounts for the production and application of law in specific historical contexts, the focus will be on the reconstructive history of the constructivist history without a mere listing and description of legislative sites of migration governance. This socio-legal study of Migration in Historical Perspectives will contribute to the concern of the current Legal Governance of Migration.

In the near future the research endeavour of individual members of WG on Law and Migration will be compiled and an on-line interactive discourse will be undertaken.

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## NEWS:

### THE 2010 MEETING OF THE RC SL WORKING GROUP ON LEGAL PROFESSION

The next meeting of the Working Group on Comparative Studies of Legal Professions will take place from July 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Gif-sur-Yvette, south of Paris, France. The French *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* runs a conference centre there. We invite you to look at the link below:

[http://www.dr4.cnrs.fr/delegation/credits/legendes\\_photos1.pdf](http://www.dr4.cnrs.fr/delegation/credits/legendes_photos1.pdf)

The dates of the meeting were chosen to facilitate the coordination for colleagues who want to go on to the ISA Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden, July 11-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Please let us know if you plan to participate. Mention the title of your paper and the subgroup in which you want to present your contribution. Send this information to: [lise.mounier@ens.fr](mailto:lise.mounier@ens.fr) as well as to the appropriate sub-group leader (listed below).

If you do not know in which sub-group to present your contribution, please let us know.

Sub-group leader(s) 2010:

S1-Ethics, Deontology:

"Degroot, Leny" [l.degroot@jur.kun.nl](mailto:l.degroot@jur.kun.nl)

S1-A Comparative deviance and discipline of lawyers:

Richard Abel [abel@law.ucla.edu](mailto:abel@law.ucla.edu)

S2- Family, policy and the Law :

"Benoit Bastard" [benoit.bastard@free.fr](mailto:benoit.bastard@free.fr) and "Mavis Maclean": [mavis.maclean@socres.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mavis.maclean@socres.ox.ac.uk)

S3- International Lawyering:

"Terry Halliday" [halliday@abfn.org](mailto:halliday@abfn.org)

S4- Judiciary :

"Tony Bradney" [a.bradney@law.keele.ac.uk](mailto:a.bradney@law.keele.ac.uk)

S5- Large Law firms

"John Flood" [john.flood@tesco.net](mailto:john.flood@tesco.net)

S6- Lawyers and Clients:

"Joanna Shapland" [j.m.shapland@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:j.m.shapland@sheffield.ac.uk)

S7- Legal Aid and legal services:

"Alan Paterson" [prof.alan.paterson@strath.ac.uk](mailto:prof.alan.paterson@strath.ac.uk)

S8- Legal Education:

"Fiona Cownie" [f.cownie@law.keele.ac.uk](mailto:f.cownie@law.keele.ac.uk)

S9-Legal Professional Values & Identities:  
"Sommerlad, Hilary" [H.Sommerlad@leedsmet.ac.uk](mailto:H.Sommerlad@leedsmet.ac.uk)  
S10- Political Liberalism:  
"Terry Halliday" [halliday@abfn.org](mailto:halliday@abfn.org)  
S11- Regulatory Reform:  
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S12- Women/Gender in the Legal Profession:  
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Payment details will be sent later. We are trying to adhere to an average of 300€ per person (Berder in 2008 was 290€), based on the idea that we will have at least 60 participants. This fee includes: registration, accommodation, meals, transportation from the railway station to the conference centre, and transportation for a trip to the Vallée de la Chevreuse.

Deadlines and registration:

Early Registration: Before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
Late Registration: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
Abstract Submission Deadline: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Payment Deadline: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Accommodation:

The Conference will take place in a castle located on the Campus of Gif-sur-Yvette, where we will have two breakfasts, lunches and dinners.  
22 single-rooms and 19 double-rooms have been booked (7 in the castle and the others in a modern building at a 10 min. walk). There are also hotels in the village of Gif-sur-Yvette.  
Participants are expected to arrive on July 8<sup>th</sup> for coffee between 8.30-9.00 am, and to leave on July 10<sup>th</sup> before lunch.  
If participants want to arrive earlier, they need to reserve a hotel in Paris or in Gif-sur-Yvette.

Programme:

The Conference starts on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am and ends Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 pm. A detailed programme should be available early 2010.

We look forward to seeing you in Paris!  
Best regards,  
Emmanuel Lazega (Chair of the WGCSLP) and Lise Mounier

**NETWORK OF FRENCH INSTITUTES FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

Some of the RCSL members may be interested by the research possibilities offered by the French Institutes for Advanced Studies.  
Following the example of successful Institutes for Advanced Studies in the United States and in Europe, the French Institutes are "centres for intellectual innovation that offer residencies to high level researchers, whether emerging or experienced",

mainly in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. There are 4 Institutes in Paris, Lyon, Marseille and Nantes. Each has a general orientation, and selects its own Fellows. The aim of the Nantes Institute, for example, is to create a new kind of relationship between researchers from the North and the South. For more information see the website: [www.paris.rfiea.fr](http://www.paris.rfiea.fr)

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND STANFORD LAW SCHOOL THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR FACULTY FORUM**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

Stanford Law School and Harvard Law School have established an International Junior Faculty Forum. The idea behind this is to stimulate exchange of ideas and research, among younger scholars in the academy, from all parts of the world; and to encourage younger scholars in their work. We live today in a global community - - especially a global legal community - - and it is important to develop legal scholarship on a transnational basis. Scholars in different countries are often divided by barriers of time and space, as well as barriers of different legal traditions and cultures. We hope that the forum will be a step in the direction of surmounting these barriers. The papers at the 2009 Forum were on a very wide range of subjects, from the WTO to issues of Muslim marriage in South Africa to the role of lawyers in the financial crisis. The young scholars came from many different countries, and, so too, did the senior scholars. Together, six continents and a wide range of points of view were represented. The sponsors, Harvard and Stanford law schools, are pleased to announce plans for the third International Junior Faculty Forum. The Forum will be held in October 2010 at the Stanford Law School, Stanford, California with the precise dates to be determined later. Junior scholars whose home institution is outside the United States and who have held an academic position for less than seven years, as of 2010, or whose last degree was earned less than ten years earlier than 2010 and are not U.S. citizens, are invited to apply for the 2010 session. The first step in applying is to submit an abstract of the proposed paper. We would like these to be no more than 4 pages. Tell us what you plan to do; lay out the major argument of the paper, say something about the methodology, and what you think will be the paper's contribution to scholarship. We ask you to submit the abstract in English. The due date for the abstracts is January 20, 2010, although earlier submissions are welcomed. Please submit the abstract electronically to both schools - - at Harvard, to Juliet Bowler ([jbowler@law.harvard.edu](mailto:jbowler@law.harvard.edu)), and at Stanford to Stephanie Basso ([sbasso@law.stanford.edu](mailto:sbasso@law.stanford.edu)). The subject line should be: International Junior Faculty Forum. The abstract should contain the author's name, home institution, and the title of the proposed paper.



After the abstracts have been reviewed, we will in February invite a number of junior scholars to submit full papers, electronically (in English) by May 31, 2010. Papers may be on any legally relevant subject. We especially welcome work that is interdisciplinary. The papers can make use of any relevant approach; they can be quantitative or qualitative, sociological, anthropological, historical, or economic. The sponsoring schools would like to emphasize that they welcome papers from junior scholars from all parts of the world. No country or group of countries has a monopoly of talent. Please note that already published papers are not eligible to be considered.

An international committee of legal scholars, who themselves come from across the globe, and represent many different styles and approaches, will review the papers. In the end, about ten of the papers will be chosen for presentation at the conference. And, as before, at the conference itself, two senior scholars, will comment on each paper. After the commentators give their remarks, all of the participants, juniors and seniors alike, will have a chance to join in the discussion. Meeting junior and senior colleagues, and talking about your work and theirs, may be one of the most valuable - - and enjoyable - - aspects of the forum.

The sponsoring schools will cover expenses of travel, including airfare, lodging, and food, for each participant. Questions should be directed to Juliet Bowler ([jbowler@law.harvard.edu](mailto:jbowler@law.harvard.edu)) or Stephanie Basso ([sbasso@law.stanford.edu](mailto:sbasso@law.stanford.edu)).

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[http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl\\_board\\_min\\_2009.pdf](http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl_board_min_2009.pdf)

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