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PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

RC SL STATUTE REVISION

RC SL Newsletter Fall 2010 announced that some RC SL Statutory rules enhanced by the former RC SL Board do not match with current ISA formal-official standards. According to ISA, RC SL Statute currently in force is still the one that was approved in 1999 and then dated 2001, even though subsequently provided with the changes made by the same former RC SL Board in 2009 to cope with ISA new rules stating 4 years RCs Board electoral term and the adoption of an electronic electoral ballot system.

Given the above, a general revision of RC SL Statute is now urgently required by ISA to up-to-date it according to ISA guidelines. Accordingly, current RC SL Board members are called now to set up an "ad hoc" Commission to deal with the matter

ONATI-IISL NEW PRESIDENT and ONATI-IISL STATUTE REVISION

On October 15th, 2010 RC SL socio-legal community learned the untimely death of José Manuel Finez Raton, for many years President of the Onati International Institute of Sociology of Law.

On the occasion of the IISL Board meeting held in April 2011, the new Onati-IISL President appointed by the Basque Government, judge and law professor Maria Victoria Cinto, officially took on the Board Presidential seat, warmly welcome by all IISL and RC SL Board members.

In the course of her inaugural address, the new President, having acknowledged the international scientific standing achieved by the Institute explicitly

pointed out the need to promote an organizational change as regards IISL Board statutory rules – to establish an Executive Committee - in order to speed up its decision-making as well as to adequately match its activity to most incumbent relevant issues.

All IISL Board's RC SL members expressed their appreciation for IISL President's proposal to further refine IISL institutional structure and confirmed their full commitment to provide support to widen IISL scientific mission.

ONATI-IISL SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR 2013-2015

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ISA-RC SL invites applications for the position of Scientific Director of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law of Onati, Basque Country, Spain, the term September 2013 - July 2015.

The Onati-IISL has a temporary directorship. Once every two years a new Scientific Director is appointed with a view to maintaining and enhancing the Institute's unique multicultural mission.

Knowledge of English is necessary and a fair competence in one of the other Institute's languages - Spanish or French - or any other international language is desirable. Some familiarity with the Onati Institute and its activities is also advisable. The SD appointment 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 (Vittorio Olgiati: vittorio.olgiati@unimc.it) before May 1st, 2012. The RC SL Board will select and propose one or more of the candidates to the Onati Institute Board. The same Board will confirm the appointment of the selected Director in September 2012 in the course of the scheduled IISL Board Meeting.. Informal enquiry may be made to IISL directly.

RC SL GOVERNING BOARD 2010-2014

Elected Members

Vittorio Olgiati, President
David Nelken
Luigi Cominelli
Carlos Lista
Ulrike Shultz
Angela Melville
Benoit Bastard
Volkmar Gessner (resigned, Jan.2011)

Ex Officio

Anne Boigeol, Past President

Coopted Members

Arvind Agrawal
Madalena Duarte
Hakan Hyden
Germano Schwartz (Secretary)

Observer Members

Sol Picciotto (IISI SD up to July.2011)
Pierre Guibentif (in charge for the Website)

RC SL WORKING GROUPS

Comparative Legal Culture. Chair: Marina Kurkchyan (mkurkchyan@hotmail.com)
Gender and Law. Chair: Rosemary Hunter, (r.c.hunter.kent.ac.uk) (call for a sub)
Human Rights. Chair: Stephan Parmentier, (Stephan.Parmentier.law.kuleuven.be) (call for a sub)
Law and Politics. Chair: Maria Angelica Quellar Vazquez, (cuellarv@servidor.unam.mx)
Urban Problems. Chair: Antonio Azuela de la Cueva, (cueva@servidor.unam.mx)
Social Systems & Legal Systems: Co-Chair: Vittorio Olgiati, (vittorio.olgiati.unimc.it); and Germano Schwartz, (germano.schwartz.globo.com)
Law and Polular Culture. Chair: Guy Osborn, (osborng@wmin.ac.uk)
Law and Migration. Chair: Devanayk Sundaram, (dsundaram@hotmail.com)
Civil Justice and Dispute Resolution. Chair: Masayuki Murayama, (aa00092@kisc.meiji.ac.jp)
Legal Professions & Sub-groups: Chair: Ulrike Schultz (Ulrike_Schultz@fernuni-hagen.de)

DONATIONS

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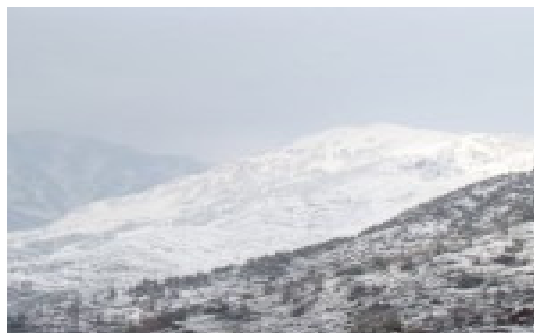
ISA-RC SL AND HIMACHAR PRADESH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS Dharamshala, India Sept. 10-12, 2011 *"Peace, Justice and Development"*

Website:

<http://dharamshalaconferencecuhp.org>

Registration Instructions:

http://dharamshalaconferencecuhp.org/page_id=64



GENERAL THEME

The general theme - "Peace, Justice and Development" - of the 2012 Joint ISA-RC SL and Himachal Pradesh Central University International Congress, that will be held in Dharamshala next September, has been sorted out nearly one year ago, when the political and military events that are now troubling various countries of the southern part of the Mediterranean area were still to come

and a great part of the international public opinion was not fully aware yet of the epochal impact of the global-local financial crisis that was spreading worldwide from self-styled “advanced” and “affluent” Western countries.

In the previous 2010 Fall RC SL Newsletter, three main reasons were outlined to explain the original choice to raise the attention of the international socio-legal scientific community on such a theme – i.e, (i) the new pivotal social and cultural role of Eastern and Southern countries at global level, (ii) the urge to provide solutions to otherwise unbearable institutional and economic old and new gaps, and (iii) the rising expectations for a more viable political governmentality at any level.

At present one can only stress that the same reasons have acquired in the meantime an even greater vibrant resonance. ISA-RC SL and Himachal Pradesh Central University Organising Committee is therefore expecting that the Dharamshala International Congress will mark a significant advancements in the achievement of the goals implied by the three issues that constitute and summarize its thematic rationale.

Congress

THEMATIC AREAS

“New Governance and Its Critics”: New forms of governance operate alongside coercive state legal structures. Many scholars see promise in this “new governance” that relies on non-binding principles and coordination mechanisms, multiple, often competing rule-making and adjudication bodies, and expanded participatory, information sharing, and decisional procedures. On the other hand, skeptics abound.

“Transnational Legal Orders”: Transnational organizations, like the UN, World Bank, and OECD, together with national legislatures and international companies, have fostered an expansion and homogenization of legal and normative standards on the global level. Changes are occurring in both public and private legal orders. Actors in this process are not only national or supranational law-makers (like the EU), but are also non-governmental organizations and multinational corporations

“Transitional Justice: Memory and Reconciliation”: Since 1945, transitional justice has followed the fall of National Socialism in Germany, authoritarian right-wing juntas in Southern Europe and Latin America, communist totalitarianism in Central Eastern Europe, and dictatorships in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. It sought to heal the violence of

apartheid in South Africa and ethnic “cleansing” in the Balkans and Rwanda. Transitional justice faces a new tension between recognizing the extent of involvement of the population in the past regime and the need to reestablish social solidarity and, if possible, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights. Understanding how this can be accomplished is a major challenge for the 21st century.

“Revisiting the Sacred/Secular Divide”: The Legal Story: In the 21st century, the role of secularism in law has taken on new dimensions. The history of modern secularization of law, the philosophical delineations of the impossibility or undesirability of separationist legal ideologies, and empirical investigation and creative re-imaginings of the actual regulation of religious persons, places, and ways of life are all relevant to understanding the new relationships between the sacred and the secular in law.

“Transformations in Crime and Punishment – From Local to Global”: Globalization processes, such as transplants and “border crossings” of ideas, practices, policies, and economies, are changing the crime control landscape. At the same time, local criminal justice change takes shape in local settings that limit globalizing influences on local systems.

“Gender, Violence and Human Rights”: Gender, violence, and human rights interventions intersect in various ways under conditions of war, trafficking, and domestic violence. These intersections include recognizing sexual violence as a weapon of war and genocide, analyzing the relationships between war and gender-based violence at home, and examining the responses to these human rights violations through international courts and reconciliation procedures in post-war situations.

“Race in the 21st Century”: Laws, state policies, and public discourse on race in democratic societies continue to affect the experience of discrete racial minorities in democratic states. The manifestations of racism and state responses to it in various settings are a critical problem for contemporary democratic societies.

“Globalization and Law in the Global South”: The specific implications of the many varieties of globalization for understanding legal communities and legal consciousness in the Global South are not well understood by socio-legal scholars in the North. In tandem with the globalization of markets and governance, there is a growing need for communication, collaboration, and cross-pollination among scholars from different regions, and especially between scholars from the “North” and “South.”

Dharamshala Congress

**GENERAL PROGRAMME
(provisional)**

Sept. 10, 2010

Morning

h.9 - 11.30

PLENARY SESSION: Solemn Opening

h. 12- 13-30

PLENARY SESSION: On Justice

Afternoon

h.14.30 - 16.00

PLENARY SESSION: On Peace

h.16-30-18

PLENARY SESSION: On Development

Evening: Reception

Sept.11, 2010

Morning

h. 9 – 13 RC SL WG's SESSIONS

Afternoon

h. 15-18 RC SL WG's SESSIONS

Sept. 12, 2010

Morning

h. 9 – 12 RC SL WG's SESSIONS

h.12 – 13 PLENARY VALEDICTORY SESSION

SESSIONS PAPERS' SUBMISSION

**For paper's submission instructions are provided by
Academic Sessions Organizer: Dr. Rashmi Jain.**

Mail: rsl_dharamshalaconferencechhp.org

http://dharanshalaconferencecuhp.org?page_id=418

CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Dead-lines for the Congress Registration Form and Instructions are available on the Congress website:

http://dharamshalaconferencecuhp.org/?page_id=64

Registration Fees are fixed with reference to ISA A, B, C Category citizenship criteria as follows:

A Category Countries: 300 Euros

B Category Countries: 200 Euros

C Category Countries: 100 Euros

Accommodation would be extra. A list of Hotels will be provided upon request with rates details on the

Congress website. Lunch and Dinner in the Inaugural day will be provided by the Congress Organizers.

HOW TO REACH DHARAMSHALA

Dharamshala can be reached:

By Air:- From Delhi to Gaggal. Gaggal is the nearest airport, just 13 Km away from Dharamshala. There is a daily flight KINGFISHER AIRLINES: it takes off at 11.00 AM from Delhi to reach Dharamshala at 12.20 PM.

By Rail - Trains from all over the Country stop at Pathankot. Pathankot's station is the nearest railhead for Dharamshala and it is a three-hours journey. From Pathankot one can also take a train (Toy Train) for Kangra.

By Car - By car one can drive from Delhi via Chandigarth, Kiratpur, Bilaspur to Dharamshala. It is a 9 hours journey

By Bus - From Delhi and Shimla luxury buses ply to Dharamshala

Turist Coaches - a number of Government and Private luxury coaches operate from Dehli to Dharamshala

Chartered Bus and Taxi - The Congress Local Committe can arrange chartered buses and taxis for delegates if required, which may be more expensive than ordinary transport systems

ACCOMODATION in DHARAMSHALA

For Accomodation in Dharamshala, Congress Organizers provide this suggestion:

Anil Attri, Director "Himalayan Journey"

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**RC SL-LSA JOINT MEETING
"Sociolegal Conversations
Across a Sea of Islands"
Honolulu, USA
June 5-8, 2012**

Building on a phrase coined by a noted Polynesian scholar, the General Theme for the 2012 Joint RC SL-ISA Meeting "Sociolegal Conversations Across a Sea of Islands" enlightens both the location of the meeting in Hawaii and the opportunity to include scholars from Asian-Pacific region in trans-national discussions of law and society topics. Its goal is to stimulate conversations about issue that are specific of the locales in which study and research have been conducted and address concerns shared by a broad

range of socio-legal researchers and engage them across national cultural and disciplinary boundaries. Examples of possible topics for papers and panels include – but are not limited – to the following: following could be mentioned: court and litigation mechanisms; legal education and professions; indigenous and native people socio-legal issues (natural resources, identity rights, self-government, etc.); religion and secular law; foreign investments and financial markets and migration; violence, dispossession and terrorism; globalisation and re-colonization.

RC SL
at
II ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY
Buenos Aires, Argentina
August 1- 4 , 2012
“The Quest for Justice and the
Limits of the Law”
(www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012)

From August 25 to December 2011
On-line deadline abstract submission

RC SL Programme coordinator
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Call for sessions

The Research Committee on Sociology of Law, RC12, invites abstract submissions in all areas of the sociology of law. We particularly encourage abstracts which connect the general theme of the meeting with the research concerns of our Working Groups.

Short summary of the general theme

Rapid, widespread and uninterrupted social changes have become the salient feature of contemporary society. As the rate of social instability and transformation increases, the awareness of alternative states of being and courses of action grows. This, in turn, enhances what has been called the “reflexivity of modernity”, i.e. the search for unavoidable structural adjustments supported by a deeper introspection and understanding. These changes affect and transform social relations and institutions across the South-North and East-West divides, offer new possibilities for socio-political re-engineering, allow people to demand justice and democracy, while at the same time increase socio-economic polarization, cultural differentiation and military domination throughout the world. They create new conditions for social life by fostering new types of organization, new communitarian needs and new behavioural patterns, but also create new forms of inequality, discrimination and resistance at the local and global levels. “The quest for justice”, therefore, is an integral part of the way this scenario unfolds. It constitutes a vital property of a range of transformative socio-legal developments, ranging from environmental risks and financial crisis to political uprising, mass migration and attempt at restoring violent forms of socio-legal governmentality through terroristic attacks.

The general theme of the Sessions raises quite different, but interrelated questions, some of which are hardly new, yet require to be re-examined in the context the present-day world society; questions concerning, for example, the limits and potentials of current state-of-the-art of legal systems and socio-legal order, the social suitability of both current legal theory, production and enforcement of law-in-action. A number of these questions maintain their critical edge demanding our attention:

- What kind and/or degree of reflexivity official law shows in the exercise of newly created or emerging forms of social, political and economic domination, on the one hand, and realising justice, peaceful living conditions and democracy, on the other hand?
- Can we engage scientifically with social and legal dimensions of justice and democracy, which are essentially normative reference standards, while continuing to rely on empirical methods of investigation?
- Does Western roots of socio-legal study and research, need to be deeply reconsidered to better understand the quest for justice and democracy which is taking place in non-Western countries? And vice versa, how far can non-Western socio-legal experience contribute to the rise of a different worldwide “normative climate”?

- How far the search for different, more interdisciplinary refined, scientific approaches and investigations about the possibility to assess innovative forms of legal regulation can respond to the accelerating challenges which define the variety of our cultures, identities and communities?
- How far can the interdisciplinary search for different forms of regulation respond to the challenges posed by accelerating changes which define our culture, identity and community?

Against the backdrop of this general scenario, we welcome abstracts of papers which address how justice, democracy and socio-economic development have been promoted and/or undermined by technological, geopolitical, military and economic forces, which are reshaping the world society at the present time.

We also invite papers interested in exploring what law, in general, and a scientific discipline such as sociology of law, in particular, have to offer in terms of operational and ideational creative solutions relevant to the new conditions we collectively face today.

Session (i) The quest for justice and the limits of law Session

This is a plenary session with invited speakers. Please do not submit papers for this session

(ii) All RCs Sessions

Full details will be provided in the 2012 Spring RCSL Newsletter. For preliminary contacts and arrangements, please

ISA GRANTS APPLICATION

ISA is able to provide through RCs two types of Grants: (a) Travel / Accommodations: (b) Registration.

Travel / accommodation grants for individual ISA members in good standing coming from the developing countries (category B or C) and who play an active role in the Forum programme either as a session chair/organiser or a paper-giver.

b) Registration grants allocated to the RC/WG/TGs to subsidise the participation of featured speakers and/or paper-givers.

1.Travel/accommodation grants

Individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. having paid their individual membership fees) coming from developing countries (listed in economies B and C on the congress registration form <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/forum-registration-fees.htm>) and who play an active role in the Forum programme either as a session chair or a paper-giver.

2.Registration grants

Individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. having

paid their individual membership fees) and who play an active role in the Forum programme either as a session chair or a paper-giver.

ISA RULES FOR GRANTS APPLICATION

1.Each Research Committee, Working and Thematic Group is responsible for allocating grant(s) to person(s) selected by its Board, following the criteria established by the ISA.

2.Applications for financial support should be sent by the participants directly to the RC/WG/TG Programme Coordinators by **January 31, 2012**.

3. One can apply for a grant to one RC/WG/TG only. ISA Secretariat will advise the concerned RC/WG/TG if someone applied to, and/or recommended by, more than one Group for the various types of grants.

4.Each RC/WG/TG is entitled to select candidates and allocate the funds available for that group. The RC/WG/TG Programme Coordinator shall decide on allocation in consultation with the RC/WG/TG President and Secretary: The results of the selection shall be published. A backup list of potential grant receivers shall also be prepared, to be used in case someone cancels his/her participation or has been allocated a grant by another RC/WG/TG.

5.A list of selected individuals and amounts recommended should be sent by the RC/WG/TG to the ISA Secretariat (isa@isa-sociology.org) before **March 1st, 2012** for verification and posting on the ISA website.

6.Grants will be paid by the ISA directly to the selected individuals

RCSL JUBILEE CELEBRATION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE University of Warsaw October 2012 Warsaw, Poland

In 2009, the whole RCSL scientific community celebrated the XX Anniversary of the foundation of the ONATI International Institute of Sociology of Law.

In 2012 another extraordinary event will be celebrated: **the 50th Anniversary of the ISA-RCSL foundation..**

The RCSL Jubilee Ceremony will take place in Poland, with an international meeting of re-known scholars convened at the University of Warsaw to honour the individual action and the unique scientific legacy of the

RCSL Father Founder: Adam Pogorecki, as well as the equally remarkable figure and work of the First RCSL President, Renato Treves.

Indeed, Podgorecki's first attempt to create an international network of socio-legal scholars raised during a conversation held with William M. Evan in Philadelphia in 1960. The project was jointly refined and then supported by other internationally re-known socio-legal scholars. In 1962, at the ISA World Congress held in Washington DC, the RCSL was officially established and Renato Treves was elected President. Renato Treves died twenty years ago, in 1992. Consequently, the celebration of the RCSL 2012 Jubilee will be an homage to his memory also.

The programme of the Conference is in progress. In the past months fruitful contacts about location and organization issues have been established with Jacek Kurczewski and Malgorzata Fuszara, respectively former and current Chairs of the Institute of Sociology and Anthropology of Law, created – is worth adding – upon the early premises set up by the same Adam Podgorecki.

In the meanwhile, personal contacts concerned with with a list of expected participants have been established and a draft about potential thematic contributions has been set up. Further details of the whole plan will be provided in the forthcoming 2011 Fall RCSL Newsletter.

**RCSL- IEP Sciences. Politiques
JOINT WORLD CONGRESS
“Sociology of Law and Political Action”
TOULOUSE, FRANCE
3-5 Sept 2013**

As has been announced in the RCSL Newsletter Fall 2010 the project to hold in 2013 a RCSL International Meeting in Toulouse, France, is becoming a real fact. Last month, thanks to the initiative of André Jean Arnaud, Wanda Cappellier and Jacques Commaille, personal contacts have been established, during a meeting held in Paris, with official representatives of the Institute of Political Sciences of the University of Toulouse, the Director of the Institute, Prof. Philippe Raimbault, and the General Secretary, madam Joelle Stoenesco.

As a result of a pleasant and fruitful discussion, it has been agreed to set up an Organization Committee and convene in Toulouse next September to set up a preliminary programme. In the meanwhile it has been defined the General Theme of the Congress – Sociology of Law and Political Action – as well as the date, i.e. September 3rd -5th.

Members of the Congress Organization Committee are three institutions: IEP, Science-Po, University of Toulouse, ISA-RCSL and Réseau Européen Droit et Société

NEWS FROM ONATI-IISL

ISA-RCSL is pleased to announce the following activities:

(1) ONATI-IISL MASTER PROGRAMME 2011/12

- a) Rethoric, Communication, Negotiation (Ulrike Schultz – Fern Univesität)
- b) Comparative Legal Culture (Joxerramon Bengoetxea – Universidad del País Vasco).
- c) Anthropology of Law and Legal Pluralism (André Hoekema – University of Amsterdam).
- d) Socio-Legal Approaches to Rights: The Multicultural Constitution (Daniel Bonilla Maldonado- Universidad de los Andes).
- e) Law in Global Governance – (Igor Filibi & Noé Cornago – Universidad del País Vasco).
- f) Theories and Approaches to the Sociology of Law (Marina Kurkchiyan – Oxford University).
- g) Socio-Legal Research: Theory and Practice: Quantitative Methods (Larry Barnett – Widener University)
- h) Socio-Legal Research: Theory and Practice: Qualitative Methods (Pietro Saitta - University of Messina).
- i) Lawyers, Empire and Globalization (Yvez Delazay – CNRS; Mikael Rask Madsen – University of Copenhagen).
- l) International and European Media Regulation (Lucia Bellucci – University of Milan).
- m) Dispute-Settlement & Adjudication (Luigi Cominelli- University of Milan; Bernard Hubeau – Antwerp University).
- n) Comparative and International Criminology (Susanne Karstedt – Leeds University).
- o) Law & Economic Regulation (Sol Picciotto – University of Lancaster; David Campbell – University of Durham).
- p) Thesis Seminar and Tutorial.
- q) Research Project e Master's Thesis.

The Deadline to receive applications for the 2012/13 Master's Programme is February 2012. For more information: susana@iisj.es or <http://www.iisj.es>

(2) ONATI-IISL WOKSHOP CALENDAR 2012

Too Many Lawyers? Facts, Reasons, Consequences and Solutions•(19 - 20 April)•**language:** English• **Chair(s):** Daphne Barak-Erez (Israel), Eyal Katvan (Israel) and Tanina Rostain (USA)

Whose Natural Resources? Criminalization of Social Protest in a Globalizing World (26 - 27 April)• **language:** English• **Chair(s):** **Gustavo Rojas** (Colombia) and **Carolijn Terwindt** (The Netherlands)

Wealth and Poverty in Close Personal Relationships (3 - 4 May)• **language:** English• **Chair(s):** **Susan Millns** (United Kingdom), **Simone Wong** (United Kingdom) and **Ruth Woodfield**(United Kingdom)

Restorative Justice in New Arenas (10 - 11 May)• **language:** English• **Chair(s):** **Berit Albrecht** (Norway) and **Ida Hydle** (Norway)

“Illegal” Covering: Comparative Perspectives on Legal and Social Discourse on Religious Diversity (17-18 May) **language:** English• **Chair(s):** **Valérie Amiraux** (Canada) and **Pascale Fournier** (Canada)

Law in the Everyday Lives of Transnational Families (24 - 25 May)• **language:** English• **Chair(s):** **Betty de Hart** (The Netherlands) and **Wibo van Rossum** (The Netherlands)

Reglas de funcionamiento corporativo y de flexibilidad interna en las empresas innovadoras (31 May - 1 June)• **languages:** Spanish et English• **Chair(s):** **Juan Pablo Landa** (Donostia-San Sebastián) and **Eduarne Terradillos** (Donostia-San Sebastián)

Law, Contestation, and Power in the Global Political Economy (7 - 8 June).**language:** English • **Chair(s):** **Edward S. Cohen** (USA) and **A. Claire Cutler** (Canada)

Human Rights and the Environment: In Search of a New Relationship (14 - 15 June)• **language:** English• **Chair:** **Anna Grear** (United Kingdom)

Post-Transitional Justice - Mapping the Emerging Field (21 - 22 June)• **Main language(s):** English• **Chair(s):** **Colm Campbell** (Northern Ireland) and **Cath Collins** (Chile)

Regulating Global Crisis: Cultural Perspectives - East meets West (28 - 29 June)• **language:** English • **Chair:** **Mark Findlay** (Singapore)

(3) ONATI-IISL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Social Economy. Corporate Responsibility, Private Property & Partnerships. Workers' Rights and Cooperatives. Oñati-IISL, 6-8 July, 2011

Participants from many countries attended the conference on The Social Economy: Corporate Responsibility, Private Property and Partnerships, Workers' Rights and Cooperatives, that has been held in Oñati on 6-8 July 2011. The conference has been organised by the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, with the collaboration of the Business Faculty of the Mondragón University, the University of the Basque Country, Deusto University, and the Basque Superior Council for Cooperatives.

NEWS FROM CRN-EALS

CRN-EALS CONGRESS
Dialects and Dialectics:
East Asian Dialogues in Law and Society
Sept. 2 - Oct. 1, 2011
Seoul, South Korea
(www.sociologyoflaw.or.kr/EALS2011)

The Second East Asian Law and Society Conference will be held by CRN-EALS on 30 Sept.- 1 Oct., 2011, at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. The CRN-EALS was formed within the Law and Society Association (www.lawandsociety.org) to provide a forum for intellectual dialogue and collaborations between socio-legal scholars engaged in Northeast and Southeast Asia-related research and scholars seeking to enrich their research and theories with findings from these regions. The co-organizers hope to build on the success of inaugural East Asian Law and Society Conference, convened by the CRN-EALS in Hong Kong last year with over 150 participants- The term "Rule of law" is now accepted as a sort of universal language of governance, but it is undeniable that various dialects are spoken in different regions of the world. While efforts are made at the national level to promote a standard form of "rule-of-law speech," sub-national dialects persist within each jurisdiction. This is particularly true in Asia, despite increasing pressures toward the global convergence of national legal systems. Genuine convergence, however, can only come about through dialectical relationships among the different legal dialects. A true dialectical relationship, in turn, will be possible only when meaningful dialogues take place among speakers of those different dialects. The organizers hope to explore these plural interactions through a diverse array of panels and paper presentations

NEWS FROM ABRASD

**II BRASILIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
SOCIOLOGY OF LAW RESEARCHERS - ABRASD -
National Congress
October, 26-28, 2011.
Porto Alegre -RS, Brasil
(www.abrasd.com.br)**

The II ABRASD National Congress will be held at Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul Brazilian province capital. It is a city with 1.5 millions inhabitants located in the south of the country.

Uniritter (www.uniritter.edu.br) and ESADE (www.esade.com.br), both very well ranked universities in Brazil, will be the hostess institutions. A preliminary programme and also a call for papers can be found at the association website (www.abrasd.com.br).

WORKING GROUPS

- 1) *Sociology of Law and Media.*
- 2) *Human Rights and Justice Sociology.*
- 3) *Social Law Theories.*
- 4) *Law Sociological Research.*
- 5) *Art, Education, Religion and Family.*
- 6) *Systemic Sociology of Law.*
- 7) *Crime, Culture and Violence.*
- 8) *Social Movements and Law.*
- 9) *Inclusion, Exclusion and Law.*
- 10) *Social Control, Law and Society.*

NEWS FROM

**XII NATIONAL and II LATIN AMERICAN MEETING
OF SOCIOLOGY OF LAW – XII CONGRESO
NACIONAL Y II LATINO AMERICANO DE
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NEWS FROM WCSL

WORLD CONSORTIUM OF LAW AND SOCIETY

The WCLS project has now moved to its Launch phase, with the expected participation, amongst others, of the RC SL.

In autumn 2010 a Prospectus for the WCLS was sent to many organisations around the world, inviting them to become Founder Supporters of the WCLS, and make a contribution to its Launch Fund. This had a very good response, with 22 organisations making a commitment for a financial contribution, totalling over €16,000, by 1st June 2011.

After some discussion, the Board of the RC SL agreed to make a contribution to support the WCLS Website created at the IISL. Several other organisations also expressed their support, but were unable at this stage to make a financial commitment. Others also expressed support, and hope to make a contribution when their funds permit, notably the Israeli Law and Society Association, the Korean Society for the Sociology of Law, the Socio-Legal Studies Association (UK), and the Section of Sociology of Law of the Polish Sociological Association.

The project now moves in the next phase. The Founders Supporterrrs have been invited to nominate a representative, to form a Committee for the WCLS. Nominations should be made by July, to enable the Committee to be established in September. The main task of this Committee would be (i) to supervise the creation of the WCLS interactive website and to (ii) agree a structure and drawn on a Constitution for the Consortium. It is proposed that the main work will could be delegated either to an Executive or two Working Groups, reporting to the full Committee.

The website as it develops can be viewed at the domain <http://www.lawandsocietyworld.org/>

NEWS FROM

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSIONS

Symposium

“GOVERNMENT LEGAL PRACTICE
AND GOVERNMENT LAWYERS”

Call for papers: September 15th, 2011

The Symposium aims to debate career positions of lawyers in government service dealing with matters other than criminal prosecution or criminal defense. More precisely, it welcomes studies dealing with issues including (but not limited to) the nature of lawyers' work, their career patterns, the ethical issues that they confront and/or how they balance professional norms in a political environment.

The International Journal of the Legal Professions invites submission of manuscripts for the Symposium within the dead-line of September 15th, 2011. Manuscripts can be directed to Avrom Sherr (Avrom.Sheer sas.ac.uk) or to Herbert Kritzer (kritzer umn.edu)

NEWS FROM

INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH *Round Table*

SOCIO-LEGAL DIMENSIONS of

MIGRATION and MODERNITY

(Governmentality and Law)

New Delhi, January 5th-6th, 2011

The Round Table, organised last January under the auspices of the ICSSR - Indian Council of Social Science Research – and in association with ISA RC SL by our colleague Devanayaka Sundaram, Honorary Professor of Sociology CreNIEO, Chennai, India, and Chair of the RC SL WG “Law and Migration”, has been for sure a clear sign of the fruitful scientific dialogue and cooperation that RC SL members have been able to establish internationally in the course of years.

Taking as a frame of reference the insights provided, among other sources, by the World Migration Report and the Compendium of the Comparative Study of Migration of European Union, the convenors discussed how current globalising socio-legal interconnectedness and transnational dislocations of manufacturing and service sectors, as major forces of Modernity, increased migration trends worldwide, without serious concern for migrants' quest for primary human,

material and social, needs. In this respect it is increasingly apparent that legal structures and governmental law-policy making are not neutral: they concur not only to the institutional construction of migration issues, but also to migration's implicit and manifest “rationalisation”.

It has been a merit of the Symposium, therefore, to encourage the speakers to focus on this sort “construction” and discuss it through the lenses of a theoretical social science perspective centered on modern features of State and Governance operations and their representational (discursive) and constitutive (factual) elements.