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### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INVITATION

The Research Committee on Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association celebrates this year an extraordinary historical event for the whole community of socio-legal scholars: the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Foundation.

We have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the ISA-RCSL Jubilee Ceremonial Conference, that will take place in Warsaw, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012, at the University of Warsaw Main Campus.

The Conference is devoted to recall the outstanding scientific activity as well as to honor the unique personality of two RCSL Members to whom we owe a great deal of the academic recognition, cultural refinement and institutional achievements of our disciplinary fieldwork : Adam Podgorecki, *de facto* first Promoter and Father Founder of the RCSL, and Renato Treves, First RCSL President.

An Open Session entitled "Sociology of Law in Progress" will be held on the last day. We kindly invite you to make your contribute to the Session. For the purpose, please send your paper proposal to Anna Krajewska (anna.krajewska@uw.edu.pl) or Aneta Gawkowska (aneta.gawkowska@uw.edu.pl).

*Vittorio Olgiati*

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**Founding members:** Adam Podgórecki and William M.Evan ( in memoriam †)

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**DONATIONS**

The RCSL is really grateful to Malgorzata Fuszara for her donation to Renato Treves Grant.

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**RCSL BUSINESS MEETING (BUENOS AIRES)**

During the II ISA World Forum held by Universidad of Buenos Aires, in Buenos Aires – Argentina, 01-04 August-2012, was realized the RCSL Business Meeting. The topics discussed were: (a) the need to have more RCSL members affiliated to ISA in order to get more session for the RCSL in ISA events; (b) the need to have more young scholar in the RCSL sessions; (c) working groups reports; (d) analysis of the RCSL Budget; (e) the current stage of RCSL website and its need for more information; (e) nomination of the Poddogrecki Prize Committee 2013 (Robert Van Krieken, Suzana Karstedt, Angélica Cuéllar Vázquez); (f) Marina Kurkchyan was nominated to present a new proposal for the rules of the Podgorecki Prize Junior; (g) Reform of the RCSL Statute will have a spot for discussions in the course of the Warsaw meeting.

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**PODGÓRECKI PRIZE 2012**

The winners are: Fatima Kastner (Germany) and Stefan Larsson (Sweden).

The Members of 2012 Prize Jury were: Anne Boigeol (chair), Håken Hydén and Ulrike Schultz. The winner will receive their prize in the course of the RCSL Jubilee Meeting, to be held in Warsaw, Poland, on October 19-21, 2012.

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**OÑATI IISL SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR  
2013-2015**

The Committee nominated by the RCSL President Vittorio Olgiati had a reunion in the course of the

RCSL Business Meeting during the II ISA Forum, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 1-4, August.

The decision was reported to the IISJ Board who will make the announcement of its decision in an appropriate time.

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**NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE  
FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW**

The International Institute for Sociology of Law was established in Oñati, Spain in 1988 by the Basque government and the RCSL. Since then, the IISL has become the home of the international socio-legal community. We offer:

- An International Masters Programme in Sociology of Law, including student scholarships.
- Residence grants for visiting scholars.
- Workshops on important and innovative socio-legal topics, which are then supported by our publication series.

Applications for the Masters Programme, student scholarships, residence grants and workshops are due in February 2013. Details can be found on our website: <http://www.iisj.net/>

The IISL is the host of the best socio-legal library and documentation centre in the world. We have recently changed our library software and we now have a fully searchable online database.

The IISL is also the host of the World Consortium of Law and Society Associations, and we are delighted to announce that the we WCSL website has now gone live: <http://lawandsocietyworld.org/>

**INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S  
IN SOCIOLOGY OF LAW 2012-13**

The International Institute of Sociology of Law is the home of the international socio-legal community. The Institute offers a 12 month MA programme consisting of a six-month period of intensive seminars and an individual research project. The Masters programme offers a unique opportunity to develop close personal contacts with eminent scholars in the field of socio-legal studies and sociology of law. Leading international specialists travel to Oñati in order to teach the intensive seminars and are also available to provide individual supervision. The programme is taught entirely in English, with the class size limited to a maximum of 20. Students come from a wide variety of academic backgrounds, such as sociology, law, political science, anthropology, psychology, economics, business studies and management, and cultural studies.

The programme is in its 23rd year, and previous graduates are now among the leading scholars or practitioners in their field. The Institute provides facilities to visiting scholars, which gives students further opportunities to develop direct contacts and networks. The programme also offers the advantage of giving students access to the best socio-legal library in the world. The MA is accredited by the Università degli Studi di Milano and the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), and is accepted as a foundation for higher research degrees (PhD) by universities all over the world. The Institute is located in the beautiful Universidad Antigua, built in 1543, and student accommodation is in the 18th century Palacio Antía.

### Courses 2012-13

#### Rhetoric, Communication, Negotiation

Ulrike Schultz – Fern Universität

#### Comparative Legal Culture

Joxerramon Bengoetxea – UPV/EHU

#### Foundations of Sociology of Law

Alberto Febbrajo – Università di Macerata

#### Law and Anthropology

André Hoekema – University of Amsterdam

#### Professional Ethics & Regulation

TBA

#### Socio-Legal Research Theory and Practice:

##### Qualitative Methods

Maggie Walter – University of Tasmania

#### Professional Actors on the Legal System: Judges, Lawyers and Scholars

Rogelio Pérez Perdomo – Stanford University

#### International and European Media Regulation

Lucia Bellucci – Università di Milano

#### Studies in Civil Justice

Ted Wright – University of Newcastle, Australia

#### Gender and Law

Amy Barrow – Chinese University Hong-Kong

#### Comparative & International Criminology

Susanne Karstedt – Leeds University

#### The Multicultural Constitution

Daniel Bonilla – Universidad de los Andes

#### Socio-Legal Research Theory and Practice:

##### Quantitative Methods

Larry Barnett – Widener University

Students interested in the programme are invited to contact Susana Arrese <susana@iisj.es>

### 2013 Workshops Schedule

#### Restorative Justice in Terrorist Victimisations: Comparative Implications

• Date: 11 - 12 April

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Gema Varona Martínez** (University of the Basque Country) and **Helena Soletó Muñoz** (University of Carlos III)

#### Delito Económico y su lazo social: la simbiosis de la economía legal y sus efectos en el orden político-social

• Date: 18 - 19 April

• Main language(s): Spanish

• Chair(s): **Ignacio Muñagorri** (Universidad del País Vasco) and **Juan S. Pegoraro** (Universidad de Buenos Aires)

#### Wealth, Families and Death: Socio-Legal Perspectives on Wills and Inheritance

• Date: 25 - 26 April

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Daniel Monk** (Birkbeck, University of London) and **Dafna Hacker** (Tel Aviv University)

#### How does legal pluralism interplay with the promotion of human rights?

• Date: 2 - 3 May

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Eva Brems** (Ghent University) and **Giselle Corradi** (Ghent University)

#### Evaluating Judicial Performance

• Date: 9 - 10 May

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Sharyn Roach Anleu** (Flinders University), **Francesco Contini** (University of Bologna), **Jennifer Elek** (National Center for State Courts), **Kathy Mack** (Flinders University) and **David Rottman** (National Center for State Courts)

#### Perspectives of Justice in Literature: an approach from legal culture

• Date: 16 - 17 May

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Joxerramon Bengoetxea** (University of the Basque Country) and **Iker Nabaskues** (University of the Basque Country)

#### Street gangs in the global and local context: bridging the divide between research, policy and practice

• Date: 23 - 24 May

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Judith Aldridge** (University of Manchester) and **Dennis Rodgers** (University of Manchester)

#### Indignation, Socio-economic Inequality and the Role of Law

• Date: 30 - 31 May

• Main language(s): English

• Chair(s): **Jane Matthews Glenn** (McGill University), **Anneke Smit** (University of Windsor) and **Véronique Fortin** (University of California)

#### Interpreting and Advancing Women's Rights to Social Security and Social Protection

- **Date:** 6 - 7 June
- **Main language(s):** English
- **Chair(s):** **Beth Goldblatt** (The University of New South Wales) and **Lucie Lamarche** (University of Ottawa)

**Legal Reforms, Social Responses to the Crisis and the Precarization of Life Conditions in Contemporary Society**

- **Date:** 13 - 14 June
- **Main language(s):** English
- **Chair(s):** **Benjamín Tejerina** (University of the Basque Country)

**Comparative Perspectives on Theory and Practice of Preventive Detention**

- **Date:** 20 - 21 June
- **Main language(s):** English
- **Chair(s):** **Christopher Michaelsen** (University of New South Wales)

**Law in the Age of Media Logic**

- **Date:** 27 - 28 June
- **Main language(s):** English
- **Chair(s):** **Bryna Bogoch** (Bar Ilan University), **Keith Bybee** (Syracuse University), **Yifat Holzman-Gazit** (College of Management, Rishon Lezion) and **Anat Peleg** (Bar Ilan University)

**A question of trust: Socio-legal Imperatives in international police and justice cooperation**

- **Date:** 4 - 5 July
- **Main language(s):** English
- **Chair(s):** **Saskia Hufnagel** (Griffith University) and **Carol McCartney** (University of Leeds)

**New Masters Students (2012-2013). Provisional List.**

Abedu-Bentsi, K. Ignatius - Liberia  
Alexis, Chasidy - Canada  
Autio, Tuomas - Finland  
Avila, Ramiro - Ecuador  
Balakrishnan, Chitra - India  
Black, Jenna - USA  
Haramati, Michal - Israel  
Kaufman, Emily - USA  
Kushnir, Khrystyna - Ukraine  
López, Gilberto - USA  
Mine'e, Estelle Gaelle - Cameroon  
Monte, María Eugenia - Argentina  
Sampat, Kinjal - India  
Tacha, Viviana - Colombia  
Tukwariba, Elijah - Ghana  
Vrolijk, Anne Marloes - The Netherlands

**Workshops applications for 2014**

**Applications to hold a Workshop during 2014 at the IISJ are due by the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

Workshop applications will be evaluated on: the quality of proposals; spread of participants; originality; and relevance to the Basque Country. We accept applications for workshops on any topic that will make a significant contribution to socio-legal studies or sociology of law. The Basque Government has also suggested several topics that are of particular interest. These are: juvenile delinquency; impact of legal reform on domestic violence; operation of juvenile courts; and cross-border.

For further information on how to apply: <http://www.iisj.net/iisj/de/description-regulations-2012.asp?cod=1956&nombre=1956&prt=1>

**Visiting Scholars and Residence Grants**

**Applications for Residence Grants must be received by February 11, 2013.**

The IISL welcomes visitors who wish to make use of its facilities, including our outstanding socio-legal library. Accommodation can be provided in the Institute's Hall of Residence. Some scholarships are available which cover the cost of a shared room in the Residence. These are mainly aimed at younger scholars and/or those completing a doctorate.

Application forms can be downloaded from: <http://www.iisj.net/iisj/dm/grants-and-visiting-schemes.asp?nombre=1719&hoja=0&sesion=1347>

**Call for papers**

The IISJ hosts its own online peer-review journal, Sortuz: Oñati Journal of Emergent Socio-Legal Studies. We welcome submissions of articles pertaining to the relationship between law and society. Further information can be located at:

[http://sortuz.org/content/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=12&Itemid=26](http://sortuz.org/content/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12&Itemid=26)

The Oñati Socio-Legal Series

The IISJ is celebrating the first year of the life of the Oñati-Legal Series. A total of 9 issues have been published to date, and we hope to publish further articles before the end of the year..

Further information about the Series, as well as our other publications is available at:

<http://www.iisj.net/iisj/de/informacion-general.asp?cod=1517&nombre=1517&prt=1&sesion=1>

**OÑATI SOCIO-LEGAL SERIES**

This on-line series of the IISL has recently published three new issues, including papers resulting from the **Congress on the Social Economy**, held in the IISL on July 2011:

**Vol 2, No 2 (2012): Cooperatives and Collective Enterprise in the Social Economy:**  
<http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/issue/view/22>



- Altzelai, Terradillos: La responsabilidad social empresarial y la competitividad de las empresas a nivel internacional. Especial referencia a los grupos de empresas cooperativas
- Hoskyns, Hoskyns, Butler: Pricing fair trade products to include unpaid labour and empower women – the example of Nicaraguan sesame and coffee cooperatives
- Mulqueen: *When a business isn't a business: law and the political in the history of the United Kingdom's co-operative movement*
- Otxoa-Errarte, Landa: PYME y cooperativas ante el reto de la RSE: la nueva ISO 26000 (SMEs and cooperatives confront the challenge of CSR: the new ISO 26000)
- García: El déficit habitacional como un problema de economía social: el caso del Parque Indoamericano de Villa Soldati en Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- Casebeer : *Community syndicalism for the United States: preliminary observations on law and globalization in democratic production*
- Tsobanoglou: *Barriers to participation in the social economy in Greece*
- Padrón Innamorato, González Contró: *Encuadre normativo y empírico para un diagnóstico del trabajo infantil en México*

**Vol 2, No 3 (2012): Corporate Responsibility: Towards the Social Economy:**  
<http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/issue/view/10>

- Monciardini: *Good business? The struggles for regulating ESG disclosure*
- García Álvarez: *Los códigos de buen gobierno corporativo en las entidades sin ánimo de lucro: en especial en las fundaciones*
- Colaço: *Existe responsabilidade corporativa ambiental de exploração econômica em terras indígenas no Brasil?*
- Vikhanskiy, Churkina, Zaverskiy: *Business response to environmental challenges: three cases of Russian industrial companies*
- Bogiloff, Melgar: *El impacto del origen del capital en la implementación de prácticas de responsabilidad social empresarial, el caso de Uruguay*

- Hrdlicka, Neiman: *Responsabilidade socioambiental e o incremento nas exportações brasileiras: um paradoxo*
- Sánchez Fernández: *Responsabilidad social empresarial: gobernanza corporativa, empresa y ONG*

**Vol 2, No 4 (2012): Private-Public Partnerships as new approaches to the Social Economy:**  
<http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/issue/view/21>

#### INTRODUCTION

Bengoetxea: *Social economy partnerships and the public/private cleavages*

#### PART ONE: THEORETICAL APPROACHES

Bengoetxea: *Publikoaren eta pribatuaren arteko kideztzak edo parteneriatuak eta heuren gobernantza – teoria eta adibide esanguratsuak. Sarrera bat*

Semmelmann: *Theoretical Reflections on the Public-Private Distinction and their Traces in European Union Law*

Losada: *The Green Paper on the modernization of public procurement policy of the EU: Towards a socially-concerned market or towards a market-oriented society?*

Moreno: *Formas jurídicas de colaboración público-privada en el derecho español: orígenes europeos y evolución de la regulación de los diferentes modelos de colaboración*

#### PART TWO: WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL APPROACHES

Senosiain Ortega: *El modelo del partenariado aplicado a la lucha contra el cambio climático*

Nabaskues: *El modelo de partenariado como respuesta a nuevos riesgos producidos por el envejecimiento de la población*

Arrieta Frutos, Etxezarreta Etxarri: *Análisis de la colaboración público-privada en el sector de los servicios sociales en Gipuzkoa: el modelo guipuzcoano de concertación con el tercer sector a debate*

#### PART THREE: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

Hogg: *The privatisation of non-custodial measures: an uneasy balance between legitimacy and immediacy*

Barbero: *¿Puede la gobernanza de las migraciones ser social?*

Ramiro Pérez: *Alianzas público-privadas para el desarrollo: RSC y relaciones ONGD-empresas*

Responsible at the IISL for the Oñati Socio-Legal Series: Cristina Ruiz <[cristina@iisj.es](mailto:cristina@iisj.es)>

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**RC SL-LSA JOINT CONGRESS  
Honolulu, USA  
June 5-8, 2012  
REPORT OF THE RC SL ACTIVITIES**

The annual meeting of the Law and Society Association was co-organized together with Research Committee on Sociology of Law. It was placed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, USA, in the course of June 5-8, 2012.

Needless to say, since it is one of the aims fixed on the Statute, the importance to establish mutual activities between the RC SL and others associations in Sociology of Law around the world, specially the ones recognized among the academic community as serious and committed with the research in that field. That is the case of LSA.

In this sense, the following members of the RC SL were in the Program Committee of the Congress: Anne Boigeol, Masaiyuki Murayama, Vittorio Olgiatti, Ulrike Schultz and Germano Schwartz. All of them worked very hard in order to read the papers, to classify it, and, after that, they created sessions based on selected works. Besides, it was their function to invite Chairs and Discussants for the mentioned sessions.

A featured panel was also organized by the RC SL: "Theoretical Frameworks for the Understanding of Law & Society Issues" but for external reasons it could not be realized.

The Meeting had 526 sessions and 2.485 academics listed as participants. The numbers of this joint event, as pointed out in the last newsletter, was, therefore, a sign of a common cultural disposition to a wider convergence in understanding contemporary society as a whole.

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**2013 RC SL- IEP Sciences Politiques  
Joint International Congress  
TOULOUSE, FRANCE  
"Sociology of Law and Political Action"  
3-6 Sept 2013**

As part of its regular activities, the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RC SL) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) organizes, jointly with the Institut d'études politiques de Toulouse, an international congress on sociology of law, to take place in Toulouse, 3-6 September 2013, under the heading: **Sociology of Law and Political Action**.

Over recent years, it proved to be necessary to discuss the topics of the RC SL's specialty – Law and its implementation, notably by courts – in strong connection with the study of broader processes regarding, beyond the law, the modes of structuring, functioning, and regulating of societies in general. Researches on law found thereby the way back to the main founding fathers of sociology, for whom law deserved special interest not only for itself but also because its analysis was considered as a prerequisite for a meaningful interpretation of major social changes.

These were the motives that led to the main topic of the congress. Its discussion has two aims: to tackle broad current social changes likely to be illuminated by socio-legal research, rather than to narrowly focus on socio-legal issues; and to take advantage of an international trend in scientific research strengthening the connections between law and politics. Indeed, over the last years, we observe deep transformations of political regulation. The government as a notion is replaced by governance; Nation States are losing significance in the course of globalization; their modes of intervention are shifting from top down decision processes to more complex processes of negotiation and regulation, forcing analysts to replace the concept of public action by the one of public policy; representative democracy is said to be in crisis; the relationship between legality and legitimacy has to be redefined as a result of the shortcomings of the Weberian model of legal-rational domination; civil society invents new forms of mobilization, etc.

These evolutions did favour new research trends in sociology of law, which also correspond to more general new trends in social sciences, in particular in political sciences, sociology, history, and jurisprudence, especially in the field of public law. These trends are bringing about a new economy in the relationship between legality and politics. They contributed to narrowing the gap between research on courts (e.g. research in the United States, where law and justice are topics traditionally addressed by political sciences; see also research in Japan) and research oriented by the needs of jurists, focussing mainly on State's law (which is in particular the case for European and in particular French socio-legal research). And they triggered a dynamic renewal of sociology of law, today less concerned with its identity and frontiers of sociological specialty than with the challenging issue of the changing relationship between law and politics.

So there has been more and more researches on the production of law as revealing political processes ; on the law viewed not as a mere reference, but as a resource among others for the action of social

movements, as well as for public policies aiming at achieving “efficiency”, even at the expense of the “requirements of legality” (“managerialization of Law”); on the law as participating in the construction of social reality beyond the intervention of official entities supposed to act upon this reality (see the debate on *legal consciousness*). Such a legal concept favours a new definition of the relationship between citizens and legal norms with a view to the accomplishment of the democratic project. In these dramatic changes of law and of legal consciousness, legal professions are gaining special relevance. People skilled in the use of the legal *resource* are becoming key players in the political game (see the international research stream on *cause lawyering*). The debate on globalization gives increasing relevance to law and courts in supra-national territories. And, last but not least, let us remember the researches on the “legalization of politics”.

The programme of the Congress is strongly inspired by this new knowledge regime, linked to the transformations of the nature, role, and place of law today. It is designed to discuss aspects of these transformations in plenary sessions gathering internationally recognized specialists, as well as in workshops mirroring the plurality of possible different approaches to the relationship between law, justice, and politics.

The main topic chosen requires a broad interdisciplinary approach. The involvement of the Institut d'Études politiques of Toulouse, and the support of the French Political Sciences Association reveals the strong commitment of French political sciences in this exercise. Other social sciences are welcome too, as well as, obviously, jurists, to whom RCSL owes its existence, as it is worth remembering now in 2012, the year of this Research Committee's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

For further informations the congress website is already online:

[www.2013rcslcongress.sciencespo-toulouse.fr](http://www.2013rcslcongress.sciencespo-toulouse.fr).

Questions and suggestions should be sent to [veronique.leroux@sciencespo-toulouse.fr](mailto:veronique.leroux@sciencespo-toulouse.fr).

held in Yokohama, Japan, from 13th to 19th July 2014. The RCSL as a whole is particularly pleased about this choice not only because of the relevance of Japanese sociological scholarship within the worldwide community, but also because of the long lasting, strict and fruitful, collaboration between the RCSL and the Japanese Socio-legal Association, currently chaired by our colleague Masayuki Murayama. We hope to be able to honour together the legacy of a pioneer of sociology of law such as Masaji Chiba and further develop our common endeavours.

The deadline for RCSL sessions is March, 1, 2013, and the applications should be sent to Vittorio Olgiatti and Germano Schwartz whose e-mails are on the frontpage of the newsletter.

For further informations visit the Congress website:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>

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## 2015 RCSL – ABRASD

### Joint Conference

### CANOAS, BRAZIL

#### Centro Universitário Unilasalle

#### Citizenship and Social Control in the Age of Cross-Borders' Governance

The idea to organize a RCSL Congress in Canoas, Brasil, in 2015 has been envisaged during First National Congress of the newly created ABRASD - Associação Brasileira De Pesquisadores em Sociologia do Direito – held at the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Niteroi (Rio de Janeiro) in November 16-17, 2010. The idea is now turning into a real option, given the fruitful contacts and the common visions already established between the two associations.

Now the University that will host the meeting is defined. It will be the Centro Universitário Unilasalle, in Canoas, province of Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil. The dates, the theme and the Executive Committee will be decided until the end of 2012.

Further information will be found also in the ABRASD website ([www.abrasd.com.br](http://www.abrasd.com.br))

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## 2014 RCSL AT ISA WORLD CONGRESS (YOKOHAMA)

The International Sociological Association officially announced that the XVIII ISA World Congress will be

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## International Conference MAPPING SYSTEMIC KNOWLEDGE Vienna, Austria (November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

The aim of the conference is to letter different strands, trends, methods, and case studies of the systemic vision to emerge also drawing a net of venues in the world where the systemic thinking is strong and/or growing.

Call for papers can be consulted here:

<http://www.wcsaglobal.org/images/cp2.pdf>

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**LEGAL PROFESSION WORKING GROUP  
MEETING  
(1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 - Bonn, Germany)**



The International Working Group for Comparative Studies of Legal Professions held its 14 th biannual meeting in Bonn from 1-4 July 2012. 65 colleagues from 16 countries had come to present their work.

The introductory plenary dealt with:  
Change in the Legal Profession – for better or worse?  
Aspects of global lawyering and Comparative views from 8 countries

The subject of the second plenary was:  
Gender and Careers in the Legal Academy.

The presentations have been video-recorded by the media team of Fernuniversität in Hagen and can be watched under

[http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/videostreaming/rewi/ls\\_haratsch/](http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/videostreaming/rewi/ls_haratsch/)

Two new books were discussed in Author-meets-Reader sessions:  
Privatising the Public University, the case of law by Margaret Thornton, and  
Lawyers in Practice: ethical decision making in context by Lynn Mather and Leslie Levin

There were numerous sessions of the subgroups on  
Ethics and Deviance  
International Lawyering  
Legal Education  
Judiciary

Family, Policy and the Law  
Women/Gender in the Legal Profssion  
Legal Professional Values and Identities  
Management in/and Justice

The plenary on Gender and Careers in the Legal Academy was meant as a kick-off for a new international comparative project. Interested colleagues are welcome to join.–The video recorded presentations of the session are also accessible via the website of the project JurPro – Women in the Legal Academy - of FernUniversität in Hagen. [www.fernuni-hagen.de/jurpro](http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/jurpro)

The venue of the meeting, an old sochage of a monastery, offered a perfect environment for good intensive work and leisurely evenings in the courtyard under a big tree. The traditional excursion on the 2nd day of the meeting went to well-known places of Rhine romantic: the Drachenfels rock, which offers a famous view of the Rhine, Schloss Drachenburg (Dragon Castle) and the ruins of an old monastery.

The next meeting of the Legal Profession Group will commemorate the 30th jubilee of the inaugural meeting at Bellagio at Lake Como in Italy in 1984. Since then many projects and publications have resulted from the work of the group. Further information about the group can be found on the RCSL website

[http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl\\_wg\\_professions.htm](http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl_wg_professions.htm)  
and in the group's blog:  
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**NEXT ISSUE OF THE RCSL NEWSLETTER**

The next issue of the RCSL newsletter will be published in November 2012. 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 October 15, 2012. Please write to [vittorio.olgiati@unimc.it](mailto:vittorio.olgiati@unimc.it) and [germano.schwartz@globo.com](mailto:germano.schwartz@globo.com)

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