

Report Legal Profession Group (International Working Group on Comparative Study of Legal Professions) 2010 – 2014

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Information

The group is a **network of almost 360 scholars** from all around the world.

Information is sent out regularly by **circular mails**.

The group has set up a **blog** to inform about the group's activities.

<http://iwglp.wordpress.com/>

Updated information on the group can also be found at the RCSL website:

http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl_wg_professions.htm

It is also intended to use the group facilities at the website of the World Consortium of Law and Society which is served by the IISL in Onati.

Biannual Meetings

After the meeting in July 2010 in Gif-sur-Yvette, the next biannual meeting was held in **Königswinter/Bonn (Germany)** from the 1st to the 4th of **July 2012**. The programme is attached. 64 colleagues from 13 countries have attended. Several sessions have been videorecorded and can be watched here:

http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/videostreaming/rewi/ls_haratsch/legalprofession.shtml and

<http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/jurpro/vortraege.shtml>

From the 6th to the 9th of **July 2014** the next biannual meeting will take place in **Frauenchiemsee/Bavaria**. 63 colleagues from 14 countries will attend. Again sessions will be videorecorded. The programme is attached.

Panels at other socio-legal meetings

- RCSL/ISA Conferences

At the **RCSL conference in Dharamshala in September 2011** we had two sessions on Legal Profession and Women/Gender in the Legal Profession.

We had 3 sessions on Legal Profession at the **ISA Forum in Buenos Aires in September 2012**.

At the **RCSL Conference in Toulouse in September 2013** we had 4 sessions on Women/Gender in the Legal Profession (Gender and Judging and Women Law Professors/ Gender and Judging in Japan / Gender in the Practice of Law / and an Author meets Reader panel).

At the **RCSL Conference for the 25th anniversary of the Onati Institute in May 2014** we had two panels on the Legal Profession and two on Women/Gender in the Legal Profession.

- International Conference in Honolulu

At the big international socio-legal Conference in **Honolulu in June 2012** we had 3 sessions on Gender and Judicial Education, 2 on Gender and Judging and 2 on Cross-National Comparison of Gender in Professional Legal Work. And we cooperated with the Collaborative Research Network CRN on Legal Professions.

- **LSA Conferences**

We have organised two sessions on Gender and Judging and two sessions on Women in the Legal Profession at the **San Francisco LSA conference in May 2011**. And we have again cooperated with the LSA CRN on Legal Professions.

At the **LSA conference in Boston in May 2013** we had 3 panels on Gender and Judging including one Author meets Reader panel, and two panels on Women/Gender in the Legal Profession. And we have again cooperated with the CRN on Legal Professions.

- **Onati workshops**

Several members of the legal profession group have organised workshops at the IISL in Onati with resulting publications. One workshop was on Critical Legal Thinking.

- **Cooperation between Scholars**

Many scholars cooperate on individual projects and on invitation of colleagues several of our members have also given presentations and papers in different countries on legal profession issues, e.g. in St. Petersburg/Russia, Lisboa/Portugal, London/UK.

On the 5th of **November 2013** Ulrike Schultz has given an **online seminar** about “the Legal Profession in Germany Resistance and Reactions to Demands of Modernization” for the Unilassalle in Brasil. This kind of online-seminar is a good possibility to connect and will be followed up.

In **December 2013** there was a Workshop on the **Legal Profession - Organization, Career Paths, and Ethical Issues** – at the Institut des sciences sociales du politique in Cachan/France, organized by Benoit Bastard, Christian Bessy and Gabriele Plickert.

Active Sub-groups

These are the currently active sub-groups of the Legal Profession Group:

Subgroup 1: **Ethics, Deontology**

Leader: Degroot, Leny <l.degroot@jur.kun.nl>

Subgroup 2: **Family, Policy and the Law**

Leaders: Benoit Bastard <bastard@mipplus.org>

Mavis Maclean <mavis.maclean@spi.ox.ac.uk>

Subgroup 4: **Judiciary**

Leader: Tony Bradney <a.bradney@law.keele.ac.uk>

Subgroup 7: **Legal Aid**

Leader: Alan Paterson <prof.alan.paterson@strath.ac.uk>

Subgroup 8: Legal Education

Leader: Fiona Cownie <F.Cownie@law.keele.ac.uk>

Subgroup 9: Legal Professional Values & Identities

Leader: Hilary Sommerlad <Sommsand@aol.com>

Subgroup 11: Regulatory Reform

Leader: Christine Parker <c.parker@unimelb.edu.au>

Subgroup 12: Women/Gender in the Legal Profession

Leader: Ulrike Schultz <Ulrike.Schultz@FernUni-Hagen.de>

Subgroup 2: Family, Policy and the Law Subgroup

Leaders: Benoit Bastard and Mavis Maclean

The Family Law and Policy Subgroup published “Managing Family Justice in Diverse Societies”, edited M Maclean and J Eekelaar, Hart, Oxford, 2013 . This volume in the Onati Hart Series reports the papers and debate from the IISL Workshop of the same name held the previous year. The volume tries to look at the practical aspects of delivering family justice in societies who experience a range of social norms and religious beliefs.

The Group held a Workshop in Onati May 2014 on New Ways of Delivering Family Justice , convened by Mavis Maclean and Benoit Bastard, which builds on earlier papers presented at the Legal Profession Group Meeting in Germany 2012, and examines the response of policy makers and the professions in different jurisdictions to the current combination of economic austerity and the development of ADR.

Maclean and Eekelaar published “Family Justice : the work of family judges in uncertain times”, Hart, Oxford, 2103, which also draws on the work of the group in Gif.

Subgroup 8: Legal Education Subgroup

Leader: Fiona Cownie

The Legal Education Group has had a good representation at all meetings of the Working Group on the Legal Professions which have taken place during the last four years. On several occasions we have collaborated with the sub-group working on Gender and the Legal Profession, either to run joint sessions, or to contribute to plenary panels on topics of mutual interest. The Legal Education sub-group itself continues to thrive, and to attract new members.

Subgroup 12: Women/Gender in the Legal Profession Subgroup

Leader: Ulrike Schultz

Women/Gender in the Legal Profession Group had the mentioned panels on Women/Gender in the Legal Profession and Gender and Judging at the RCSL and LSA meetings. Gender and Judging has the status of a CRN (Collaborative Research Network of the LSA). For “Gender and Judicial Education” and also for the “Cross-National Comparison of Gender in Professional Legal Work” we had been granted the status as IRC (International Research Collaborative) for Honolulu. As IRCs we have got travel funding for several colleagues from B and C countries. And we have co-operated with the IRC on Legal Education.

Members of the subgroup have also contributed to **Conferences on Women Judges** in Lisbon in June 2013 and in Brussels in November 2013, to a Conference on Women in the Legal Academy in Hagen in June 2013 and to the International Conference on Judicial Training for Gender Fairness in the Courts in Kyoto/Japan.

The highlight of the Women/Gender in the Legal Profession Group was the coming out of the big **comparative volume on Gender and Judging** (ed. by Schultz, Ulrike and Shaw, Gisela, Oxford: Hart 2013) with 30 contribution by 32 authors on 19 countries. One of the sessions in Toulouse was an Author meets Reader session about the book.

The special issue on Gender and Judging of the International Journal of the Legal Profession which Gisela Shaw and Ulrike Schultz had edited in 2008 has been published by Taylor and Francis 2012 as a **book** under the title: **Women in the Judiciary**.

Brettel Dawson, Gisela Shaw and Ulrike Schultz are about to finalise another **special issue** of the International Journal of the Legal Profession on **Gender and Judicial Education** with ten contributions.

In connection with a research project which is currently running at FernUniversität in Hagen we have launched a new **comparative project on Women in the Legal Academy** for which we plan to arrange a special meeting in 2015 or 2016.

Media:

Videostream of an interview by Håkan Hydén, University of Lund, Schweden with Ulrike Schultz, FernUniversität in Hagen about "Gender Questions in Law and the Legal Profession" for the Web Based Master Program "Sociology of European Law" (SELA) at Lund http://video.fernuni-hagen.de:8080/flash/ls_haratsch/2012/03/Ulrike_Schultz_Lund.mp4

Podcast of an interviews by Ana Oliveira, CES Centro de Estudio Sociais in Coimbra und Lisboa, Portugal, with Ulrike Schultz about the feminisation of legal professions. <http://saladeimprensa.ces.uc.pt/index.php?col=canalces&id=6419#.UK-KNmeRII4>