

## Legal Professional Values & Identities

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The sub-group was established by Hilary Sommerlad and Kim Economides in 2006 at the bi-annual meeting of the Working Group on Legal Professions, held that year in Peyresq, France. The sub-group's theme reflected Hilary's research into professional identity formation, and Kim's work on legal ethics. As a result of Kim's re-location to Australasia, he ceased to be a co-convenor of the group.

The first meeting of the sub-group was held in 2007 at the [International Congress of Sociology of Law](#), Humboldt University, Berlin and since then it has met regularly.

At this year's meeting in Frauenchiemsee July 6-9, 2014, the panel will have two sessions:

1)

- Hilary Sommerlad: Pussy Riot: show trials and the New Lawyer
- Simon Rice: Resilience and motivation among community legal centre lawyers in Australia
- Rakesh Anand: On the legitimacy of religious lawyering
- Susan Carle: Consequences of the Exclusion of African American Women from the Legal Profession prior to 1920

2)

- Rosemary Hunter: Judicial Diversity and the New Judge
- Steven Vaughan: Gay lawyers and the English legal profession
- Theresa Lynch: Black and Minority Ethnic Students and Mooting at Birmingham Law School: A Discussion Inspired by Basil Bernstein

Steven Vaughan and Theresa Lynch are members of the Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research (CEPLER), Birmingham Law School, which Hilary moved to as Research Director in April 2013. Professional identity and values are key themes of the Centre.

Ideas for panels at future meetings or research collaborations on any issue relating to professional identity and professional values would be most welcome ([to be sent to Hilary Sommerlad: \[H.A.K.Sommerlad@bham.ac.uk\]\(mailto:H.A.K.Sommerlad@bham.ac.uk\)](#))