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Panel & Event Descriptions:

(1) The Promise and Pathos of British Colonial Legalities, CRN 15

Thur May 28, 2015: 8:15 AM - 10:00 AM
4278
Paper Session
Westin Seattle, Dix Suite Parlor 4C

The British Empire's claims to be based on the rule of law, as opposed to the despotism of Africa and the Orient, have been convincingly challenged by historians who show not only how it failed in implementation, but also how it was bound to fail in the colonial context. This panel recognizes that those living within in the British empire (be they administrators, rebels or ordinary subjects) were aware of this contradiction and maps through different disciplinary approaches (sociology, history, law and political science) how they sought to negotiate this contradiction. The British empire was variegated legal space through which legal ideals, legal actors and legal texts could freely travel and its legacies continue after decolonization. The papers plot how forensic science, economic regulations, civil liberties and constitutional rights emerged in the British imperial legal space across the 20th century in the UK, India, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Singapore, Ghana and South Africa.

Keywords: BRITISH COLONIALISM, COLONIALISM AND POST-COLONIALISM

Chair: Elizabeth Kolsky, Villanova University

Discussant: Nurfadzialah Yahaya, Washington University in St. Louis

- The “Political Cases” of D. N. Pritt: The Radical Left and Civil Liberties in Asia and Africa • Rohit De, Yale University
- The Economic Emergency and the Creation of the “Security Threat” in India, Israel and Ghana • Yael Berda, Harvard University
- What Bones Won't Tell: Skeletal Aging and Criminal Responsibility • Binyamin Blum, Hebrew University
Please join us for the annual Collaborative Research Network (CRN) lunch at the Law and Society Association’s upcoming meeting in Seattle:

**Joint Annual CRN Lunch for CRN 15: British Colonial Legalities & CRN 22: South Asia**

**When:**
Thursday, May 28, 2015 @ 12.45pm-2.30

**Where:**
Relish Burger Bistro in the Westin Seattle (LSA conference hotel)

1900 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA, (206) 256-7600

**Logistics:**
No need to RSVP.

The CRNs are unfunded efforts, so attendees will be asked to cover their own lunch bills. Cash appreciated.

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**Law’s Promise and Pathos—Indigeneity in the Global South & the Global North, CRN 15**

Fri, May 29, 2015: 7:30 AM-9:15 AM
3983
Paper Session
Westin Seattle, Dix Suite Parlor 1
This session engages with law’s promise and pathos in the context of indigeneity in the
global south and global north. Panelists focus on different aspects of a range of issues
including dispossession, displacement and migration emerging from increased resource
extraction on and acquisition of lands traditionally occupied by indigenous peoples with a
view to start a broader conversation on the ways in which the continuities as well as
disconnections in the law and policy in different parts of the former British empire respond
to indigenous peoples today.

Keywords: BRITISH COLONIALISM, INDIGENEITY AND FIRST PEOPLES

Chair: Renisa Mawani, University of British Columbia

Discussants: Sally Engle Merry, New York University • Christopher Tomlins, University of
California, Berkeley

• Heather Dorries • University of British Columbia
• Pooja Parmar • Carleton University

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Scarce attention has been paid to the visual and architectural histories and cultures of
Indian courts. Describing the transformation of judicial iconography and legal architecture
in India, the panel seeks to highlight how justice is represented as virtue. Rather than only
tracing the production of official iconographies of justice, we draw attention to the new
imagery of justice from artistic traditions not regulated by law. However while creating
particular images of justice, the law controls and even banishes certain images, while
maximising the principle, "justice must be seen to be done". Moving from courts to streets
of the city, we underscore the visual strategies that the law uses to control representations
of justice as struggle rather than virtue. Complicating the idea of justice as struggle, we
address the critique of ‘feminist’ law reform projects by organised activist groups of men
who use brand advertising in the realm of activism.

Keywords: SOUTH ASIA, POPULAR CULTURE, MEDIA, FINANCE, AND THE ARTS

Chair: Pratiksha Baxi, Center for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru
University

• “Judicial Iconography in India” • Rahela Khorakiwala, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The study of postcolonial legal systems is often structured around the theme of 
rupture/continuity. To what extent did the end of colonial rule mark a decisive break with 
the forms of colonial legality? How did newly decolonized countries adapt and transform 
these forms?

In this panel we propose to reexamine these issues, hoping to move away from the factual 
question of whether such continuities exist – clearly the record shows a mix of both 
continuous and discontinuous elements. Instead we ask: what particular features of the 
postcolonial world are illuminated (or not) by the use of "continuity" as a conceptual 
category?

We explore this question in a variety of sites: debates over gender and citizenship; the idea 
of the administrator in public law; the relationship between originalism and continuity; 
and the connection between continuity and political neutrality. These are explored from 
different disciplinary perspectives, ranging from legal history to the philosophy of law.

Keywords: SOUTH ASIA, COLONIALISM AND POST-COLONIALISM

Chair/Discussant: Elizabeth Kolsky, Villanova University

Discussant: Yael Berda, Harvard University
This discussion-centered roundtable brings together scholars working on law, legal processes and gender in former British colonies to speak about their research against the shared backdrop of a reading of Pratiksha Baxi’s book: *Public Secrets of Law: Rape Trials in India* (OUP, 2014). Participants will speak about their own research projects in the context of one or more complex themes explored in the book. This session has been organized by CRN 15 - British Colonial Legalities in collaboration with CRN 22 - South Asia.

Keywords: BRITISH COLONIALISM, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Chair: *Prabha Kotiswaran*, King’s College London

Discussants: *Srimati Basu*, University of Kentucky • *Sameena Mulla*, Marquette University

- *Pratiksha Baxi* • Center for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- *Elizabeth Kolsky* • Villanova University
- *Mehera San Roque* • University of New South Wales

Colonized or minority populations have often suffered a loss of collective integrity and autonomy through engagement with state legal systems. Mitra Sharafi’s study of an ethno-religious minority in colonial South Asia offers an example to the contrary. *Law and Identity in Colonial South Asia: Parsi Legal Culture, 1772-1947* – 2015 James Willard Hurst Book Prize Winner, CRN 15, 22, 44 & 48

Fri May 29, 2015: 3:30 PM - 5:15 PM
3855
Author Meets Reader (AMR) session
Westin Seattle, Fifth Avenue
Author-meeets-Reader panel situates Sharafi’s book within the wider fields of South Asian history, Anglophone legal history, the history of the legal profession, law and religion, and law and minorities. Rather than trying to protect their group’s collective interests by avoiding interaction with the state, Parsis sank deep into the colonial legal system itself. From the late eighteenth century until India’s independence in 1947, they became frequent users of colonial law, acting as lawyers, judges, litigants, lobbyists and legislators. Parsis de-Anglicized the law that governed them and enshrined in law their own distinctive models of the family and community by becoming well placed in the courts and legislatures—and litigious amongst themselves. As a site for Global North-South interactions, Parsi legal culture married Anglo legal processes and Asian value systems. It produced the pathos of heavy intra-group litigation, but also the promise of significant control over state law. The panel brings specialists in South Asian legal history (Julia Stephens) and legal anthropology (Sylvia Vatuk) into conversation with non-South Asianists, including legal historians of the US (Robert Gordon) and scholars of law and religion (Winnifred Sullivan), along with legal historians of Irish American (Walter Walsh) and European Jewish communities (Benjamin Hett). The session will be chaired by Bryant Garth, author of Asian Legal Revivals: Lawyers in the Shadow of Empire (2010).

Keywords: LEGAL HISTORY, SOUTH ASIA

Author: Mitra Sharafi, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Chair: Bryant Garth, University of California Irvine

Readers:

- Robert Gordon, Stanford Law School
- Benjamin Hett, Hunter College and the Graduate Center, CUNY
- Julia Stephens, Yale University
- Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University Bloomington
- Sylvia Vatuk, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Walter Walsh, University of Washington School of Law

(8) International Law and Imperial Histories, CRN 15

Fri May 29, 2015: 3:30 PM – 5:15 PM
4611
Paper Session
Westin Seattle, Elliott Bay Reception

Scholars of international law are increasingly conscious of its imperial roots and have examined how the theories and doctrines of international law articulated a universal legal order while justifying systems of economic and political domination in the non-European
world. This panel builds on a scholarship by shifting attention to practice, performance and contestations within imperial orders. Examining both the architecture of international law and its actors, it traces how economic treaties and legal categories of humanitarian law elide histories of contestation. It then focuses on South Asia to examine the reception of international law through a study of Islamic universalism and the attempts of South Asian intellectuals to forge a hybrid space where Western theories acquired different meaning and led to unpredictable results. The panel offers a range of methodological approaches to engaging with international law’s promises while mindful of its legacy of domination.

Keywords: BRITISH COLONIALISM, TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL ORDERS, INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Chair: Rohit De, Yale University

Chair/Discussants: Pooja Parmar, Carleton University • Umut Özsu, University of Manitoba

• “ISIS, the Caliphate and British India: The Antinomies of the Anti-Colonial” • John Strawson, University of East London
• “Notes towards a History of the Civilian” • Christiane Wilke, Carleton University
• “Sugar and the Making of International Trade Law” • Michael Fakhri, University of Oregon
• “The Dilemmas of Colonial Inheritance” • Cynthia Farid, University of Wisconsin Law School

(9) Formal and Informal Law in Colonial and Postcolonial India, CRN 22

Fri, May 29, 2015: 5:30 PM – 7:15 PM
4755
Paper Session
Westin Seattle, Pine

Anchored in different methodologies, this panel focuses on the politics of justice in India. Marc Galanter discusses how the Indian Supreme Court’s intervention in a rape case turns commonlaw proceduralism upside-down. Highlighting the legal activism of subaltern groups, Gopika Solanki and Satyakam Joshi demonstrate the impact of ethno-political mobilization and democratic citizenship on the adjudication of caste violence and the laws governing indigenous peoples. Turning to informal law, Manuel Gomez outlines Jain diamond merchants’ reliance on religious rules to resolve business disputes, and Jim Jaffe traces the role of professional lawyers in shaping non-state legal forums during the non-cooperation movement.

Keywords: SOUTH ASIA, COLONIALISM AND POST-COLONIALISM
Chair/Discussant: Jayanth Krishnan, Indiana University, Bloomington

- “Invoking Human Rights: Civil Society, Legal Mobilization, and the Politics of Caste Violence in India” • Gopika Solanki, Carleton University
- “Lawyers and the Non-Cooperation Movement in India, 1920-1922” • James Jaffe, University of Wisconsin–Whitewater
- “Snakes and Ladders: Performing Justice in Contemporary India” • Marc Galanter, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- “The Jain Way: Consensus Building and Conflict Resolution among Gujarati Diamond Merchants” • Manuel Gomez, Florida International University College of Law

**CRN 15 Business Meeting**
Fri May 29, 2015: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Westin Seattle, Adams

Keyword: BRITISH COLONIALISM

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**Indigenous Rights—Law, Language, Place, CRN 15**
Sun May 31, 2015: 8:15 AM-10:00AM
6279
Paper Session
Westin Seattle, Elliott Bay Reception

The presenters in this Salon Session examine indigenous rights and legal processes in Canada and Ghana through an engagement with issues of space, place and legal pluralism in the two former British colonies.

Keywords: INDIGENITY AND FIRST PEOPLES, LEGAL PLURALISM AND NON-STATE LAW

Chair: Nicholas Blomley, Simon Fraser University

- “Impact Benefit Agreements between Corporations and Impacted Indigenous Communities: Private Law Solutions to Public Law Issues Regarding the Status of Indigenous Lands in Large-Scale Resource Developments?” • Tyler McCreary, University of British Columbia
- “Layers of Law and Hierarchies of Rights” • Dayna Nadine Scott, Osgoode Hall Law School
- “Legal Interpretation in a Multilingual Context” • Ama Hammond, University of British Columbia