Conference

Anthropological Expertise in Legal Practice

22 – 23 June 2016

Organiser:
Department ‘Law & Anthropology’
Convenors: Marie-Claire Foblets and Maria Sapignoli

Programme

Wednesday, 22 June 2016

15:30 Registration

16:30 Opening Remarks
Marie-Claire Foblets and Maria Sapignoli (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

KEYNOTE
Chair: Bertram Turner (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

17:00 Barbara Rose Johnston (Center for Political Ecology, Santa Cruz, USA)
‘Evolving Roles of the Expert Witness in Human Rights Abuse Cases: an anthropological approach to the investigation, consequential damage assessment, and the struggle to secure the right to remedy’

18:30 Snacks & Refreshments

19:00 Closing Session & Discussion
Thursday, 23 June 2016

SESSION I: REFUGEE AND ASYLUM CASES
Chair: Werner Menski (SOAS, University of London, UK)

9:00  Tandem 1: ‘The Collection and Use of Country of Origin Information in the British Asylum Process’

Anthony Good (University of Edinburgh, UK)

Anthony Paterson (Solicitor, London, UK)

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Tandem 2: ‘The Need for a Methodology for Anthropological and Medical Expertise in Asylum Cases: the case law on harmful traditional practices’

Sylvie Sarolea (Centre Charles de Visscher pour le droit international et européen, Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

Hélène Gribomont (Centre Charles de Visscher pour le droit international et européen, Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

12:15 Lunch break

SESSION II: INDIGENOUS RIGHTS CASES
Chair: Mark Goodale (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

13:15 Tandem 1: ‘Depositions and Dilemmas: anthropological collaborations with lawyers on indigenous legal cases in Botswana’

Robert Hitchcock (Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA; University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, USA)

Gordon Bennett (New Square Chambers, Lincolns Inn; Survival International, London, UK)

14:45 Coffee break
15:00  Tandem 2: ‘Using and Refusing Indigenous Rights Law: Mapuche autonomy struggles, the forest industry, and the modernist/colonial nation-state in Chile’

Charles Hale (University of Texas, Austin, USA)

Jose Aylwin (Austral University of Chile, Valdivia, Chile)

16:30  Coffee break

**ROUNDTABLE**

Chair: Olaf Zenker (Free University Berlin, Germany)

Participants: France Blanmailland (High Council of Justice; Walley & Blanmailland SPRL, Brussels, Belgium), Alain Garay (Cour de Paris, France), Manfred Hinz (University of Bremen, Germany), René Kuppe (University of Vienna, Austria), Ronald Niezen (McGill University, Montreal, Canada), Mathias Rohe (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany), Ilenia Ruggiu (University of Cagliari, Italy), Luc Walley (European Immigration Lawyers Network; Walley & Blanmailland SPRL, Brussels, Belgium)

16:45  Opening statements

17:30  Discussion

18:45  Closing remarks

Marie-Claire Foblets and Maria Sapignoli (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

19:30  Dinner (Restaurant Weinstube, Rathausstraße 7, 06108 Halle/Saale)

20:15  Closing Session & Discussion