You are invited to a Legal Intersections Research Centre eSymposium

Date:  Wednesday 5 November 2014  
Time:  8.30 am –  6.00 pm  
Location:  Building 67.202  
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SUUM CUIQUE TRIBUERE:
THE INTERNATIONAL COMPLEXITIES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

As capitalism began to develop in the 19th century, and as the grievances of an industrial working class began to accumulate, one of the main ideas that served to articulate the proletarian disaffection towards the system of production was that of social justice. The genealogy and development of this concept, however, expand beyond the injustice of industrial capitalism. The Roman jurist Ulpian recognized three basic principles of law (praecepta iuris): to live honourably (honeste vivere), not to harm any other person (alterum non laedere) and to render unto everyone his or her own (suum cuique tribuere). Several centuries later, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz observed that, whilst the prohibition to harm referred to the lowest degree of right in order to protect property (ius proprietatis), to do good to everybody a principle of distribution that enables society to give each individual his or her due (ius societatis) is required. This is still the core problem of social justice today: to provide a way, as John Rawls suggests, of assigning rights and duties in the basic institutions of society and to define the appropriate distribution of the benefits and burdens of social cooperation. The panellists of this eSymposium—which has been organized under the auspices of the Legal Intersections Research Centre (University of Wollongong, Australia) and the Grupo de Investigación Sobre el Derecho y la Justicia1 (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain)—will address the current complexities inscribed in the principles of distribution in face of the international realities of socioeconomic injustice (exploitation, marginalization and deprivation) and cultural injustice (domination, nonrecognition and disrespect), specifically, in the regions of Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

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PROGRAM

8.30-9.00  Opening remarks
Prof Nan Seuffert,
Director of the Legal Intersections Research Centre,
University of Wollongong.

Dr Luis Gómez Romero,
School of Law, University of Wollongong

9.00-10.30  Middle East
The Law in the Hands of the Weak:
Narrating a Palestinian Doctrine of International Law
Ms Valentina Azarov, Al-Quds University, Palestine

Antinomies of Israel:
Ethnicity, Democracy and Capitalism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Prof Alejandro Soltonovich, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Who is Afraid of Boycotts?
A Strategy for Change
Dr Marcelo Svirsky, University of Wollongong

10.30-11.00  Morning Tea

11.00-12.30  Latin-America
Social Justice in Colombia as a Political and Legal Ideal.
Prof Diego Eduardo Lopez Medina, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.

The Right to Consultation and Dissent:
A Proposal for a Counter-Hegemonic Use of Law.
Dr Mónica Mazariegos, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala

The New Architecture of International Financial Institutions in South America
Dr Gabriel García, University of Wollongong, Australia.

12.30-2.30 Lunch break

2.30-4.00 Asia and Australia

Haunting National Boundaries:
LBGTI Asylum Seekers
Prof Nan Seuffert, University of Wollongong

Team Australia Eats Kebabs:
Terror and Terroir
Dr Rick Mohr, Social Research, Policy and Planning and
Dr Nadirsyah Hosen, University of Wollongong

Sites of Memory and Activism: From Seoul to Glendale
Prof Vera Mackie, University of Wollongong

4.00-4.30 Afternoon Tea

4.30-6.00 Europe

Multinational Democracies in Europe:
The Case of Spain
Prof José María Sauca Cano, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain.

The Fight against Doping in Sports and the Protection of Fundamental Rights of Athletes:
Reflections from an International Human Rights Law Perspective
Prof Carmen Pérez González, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Baroqueracies: Stories on the Lived Experience of Law as an Immigrant in Spain, 2002 - 2009
Dr Luis Gómez Romero, University of Wollongong (Australia)

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