THE USE OF LAW BY SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

LA MOBILISATION DU DROIT PAR LES MOUVEMENTS SOCIAUX ET LA SOCIETE CIVILE

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**Thursday 22 March 2018**

**8h45-9h: Welcome**

**9h-9h15: Introduction,** Geoffrey Pleyers (FNRS/UCL, President of RC 47 of the International Sociology Association), Agatha Verdebout (ULB, member of the ABC « Strategic Litigation »)

**9h15-9h45: The Use of Law by Social Movements and Civil Society. A Brief History of the Field,** Michael McCann, University of Washington

1. Political protests in legal arenas (10h-12h)*
   **Moderator:** Julien Pieret (ULB)
   - Kangaroo Court: The Black Power Movement and the Courthouse as a Site of Resistance, Joyce Bell, University of Minnesota
   - Le procès de la violence policière en Russie: outil stratégique Expert ou vecteur de mobilisation ?, Anne Le Huërou, University Paris X Nanterre
   - « Justice pour Norbert Zongo »: une mobilisation conjointe du droit et de la rue, Habiobu Fofana, University Ouaga 2
   - Calling the State to Account: How Human Rights (Non-)Activists Learn to Use Law Against the State in ‘Enforced Disappearances’ Cases in Pakistan, Salman Hussain, City University of New York

2. New sites and new modes of mobilization (10h-12h)
   **Moderator:** Julie Ringelheim (FNRS/UCL)
   - Constitutional Mobilization in the Transnational Sphere, Paul Blokker, Charles University in Prague
   - Social Rural Movements, Popular Advocacy and Legal Training: The Experience of Law Bachelor Courses of La Via Campesina in Brazil, Aline Borgoff-Mata & Leonilde Servolo de Medeiros, Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro
   - Burning the paper Tiger: The Dwindling of Civil Society Bodies Within Trading Regimes, Sabah Ahmad Khan, University of Eastern Finland
   - « As an Activist, You Use What You Have »: Brazil’s Public Defender and the Belo Monte Dam, Peter Taylor Klein, Bard College

**12h-13h: Lunch**

**13h-13h30 : Professionnels du droit et mouvements sociaux. Des relations complexes, Liora Israeli, EHESS**

**3. The role of legal professionals (13h45-15h45)**
   **Moderator:** Aude Lejeune (CNRS/Lille University)
   - On Trangressive Lawyers and Judicial Case Reviews in the US, Germany and Hong Kong, Helena Flam, University of Leipzig
   - The Use of Pro-Bono Work by NGOs and Organisations: Legal Activism or Minimising the Cause ?, Charles Bosvieux-Oneykewa, EHESS
   - Is the Litigation Before the European Court of Human Rights Under the Influence of American Private Foundations ?, Gaëtan Cléquennois, University of Strasbourg
   - The Subjectivity in the Legal Strategies of Social Movements. Resiliency and Melancholy in the Mobilization of those Affected by Resource-Extractive Industry in Brazil, Cristiana Losekann, University Federal do Espírito Santo, Brazil

**4. The repression of mobilizations (13h45-15h45)**
   **Moderator:** Geoffrey Pleyers (FNRS/UCL)
   - No Truths Left to Report: Cause Lawyers, Trolls, and the Freedom of Information in Russia’s Surveillance State, Freek van der Vet, University of Helsinki
   - Studying Two Faces of Law in Contemporary Democracies: State Repression of Protest and Human Rights Mobilization, Débora Alves Maciel & Marta Rodríguez Machado, Federal University of São Paulo
   - The Use of Human Rights Law to Repress Social Movements: the Case of BDS in France, Marco Perolini, Goldsmith College
   - Law as Disobedience Tactic of Occupation Brazil, Carolina Amadeo, Birbeck School of Law

**15h45-16h: Coffee break**

**5. Mobilizing social rights (16h-18h)***
   **Moderator:** Elise Dermine (ULB)
   - Construire sa propre défense ? Les affaires Viking et Laval : un échec judiciaire pour le syndicalisme européen, Julien Louis, University of Strasbourg
   - Discussing the Ambivalent Role of Law in Mobilisations of Social Movement in Light of Austerity: the Cases of Portugal and France, Carolina Alves Vestena, University of Kassel
   - Le droit de grève et la législation d’exception au Québec. Perspective historique (1964-2017), Martin Petitclerc, UQAM
   - Bringing Lawyers and Social Movements Together in Ireland to Promote the Human Rights of People in Mortgage Distress, Marguerite Angélari, Open Society Justice Initiative

**6. Globalization of struggles and circulation of legal practices (16h-18h)**
   **Moderator:** Matthias Sant’ana (ULB)
   - Beyond the Courts: Repercussions of Legal Activism Around Seeds in Brazil and India, Karine Peschar, IHEID
   - Des usages de l’intersectionnalité dans la lutte contre les discriminations en Europe: transplant et réappropriation stratégiques d’une critique sociale, Raphaëlle Xenidis, EUI
   - The Transnational Mobilisation and Legal Pluralism. Social Movements and Labour Rights in the Global Garment Industry, Sabrina Zajak, Ruhr-University Bochum, Eva Kocher, University of Frankfurt & Nita Wienkoop, Leuphana University Lüneburg

**18h-20h: Cocktail**

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9h-9h15: Welcome

9h15-9h45: Nouveaux mouvements sociaux et nouvelles théories critiques : quelles convergences ?

Bruno Frère, Université de Liège*

7. The refusal to use law (10h-12h)*
Moderator: Vanessa De Gref (ULB)
- The Right to Die Movement in Italy: From Litigation to Actions of Civil Disobedience, Cristina Poncibo, University of Turin
- La culture juridique canadienne des droits de la personne: un obstacle à la mobilisation des droits sociaux par les organisations de la société civile ?, Christine Vézina, University Laval
- L’action de groupe en santé : la dimension collective d’un mode d’action judiciaire en question, Hélène Michel, University of Strasbourg
- Social Movements Skepticism and the Rise of Mass Protest as a Strategic Alternative to Legal Action in Nigeria, Usman Adekunle Ojedokun, University of Ibadan

8. The use of law by conservative movements (10h-12h)
Moderator: Agatha Verdebout (ULB)
- How and Why Interest Groups Combine Public Awareness Campaigns and Strategic Litigation, Britta Rehder & Katherina van Elten, Ruhr-University Bochum
- Law in a Service of Values: Enforcement of Values and Identity Through Legal Norms by the Croatian Conservative Movement, Antonija Petrocusic, University of Zagreb
- The Radiating Effect of the European Court of Human Rights on Social Movements : LGBT Rights, Strategic Litigation and Counter-Mobilizations in Greece, Margarita Markoviti, ELIAMEP
- International Human Rights Law as a Tool of Repression : International Evangelical Organisations, Development Funding and LGBT Rights, Kevin Crow, University Halle-Wittenberg

12h-13h: Lunch

13h-13h30: Law and Social Movements: A Post-Colonial Perspective,

Shalini Randeria, IWM

9. Reproductive rights and divorce (13h45-15h45)
Moderator: Barbara Truffin (ULB)
- The Role of International Human Rights Law in Abortion Law and Politics in Ireland, Christine Ryan, Duke University
- Women’s Legal Mobilisation and Family Law in Colombia: the Quest for Divorce in the 20th Century, Alina Beltran y Paga, University de Los Andes
- Radical Aims Through Moderate Means: Legal Mobilizations and Framing Transformation in the Process of Abortion Legalization in Mexico City, Alba Ruibal, National University of Córdoba
- Korolev v. Russia on a Right of an Unborn Child to Life: A Case Study of Law and Lawyers as Agents of Social Change in an Autocratic Society, Anton Burkov, University of Humanities (Yekaterinburg)

10. Defending minorities through litigation (13h45-15h45)
Moderator: Marie-Laurence Hébert-Dolbec (ULB)
- Be Cautious When You Mobilize the Law », Labor Unions and the Promotion of Disabled Members’ Rights in Belgium, Aude Lejeune, University of Lille / UdeM
- A Tale of Two Judgments : The Afterlives of a Defeat and a Victory for Queer Rights in India, Danish Sheikh, Jindal Global Law School
- Reactive or Proactive Courts ? Two Case Studies on Legal Mobilisation for Migrants Rights : Italy and the UK, Virginia Passalacqua, EUI
- The Soros Network's Hegemonic Role in the Roma Rights Movement, Lilla Farkas, EUI

15h45-16h: Coffee break

16h-16h30: The impacts of strategic human rights litigation. A view from the field
Jim Goldston, Executive Director of Open Society Justice Initiative

16h30-18h00: Conclusions / Round table
Moderators : Julie Ringelheim (UCL) & Laura Van den Eynde (ULB)
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