



Socio-Legal Studies and the Humanities

A One-Day Conference

Hosted by the Socio-Legal Studies Association, with the support of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

9.15am-4.50pm, Wednesday, 5 November 2008

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Keynote Speaker

Melanie L. Williams, Professor of Literary Jurisprudence, School of Law, Exeter University, author of Secrets and Laws – Collected Essays: True Tales of Law, Lives and Literature (2005), and Empty Justice: One Hundred Years of Law, Literature and Philosophy (2002).

Aim

The Socio-Legal Studies Association recently adopted a new strap-line to sum up the spirit of the Association: 'Where law meets the social sciences and humanities'. This conference will provide a forum for discussion and exchange of information specifically on the relationship between the humanities and socio-legal studies. The field of humanities (including literature, history, cultural studies, and the arts), which use methods that are largely analytic, critical and speculative – rather than the mainly empirical approaches associated with the sciences – offers opportunities for productive engagement with sociolegal studies.

The Association conceives of socio-legal studies as embracing 'disciplines and subjects concerned with law as a social institution, with the social effects of law, legal processes, institutions and services and with the influence of social, political and economic factors in the law and legal institutions' (Socio-Legal Studies Association, First Re-Statement of Research Ethics, para. 1.2.1). The aim of this conference is to address these elements of socio-legal studies with particular reference to the humanities, and to break away from what Douzinas and Nead call "the excessive logonomocentrism" of modern literary jurisprudence.

Academic Coordinator

Dermot Feenan, University of Ulster, School of Law

PROGRAMME

9.15am-9.45am REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9.45am-11.00am WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Professor Melanie L. WilliamsExeter University, School of Law
Law and the Humanities:
A Question of Integrity

11.15am-12.45pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION 1

Marc Coen

M. Litt. Candidate, Trinity College Dublin The Past as a Judicial Country: Reported Judgments and Social History

Robin Lister

University of Bradford

Estates, Identity and the Novel: From Real Property to Personal Attributes in the Narratives of Tom Jones and Middlemarch

Professor Penny Booth

Staffordshire University Law School

Moll Flanders and Married Bliss: A Study of the Literature and Context of Marriage Law in Daniel Defoe's Moll Flanders

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Dr. Stefan Machura

Bangor University, School of Social Sciences Law and Cinema Movement

Professor Kate Nace Day and Professor Russell G. Murphy

Suffolk University Law School

Just Trying to be Human in This Place: Storytelling and Film in Legal Education in the United States

Dr. Penny English

Anglia Law School

Indiana Jones and the Looted Cultural Property

12.45pm-1.30pm BUFFET LUNCH

1.30pm-3.00pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION 3

Dr. Judith Rowbotham

Nottingham Trent University

Law, Literature and History: What Kind of Trinity?

Dr. Lorie Charlesworth

Liverpool John Moores University

On the Contemporary Relevance of Historico-Socio-Legal Research: The Humanities in Juristic Scholarship

Dr. Stuart Weinstein and Dr. Charles Wild

University of Hertfordshire, School of Law

Theodor Adorno on Poetry After Auschwitz: Does Carl Schmitt Make the Study of Jurisprudence Barbaric?

11.00am-11.15am MORNING REFRESHMENTS

PARALLEL SESSION 4

Gary Watt

University of Warwick, School of Law Law, Society and the Humanities: What Connexion Can There Be?

Dr. Meg Arnot

Roehampton University, School of Arts Images of Motherhood: Achieving Justice in Nineteenth-century Infanticide Cases

Roger Welch

Portsmouth Law School, University of Portsmouth Judicial Language and Restricting the Right to Strike: An Historical Perspective

3.00pm-3.15pm AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

3.15pm-4.45pm PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION 5

Megan Wachspress

Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Berkeley Historical and Anthropological Perspectives on Colonial Sovereignty

Professor Eric Heinze

Queen Mary, University of London, School of Law *Empire, Nation, Oppression: Multiculturalism and Nationalism in Shakespeare's* Cymbeline

Dr. Eugene McNamee

University of Ulster, School of Law The Parker Project and the Agreement to Disagree

PARALLEL SESSION 6

Dr. Wouter de Been

Postdoctoral Researcher, VU University, Amsterdam Legal Language as a Social Work of Art

Alecia Simmonds

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Sydney & Visiting Scholar, Birkbeck College, University of London Rousseau's Empire of Love and Law

Alexandrine Guyard-Nedelec

Ph.D. Candidate University Paris Diderot, & Visiting Scholar, Queen Mary, University of London Outsider or Insider in the Field of Socio-Legal Studies?

Abstracts

Abstracts for the conference are available via a link to the conference webpage on the Association's homepage, at: http://www.slsa.ac.uk.

Final Programme

A final conference programme, containing all abstracts and details of chairing, will be produced by mid-October and made available on the SLSA website: http://www.slsa.ac.uk. The location of rooms for sessions will be confirmed in the final programme.

Book Display

Hart Publishing will have a book display at the conference.

BOOKING FORM

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PLEASE SUBMIT BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

Name (and title if applicable):	
Affiliation (if applicable):	
Postal address:	
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The fees are as follows:	
SLSA Full Members: £50.00 SLSA Student Members: £30.00	
Non-members: £75.00	
The registration fee includes all refreshments and lunch.	
Those wishing to join the SLSA may do so via the website: http://www.kent.ac.uk/nslsa/content/view/95/118/. Student membership is free for the first year.	
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Payment

Payment should be made to The Socio-Legal Studies Association by <u>Friday</u>, <u>October 3</u>, 2008, by way of either:

- (a) cheque (pounds sterling) or in euros (plus the equivalent of £5 for bank charges),
- (b) international bank draft (plus £5 for bank charges).

Booking

The completed booking form (in the left column) and payment should be sent to:

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Cancellation

Cancellations must be received in writing by Wednesday, October 22, 2008 and will be subject to an administrative charge of £15.00 No refunds will be made after that time.

Venue

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is located in Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London.



Details of ways of getting to the Institute can be found at: http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/GettingToIALS.htm

Accommodation

Any accommodation must be booked by each delegate separately.

Special rates are offered on an allocation of rooms **reserved until October 4,** at:

The Goodenough Club, Mecklenburgh Square, London (http://club.goodenough.ac.uk) – which is less than a mile from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Single room: £95. Twin/double: £130. Both rates include VAT, breakfast and internet access. To book, e-mail: reservations@goodenough.ac.uk or tel. 44 (20) 7769 4727, quoting reference: 'SLSA'.

The Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London (http://www.imperialhotels.co.uk/imperial1_hotel.aspx) – which is 200 yards from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Twin room: £102, includes VAT and English breakfast. To book, e-mail: info@imperialhotels.co.uk or tel. 44 (20) 7278 7871 (or ending -2/ -3), quoting reference: 'SLSA'.

