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 Huèroa, University Paris X Nanterre
   - « Justice for Norbert Zongo »: une mobilisation conjointe du droit et de la rue, Habibou 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, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

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, Sabas 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 Izrail, 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 Flum, University of Leipzig
   - The Use of Pro-Bono Work by NGOs and Organisations: Legal Activism or Minimising the Cause ?, Charles Bosvieux-Onyekwelu, EHESS
   - Is the Litigation Before the European Court of Human Rights Under the Influence of American Private Foundations ?, Gaétan 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 Ven, 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 défait? 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 Angelari, 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 Peschard, IHEID
   - Mobilizing Intersectionality to Combat Discrimination in Europe: Circulations of a Social Critique, Raphaëlle Xenidis, EUI
   - The Transnational Mobilisation and Legal Pluralism. Social Movements and Labour Rights in the Global Garment Industry, Sabrina Zaia, Ruhr-University Bochum, Eva Kocher, University of Frankfurt & Nina Winkoop, Leuphana University Lüneburg

18h-20h: Cocktail

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Friday 23 March 2018

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 Grief (ULB)
- The Right to Die Movement in Italy: From Litigation to Actions of Civil Disobedience, Cristina Poncebo, 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: The impacts of strategic human rights litigation. A view from the field,
Jim Goldston, Executive Director of Open Society Justice Initiative

9. Reproductive rights and divorce (13h45-15h45)
Moderator: Barbara Trufnin (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 Ruizbal, 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, Aske Lejeune, University of Lille / UdeM
- A Tale of Two Judgments: The Afterlifes 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: Law and Social Movements: A Post-Colonial Perspective,
Shalini Randeria, IWM

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