2006 Interim Meeting
Site: Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona
February 16-17, 2006
Host: Doris Marie Provine
Director, School of Justice and Social Inquiry College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Arizona State University
Theme:
Globalizing Justice--International and Transnational Law, Courts, and Processes

Panel 1. Transjudicial Communication
Chair: Michael Tolley
(Northeastern University)
Papers:
Francine Banner (Arizona State University), Kenneth Miller (Arizona State University), and Doris Marie Provine (Arizona State University): “The Myth of Global Judicial Activism: An Empirical Review of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2003 Docket”
Rhonda Evans Case (Claremont McKenna College) with the assistance of Candice Camargo, Phoebe Kinzie-Larson, and Kevin Okie: “Spreading the Word: State Lawyers, Courts, and the Diffusion of International Human Rights Norms”
Lisa Parshall (Daemen College) and David Hutt (Le Moyne College): “Divergent Views on the Use of International and Foreign Law: Congress and the Executive versus the Court”
Noga Morag-Levine (Michigan State University College of Law): “Judges, Legislators, and Europe’s Law: Aversive Constitutionalism and Foreign Precedents”
Christopher Whytock (Duke University): “Foreign Law in Domestic Courts: Different Uses, Different Theories”
Discussant: Jerold Waltman
(Baylor University)

Panel 2. Globalizing Justice and Its Impact on Africa
Chair: Doris Marie Provine
(Arizona State University)
Papers:
James L. Gibson (Washington University in St. Louis): “The Evolving Legitimacy of the South African Constitutional Court”
Lee R. Remington (University of Kentucky): “The Le-
Panel 3. Globalizing Justice and Its Impact on Latin America

Chair: Jodi Finkel (Loyola Marymount University)

Papers:

Walter Carnota (University of Buenos Aires): “How the International Law of Human Rights Changed the Argentine Supreme Court”

Raul A. Sanchez Urribari (University of South Carolina): “Constitutional Law in Latin America: Class Actions, the Struggle for Judicial Independence and the Protection of Fundamental Rights”

Discussant: Michael Dodson (Texas Christian University)

Roundtable 1: Trends in Transnational Jurisprudence

Moderator: Mary Volcansek (Texas Christian University)

Discussants: Scott Henson (Vanderbilt University)
James Gibson (Washington University of St. Louis)
David Jacobson (Arizona State University)


Chair:

Papers:

Donald Jackson (Texas Christian University): “International and Transnational Law versus National Sovereignty: Pure Power or a Dialectical Process?”

Scott Henson (Vanderbilt University): “Power and Justice in the Application of International Law: Changes in Participants’ Profiles for the International Court of Justice 1947-2005”

Eugene E. Dais (University of Calgary): “Global Justice Post 9/11: A New Paradigm for International Law?”

Galya Ruffer (University of Chicago): “International Law Norms in Domestic Judicial Decision Making”

Discussant: Dale Holt (Center for the Study of Social, Religious, and Political Freedom in America and Israel)

Panel 5. Courts Across Boundaries

Chair: Donald Jackson (Texas Christian University)

Papers:

Gregory Broberg (Arizona State University) and Doris Marie Provinse (Arizona State University): “Criminal Courts and Immigration Control: Balancing Executive Leadership with the Demands of Due Process”


Carlo Rossetti (University of Parma) and Michael Tolley (Northeastern University): “Fundamental Rights, the European Court of Justice, and the Constitutionalization of Europe”

Discussant: Dale Holt (Center for the Study of Social, Religious, and Political Freedom in America and Israel)

Roundtable 2. The Globalization of Judicial Politics

Moderator: Jerold Waltman (Baylor University)

Discussants:

Donald Jackson (Texas Christian University)
Kate Malleson (Queen Mary, University of London)
Mary Volcansek (Texas Christian University)
Doris Marie Provinse (Arizona State University)

Business Meeting

Special thanks to Marie Provinse for hosting a very successful meeting.
20th IPSA World Congress
Fukuoka, Japan
July 9-13, 2006

Session 1. Rule of Law and Courts in Emerging Democracies
Chair: Michael Tolley, Northeastern University
Papers:
“The Judicialization of Elections in India” Alexander Fischer, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg
“The Rule of Law and Judicial Independence in Newly Democratic Regimes” John Finn, Wesleyan University

Session 2. Epistemology and Methodology in the Field of Comparative Judicial Studies
Chair: Michael Tolley, Northeastern University
Papers:
“Comparative Assessment of Rights Revolutions: Political Dimensions” Brian Galligan, University of Melbourne and John Chesterman, University of Melbourne
“The Literature of Comparative Judicial Studies: A 110 Year Survey and Evaluation” C. Neal Tate, Vanderbilt University

Session 3. Terrorism, Security and Human Rights: Achieving a Proper Balance
Chair: John Finn, Wesleyan University
Papers:
“Canada’s Anti-Terrorism Act: Securing Balance Through Parliamentary Scrutiny” James Kelly, Concordia University
“Combating Terrorism: Need for a Just Order” Subrata Mukherjee, University of Delhi South Campus

Session 4. Transnational and International Courts: The Relative Decline of Westphalian Sovereignty?
Chair: C. Neal Tate, Vanderbilt University
Papers:
“Fundamental Rights, the European Court of Justice, and the Constitutionalization of Europe” Carlo Rossetti, University of Parma and Michael Tolley, Northeastern University
“International and Transnational Law versus National Sovereignty: Pure Power or a Dialectical Process?” Donald W. Jackson, Texas Christian University

2007 Interim Meeting: Melbourne, Australia
Host: Prof Brian Galligan
Site: University of Melbourne
January 17-18, 2007
Theme: The Politics and Politicization of Rights Protection
Introduction: Brian Galligan
Panel 1.
“The Politics of Rights Protection in Western Democracies”
John Chesterman, University of Melbourne
Brian Galligan, University of Melbourne
Panel 2.
“Comparative Rights Policy: A Methodological Approach”
Andrew Banfield
“Rights Protection in Japan: The Political Dimension”
Kenneth Holland
Panel 3.
“Parliamentary Scrutiny of Rights: Assessing the Work of the Joint Committee on Human Rights”
Michael Tolley, Northeastern University
Carl Baar
Panel 4.
Mary Volcansek, Texas Christian University
Donald Jackson, Texas Christian University
Tom Davis
Panel 5.
Rhonda Evans Case, East Carolina University

“Theorizing Communities and the Politics of Rights Protection: The Australian Implied Rights Experiment”
Jason L. Pierce

Panel 6.
“Institutional Viability and High Courts: A Comparative Analysis”
Kirk Randazzo, University of Kentucky

“Courts as an Electoral Arena”
Menachem Hofnung.

I would like to thank Brian Galligan for all his efforts in making the 2007 Interim Meeting a success.

Future Meetings:

Law and Society Association Meeting

Conference: Joint Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association (LSA) and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL of ISA)
Co-sponsored by the Socio-Legal Studies Association of the UK, the Japanese Association of Sociology of Law, the Vereinigung fur Rechtssoziologie, and the Sociology of Law Section of the German Sociological Association

Site: Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
Date: July 25-28, 2007

In granting the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies (RC#9 of IPSA) “standing body” status, the Law and Society Association graciously has permitted us to organize and include two panels within the program of its next annual meeting. This meeting will be held at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany on July 25-28, 2007, and the theme is "Law and Society in the 21st Century: Transformations, Resistances, and Futures."

Panel 1: Rights, Remedies, and Justice in National and International Courts

Chair: Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University (Israel)

Papers:
Sonja Starr, Harvard Law School (USA) "Rights and Remedies in International Courts"
Deidre S. Powell, Queen Mary University of London (UK) "Caribbean Court of Justice--Breaking New Grounds"
Assaf Meydani, The Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo, and Gideon Doron (Israel), "Constitutional Court versus 'Non-Governability': The Israeli Case"
Jeff Redding, Yale University (USA) “Administration of Islamic Law in India"

Discussant: Menachem Hofnung

Panel 2: Comparative Perspectives on Legal Mobilization

Rhonda Evans Case, East Carolina University (USA) "Footing the Bill? The Role of State Funding in Shaping Bill of Rights Litigation in New Zealand"
Satya Prateek, The National University of Juridical Sciences (India) "Justicing the 'Family': Rethinking Personal Law Reforms in India"

Discussant: Michael Tolley, Northeastern University

Panel chair: Michael Tolley, Northeastern University (USA)

Papers:
Dagmar Soennechken, University of Toronto (Canada) "Assessing the Global Growth of Judicial Power: A Neo-institutionalist's Take"

2008 Interim Meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies:

Theme: “Courts and the Separation of Powers”

Site: Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
Date: 24-26 June 2008
Host: Prof Jim Kelly, Concordia University

Call for Papers

Paper and panel proposals for the 2008 meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies are now being accepted. The
The theme of next year’s meeting is “Courts and the Separation of Powers.” The theory of the separation of powers forms a vital part of modern constitutionalism. That the governmental powers should be divided and the judiciary made independent of the executive and legislature are principles generally accepted by constitution makers around the globe. Nevertheless, the function of courts in parliamentary systems and constitutional democracies is not without its controversies. Tensions rise as courts adjudicate matters related to the leading social, political, economic, and moral issues of the day. On occasion this increased tension leads to conflict between courts, executives, and legislatures. The conflicts may take many forms ranging from the removal of jurisdiction to removal of judges.

The Montreal meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies seeks to bring together scholars interested in understanding more fully the nature of these threats to judicial independence and rule of law.

Paper and panel proposals devoted to the following topics would be especially welcome: Conflicts between Courts, Executives, and Legislatures; Threats to Judicial Independence; Competing Models of Judicial Review; The Global Expansion of Judicial Power—A Retrospective; Judicial Policymaking in Comparative Perspective; and Political Influence on Judicial Recruitment and Selection.

Proposals from scholars whose work in the field of comparative law and courts may not be directly related to the meeting’s “Separation of Powers” theme are also welcome. Conference organizers anticipate several panels related to such topics as conflict resolution in non-traditional settings (such as the WTO), law and religion in different cultural contexts, comparative studies of subnational courts, constitutional courts in emerging democracies, rights protection in parliamentary systems and constitutional democracies, etc.

Please submit your proposals by September 15, 2007, to the conference convenor (Professor Michael Tolley, 301 Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115 USA email: m.tolley@neu.edu) and the conference host (Professor James Kelly, Department of Political Science, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8, email: james.kelly@concordia.ca).

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Elections of New RC9 Officers:

The terms of the current convenor and secretary/treasurer end in 2008. Members interested in serving may nominate themselves or have someone nominate them. Election of new officers will be conducted at the Business Meeting of the next interim meeting (Montreal 2008).

New Website Address:

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