

Connecting International and Public law

Call for abstracts for papers for final workshop in series:

Dates of Workshop: Monday 6-Wednesday 8th August 2012

Abstracts due: Friday 2 March 2012

En/gendering governance: from the local to the global

Background

The Centre for International and Public Law (CIPL) was established by ANU in 1990 under the formal title “Centre for Advanced Legal Studies in International and Public Law”. Its mission is to advance international and public law, focussing on the relationship between governments, and between governments and their citizens, from both a domestic and international perspective.

Setting up a Centre linking public law and international law proved a stroke of prescience. As the first review report of CIPL stated, “the most remarkable developments of the past decade or so have been the “internationalisation” and “globalisation” of different dimensions of Australian society, the Australian economy and the Australian legal system.” The review affirmed the Centre had sought to respond to these inexorable trends by adopting a “genuinely integrated approach to its work in various fields of both public and international law.”

Workshops/Books Series

CIPL initiated a series of workshops bringing public and international lawyers and public and international policy makers together for interdisciplinary discussion on selected topics and themes, extending CIPL’s unique project emphasising the links between international and public law. A book series from the workshops, jointly edited by Professor Kim Rubenstein and Professor Thomas Pogge with the series title *Connecting International and Public law* is an outcome of this initiative, published by *Cambridge University Press*. See further <http://www.cambridge.org/series/sSeries.asp?code=ILPL>

The first workshop in July 2007 looked at the complexities of accountability and governance in a globalised world, using sanctions as a framework into the issues. The papers from that workshop are in the first book edited by Kim Rubenstein and Jeremy Farrall, *Sanctions Accountability and Governance in a Globalised World* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

In the second workshop in May 2008 CIPL joined with Professor Thomas Pogge and CAPPE (the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics) at ANU, to examine global health and access to essential medicines. The papers from this workshop are in the second book in the series, edited by Kim Rubenstein, Thomas Pogge and Matthew Rimmer, *Incentives for Global Public Health: Patent Law and Access to Essential Medicines* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

The third workshop in August 2009 saw CIPL join with the Australian Centre for Environmental Law (ACEL) from the ANU College of Law to examine the topic of

Environmental discourses in international and public law. The book from this workshop is now in press, jointly edited by Kim Rubenstein and Brad Jessup.

The fourth workshop held in July 2010 explored the theme *Allegiance and Identity in a Globalised World*. The book from that workshop is currently in the editorial process, and is being jointly edited by Fiona Jenkins, Mark Nolan and Kim Rubenstein.

The fifth workshop held in July 2011 addressed *Security Institutions and International and Public Law* and is being jointly edited by Hitoshi Nasu and Kim Rubenstein.

This final workshop sees CIPL join with the ANU Gender Institute to capitalise on the synergies of both bodies and draw together scholars from Australia and from around the world to engage together in this format.

Process

At the workshops participants address specific questions and issues regarding the theme so as to better develop each other's understandings and knowledge about public and international law and policy and the links between the disciplines as they intersect with the chosen subject. Each participant prepares a **draft** paper, circulated three weeks before the workshop, for debate and discussion during the workshop. Each paper is allocated an hour. Twenty minutes is for presentation and 40 minutes for discussion.

At the end of the workshop participants, with the benefit of discussion, finalise their papers for a refereed book that will be submitted as the final volume of the CUP book series *Connecting International and Public law*.

Topic for 2012

En/gendering governance: from the local to the global

This final workshop of the series aims to bring together scholars interested in gender and law's structuring of politics and governing, including the role that gender plays in the themes of representation and participation in both 'government' and 'governance'. The distinction between those terms is meant to highlight the different ways in which power has been and continues to express itself from the local to the global. How has and is 'gender' engaged with those structures and concepts, how do these structures and concepts depend on or enlist gendered roles and how might government/governance and gender be reconfigured when all three are in focus together? These enquiries engage public law in national, international and transnational perspectives, and also the broad work of governance and new governance theory, including concerns coming under the headers of accountability, participation, transparency and rights, again in national, transnational and international legal frames. A focus on gender in the contested public sphere also invites a rethinking of judicial, legislative and executive processes under the traditional public law fields of constitutional and administrative law.

Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Where, how and/or why have constitutional principles evolved, if at all, to take into account gender equity and gendered issues in countries around the world?
- How have favoured features of constitutional design influenced or constrained gender equity outcomes in countries around the world?
- How diverse are the conceptions of gender equity, gender equality, parity etc?

- Could the political architecture of the state better reflect and accommodate the distinct concerns of women and men and their respective varied needs? Or is the state necessarily gendered?
- Where, how and/or why have international institutions evolved, if at all, to take into account gender equity and gendered issues?
- How well have institutions of global governance including the UN Charter bodies and treaty organs such as the ICJ, the ICC, or Committee system, regional systems such as the EU, and its courts and tribunals and economic bodies such as the World Bank and IMF, addressed gender as a distinct issue?
- How could institutional policies and practices, at the local and/or international level, be reshaped to ensure that the issues that most effect women's lives are dealt with?
- Are local frames of analysis intrinsically more responsive or resistant to gender than global frames of analysis?
- What are the uses and misuses of comparative approaches to gender?
- To what extent has new governance theory incorporated gendered perspectives?
- How have concepts such as accountability, participation, transparency and rights, which are constructed as fundamental to both public law and international law, been helpful or constraining of gender equity?
- Have citizenship claims empowered or constrained gender equity from the local to the global?

Logistics

This workshop will be held at the ANU College of Law, The Australian National University, Canberra from Monday 6th through Wednesday 8th August 2012.

Participants are expected to be at the whole conference as the aim is for all participants to engage fully with the other papers to ensure a coherent book is produced.

This workshop is open to anyone whose abstract is accepted. Researchers, policy makers and practitioners from around the globe are encouraged to consider submitting an abstract.

Accommodation and all meals will be provided throughout the workshop. Individuals whose abstracts are accepted, and who are at one of the International Association of Research Universities (IARU)* will be able to apply to their IARU secretariat to request assistance in providing travel costs. Individuals who are not part of the IARU and who need assistance with travel costs should discuss this with the organizers. Individuals who are at universities located in developing countries may be given priority in accessing the available funds for travel assistance.

Abstracts

We would be delighted if you would **submit an abstract** of between 200-500 words for a paper addressing any of the issues raised by the topic of the workshop by **Friday 2nd March 2012**.

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