

Annual Report of the Centre of Law and Society, 2017-18



The 2017-18 academic year marks the second year of the Centre of Law and Society (CLS). This has been a period of growth and consolidation as the Centre demonstrates its commitment to its mission of supporting socio-legal, sociological, theoretical and interdisciplinary legal research and education; and promoting Cardiff University as an international hub of socio-legal studies. The Centre has quickly become a global meeting point of innovative scholars working the fields of sociology of law, legal anthropology and ethnography, law and politics, ethics, criminal justice, family law, law and gender, law and environment, business regulation and other interdisciplinary areas of legal research.

This year, we undertook an ambitious expansion of our activities, research streams and collaborative networks within and outside the university. We hosted a number of academic events with significant international impact on contemporary sociology of law and socio-legal studies. The Centre organised a series of conferences, public lectures, staff seminars, workshops and postgraduate events inviting the most distinguished UK and international scholars to share their research and scholarship colleagues at the School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University academics and the wider community of both UK and international researchers in socio-legal studies.

We successfully integrated the School of Law and Politics's postgraduate community through a series of PhD workshops dedicated to socio-legal methodologies. This strengthened Cardiff University's reputation as a leading national and international academic institutions in socio-legal studies and legal education led by interdisciplinary and socio-legal methods.

The Centre significantly expanded its profile in the existing research streams. These included the Law and Gender stream which organised the CLS annual conference around Carole Pateman's *Sexual Contract* landmark book originally published three decades ago. Professor Pateman, honorary professor of the School of Law and Politics and internationally acclaimed feminist social justice scholar, delivered a keynote lecture at the event which brought together colleagues from a number of Cardiff University's schools, scholars from other UK and overseas universities and, most importantly, members of the wider non-academic community.

Similarly, the CLS's crime and security research stream expanded its activities by organising international conferences on transnational policing, internet crime and the impact of digitalisation technologies on criminal justice. This stream also organised the high profile CLS annual public lecture delivered by Cyrus Tata from the University of Strathclyde. Again, professor Tata's lecture on sentencing and penal policy brought together scholars from different schools of Cardiff University, legal professionals and member of the non-academic public.

The CLS's Law and Global Justice research stream continued in its exceptionally successful activities ranging from lectures and conferences to practical workshops for doctoral students and emerging researchers. Collaborative networks of this streams incorporate academic collaborators from Europe, Africa and Asia and contribute to the Centre's truly global dissemination of socio-legal knowledge.

In this academic year, the CLS also expanded its activities beyond already established research streams by organising conferences on law, politics and multilingualism and law, agriculture and sustainability. These interdisciplinary and international events were co-organised with our colleagues from different departments of Cardiff University. They successfully reached out to both local and international communities of socio-legal scholars and researchers working in interdisciplinary studies of law. The CLS conference focusing on law and multilinguistic

political issues went even further: it incorporated views and presentations by Welsh politicians and individuals working in public sector and services.

Visiting fellows from Australia and the Czech Republic were invited by the CLS to join and share their research and learn from researchers associated with the Centre.

In this academic year, the CLS also published two special supplement volumes of the *Journal of Law and Society*, namely the *Main Currents in Contemporary Sociology of Law* issue in December 2017 and the *Societal Constitutions in Transnational Regimes* issue in July 2018. According to the initial report of the publishing house Wiley, both volumes arising out of the first two annual conferences of the CLS, have been very popular with readers and the policy of having these special supplements freely accessible substantially helps to disseminate the CLS's academic outputs and achievements.

As regards the CLS Committee's membership, Stewart Field has stepped down and has been replaced by Leanne Smith as the *Journal of Law and Society's* representative in June 2018. Furthermore, the CLS has hugely benefited from its newly appointed administrator Clair Buckley and by continuing invaluable assistance of Barbara Hughes-Moore.

Finally, the Centre wants to express its sincere gratitude for financial support provided by the Cardiff University's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the *Journal of Law and Society*. The high profile expansion of the multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary research in law and socio-legal studies could not have taken place without this support.

The list of the CLS Events:

1. Annual Conference

The Sexual Contract: Thirty Years On, 10th and 11th May 2018

Keynote: Prof. Carole Pateman

Panel 1: The Marriage Contract

Dr Kate Galloway (Bond University),

Luke Taylor (University of Toronto) &

Dr Sharon Thompson (Cardiff University)

Plenary: Dr Petra Bueskens (University of Melbourne), Dr Lydia Hayes (Cardiff University)

Panel 2: The Employment Contract

Prof Emily Grabham (University of Kent)

Catherine Weiss (RMIT University)

Keynote: Prof Joan Tronto

Panel 3: The Prostitution Contract

Dr Natasha Carver (Cardiff University)

Dr Katie Cruz (University of Bristol)

Panel 4: The New Surrogate Mother Contract

Dr Alan Brown (Abertay University)

Dr Sheela Saravanan (University of Göttingen)

Panel 5: Wider Applications of the Sexual Contract

Dr Anicée Van Engeland (Cranfield University)

Dr Dania Thomas (University of Glasgow)

Dr Audrey Reeves (Cardiff University)

Plenary: Máiréad Enright (University of Birmingham), Sarah Browne (UCD)

2. Annual Public Lecture

Cyrus Tata (University of Strathclyde) - **Towards Smarter Sentencing and Penal Policy: What Could and Should a Progressive Wales and England Do?**, 27th November 2017

3. Conferences

A: The Law and Politics of Multilingual Peoples, 12-13th October 2017 (co-organised with Dr. Matteo Bonotti from the Politics Department, Cardiff University)

The list of participants and presentations:

Reine Meylaerts (KU Leuven) - 'The Politics of Translation in Multilingual States'

Leigh Oakes (Queen Mary, University of London) - 'Intercultural Minority Language Rights: A New Approach to Language Rights Based on the Quebec Experience'

Raquel De Pedro Ricoy (Heriot-Watt University) – 'Intercultural Justice in Peru and the Need for Language Mediation'

Matteo Bonotti (Cardiff University) – 'Theorizing Multilingual Partisanship' (paper co-authored with Nenad Stojanovic, University of Lucerne)

Rhianwen Daniel (Cardiff University) – 'The Impact of Language on Social Cohesion - or Fragmentation?'

Beke Zwingmann (Cardiff University) – 'Establishing A Lingua Franca? Translation of Court Decisions as an Exercise in Inter-Cultural Communication'

Yael Peled (McGill University) - 'The Political Ethics of Linguistic In-Betweenness'

Andrew Vincent (Cardiff University) - 'The Enigmas of Comparative Political Theory'

Richard Crowe (Welsh Government) – "'Always the Bridesmaid, Never the Bride" - Legislating in Welsh and English'

Zora Jackman (Public Service Interpreting, Cardiff University) - 'Reporting on "Guidelines for Communicating Rights to Non-Native Speakers of English in Australia, England and Wales, and the USA"'

Diarmait Mac Giolla Chríost (Cardiff University) – 'Translating y *Cofnod*: Translation policy and the official status of the Welsh language in the National Assembly for Wales'

Joxerramon Bengoetxea (University of the Basque Country) - 'Multilingual Communication in Law and Power: Access, Identity and Trust'

B: Agri-sustainability in a Changing Political Clime (organised by Ludivine Petetin from LAWPL)

The list of speakers:

- Joseph McMahon, University College Dublin
- Matthew Quinn, Cardiff University
- Ludivine Petetin, Cardiff University
- Mary Dobbs, Queens' University Belfast
- Pablo Llombart-Amat, University of Valencia
- Huw Thomas, NFU Cymru
- Michael Cardwell, University of Leeds
- Sue Evans, Games and Wildlife Conservation Trust

- Thomas Lancaster, RSPB
- Susana Carro-Ripalda, University of Deusto, Spain
- Hans-Wilhelm Nuetzmann, University of Bath
- Kelly Thornber, University of Exeter
- Nerys Llewelyn Jones, Agri Advisor
- Marie-Hélène Schwoob, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

4. Lectures and staff seminars

- **Constitutionalism and Referenda: The Catalan Case**, Joxe Ramon Bengoetxea, University of the Basque Country, Spain, 13th October 2017

- **Law and Global Justice** booklaunch, 3rd November 2017

The launch of this innovative new book by Huw L. Williams (Cardiff) & Carl Death (Manchester). They were joined by a panel of discussants, with expertise in theory and practice of global justice: Diamond Ashiagbor (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies), Gillian Hundt (Warwick), Nick Johnson (Nottingham Trent), Surabhi Ranganathan (Cambridge)

- **Investment Law and Arbitration as a Window into the Role of Contract in Global Economic Law and Governance**, Edward S. Cohen, Westminster College, 4th December 2017

- **Algorithmic Justice**, Monique Mann, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 6th December 2017

- **Law and Gender in Central Europe**, Barbora Havelkova, Oxford University, 21st February 2018

- **Unseen Empires**, Peter Fitzpatrick, Birkbeck College, University of London, 22nd February 2018 [postponed due to the strike action]

- **Law, Environment and Social Justice in India**, Gita Gill, University of Northumbria, 18th April 2018 [postponed due to personal circumstances]

5. Workshops

- Global Justice in Nairobi, The Global Justice Pro Bono Clinic workshop, 3rd November 2017

- PhD workshop in criminal justice methods, Cyrus Tata, 28th November 2017

- PhD workshop in socio-legal methodology, Monique Mann, 7th December 2017

- Joint doctoral workshop in Law and Development Warwick Law School/Cardiff Law and Global Justice – 10-11th May 2018

- Cardiff Law and Global Justice and UCD Sutherland Law School workshop on pro bono law clinic collaboration , 29th June 2018

Lizzy Willmington of Cardiff Law and Global Justice recently co-ordinated The Hostile Environment Collective at the Tate Exchange, Tate Modern. Part of the **Who Are We?** Project, the event gathered activists, artists and academics to run an exhibition and workshops about the real effects of Britain's policy of actively discouraging migrants to stay in the UK.

6. Visiting Research Fellowships

This year, the Research Visitor Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Monique Mann, University of Queensland, Australia, and Dr. Petr Agha, the Institute of the State and Law, Prague, the Czech Republic.

7. Publications

- Main Currents in Contemporary Sociology of Law

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