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The Response of State Law to the Expression of Cultural Diversity Le droit face à l'expression de la pluriculturalité

(Hotel Le Méridien September 28th to October 1st, 2006)

Programme

Thursday September 28th

Introductory session – Chair: Professor **Laura Nader**, University of California, Social Cultural Anthropology, Berkeley CA, USA

9.00 am – 11.00 am : Welcome: Professor **Marie-Claire Foblets**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Departement of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Belgium

Professor **Brian Tamanaha**, St. John's University, School of Law, Jamaica, USA - *A non-essentialist theory of legal pluralism*

Professor **Alison Dundes Renteln**, University of Southern California, Department of Political Science, LA, USA - *The cultural defense: Challenging the monocultural paradigm*

11.00 am – 11.30 am: adjourn

South-North comparisons – Chair: Professor **Laura Nader**

11.30 am – 1.30 pm :

Professor **John Bowen**, Washington University, Department of Anthropology, St. Louis, USA - *Islam in contemporary France and Indonesia. Challenges for legal pluralism*

Professor **Werner Menski**, University of London, School of Oriental & African Studies, UK - *Law, state and culture: How countries accommodate religious, cultural and ethnic diversity: The British and Indian experiences*

1.30 pm: lunch

Islam in Europe – Chair: **Laura Nader**

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm :

Professor **Silvio Ferrari**, Università degli Studi di Milano, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza, Italy - *State and church(es)/religion(s) relations throughout Europe: Legal questions linked to Islam*

Professor **Louis-Léon Christians**, Université Catholique de Louvain, Collège Albert Descamps, Belgium - *Les modes durables de gestion de la différence religieuse : Bilan et perspectives à propos du modèle belge*

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm: adjourn

America – Chair: **Laura Nader**

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm :

Professor **Monique Nuijten**, Wageningen Universiteit, The Netherlands - *Legal responses to cultural diversity: Multi-ethnicity, the state and the law in Latin-America*

Professor **Andrée Lajoie**, Université de Montréal, Centre de Recherche en Droit Public, Québec, Canada - *Cree conceptions of aboriginal rights*

Professor **Jean-François Gaudreault-Desbiens**, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Canada - *The state management of legal and cultural diversity in Canada*

Friday September 29th

Africa – Chair: Professor **Franz von Benda-Beckmann**, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthrop., Germany

10.00 am – 11.00 am :

Professor **Gordon Woodman**, University of Birmingham, School of Law, UK - *Ghana: How does state law accommodate religious, cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity?*

Professor **Chuma Himonga**, University of Cape Town, Department of Private Law, Rondebosch, South Africa - *How state law accommodates religious, linguistic, cultural and ethnic diversity in Zambia*

11.00 am – 11.30 am: adjourn

11.30 am – 1.30 pm :

Professor **Tom Bennett**, University of Cape Town, Department of Public Law, Rondebosch, South Africa - *Law in the face of cultural diversity: South-Africa*

Professor **Anne Griffiths**, The University of Edinburgh - Old College, School of Law, UK - *International law, rights and cultures in Botswana. How does state law accommodate diversity?*

1.30 pm: lunch

Asia – Chair: **Gordon Woodman**, University of Birmingham, School of Law, UK

3.00 pm – 4.00 pm :

Professor **Keebet & Franz von Benda- Beckmann**, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthrop., Germany - *Unity and diversity: Multiple citizenship in Indonesia*

Professor **Peter Wesley-Smith**, Australia - *Cultural diversity and the law in East Timor*

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm: adjourn

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm :

Professor **Shalini Randeria**, University of Zurich, Department of Anthropology, Switzerland - *Legal pluralism and cultural difference: The Indian model of communitarian-liberal democracy*

Saturday September 30th

Middle-East & Maghreb – Chair: Professor **Mohammed Loukili**, Université Mohammed V-Agdal, Rabat-Chellah, Maroc

9.00 am – 11.00 am :

Professor **Monia Ben Jemia**, Université de Tunis, Faculté des Sciences Juridiques Politiques & Sociales, Ariana, Tunisie - *La Tunisie : la gestion juridique de la diversité culturelle (y compris religieuse)*

Professor **Pierre Gannagé**, Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth, Libanon - *Le droit libanais face à la diversité des communautés et des cultures*

11.00 am – 11.15 am: adjourn

11.15 am – 0.30 pm :

Professor **Nahas Mahieddin**, Université d'Oran Es-Sénia, Algérie - *L'Algérie : pluralisme culturel et droit. La tradition juridique algérienne et la diversité culturelle (et religieuse)*

Professor **Hossam El Ehwany**, Université d'Eein Shams, Cairo, Egypte - *l'Égypte : pluralisme religieux et droit. Comment le droit civil égyptien s'accommode de la diversité religieuse ?*

0.30 pm: lunch

Europe – Chair: Professor **René Foqué**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm :

Professor **Paul Lagarde**, University Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I), France - *La référence à l'ordre public en droit international privé français*

Professor **Hugues Fulchiron**, Université Jean Moulin, Lyon, France - *La tradition juridique française et la diversité culturelle. Le droit de la famille à l'épreuve des migrations et de la mondialisation*

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm :

Professor **Jean-Yves Carlier**, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium - *Intégration régionale et diversité culturelle: l'exemple de la citoyenneté européenne*

Professor **Bruno de Witte**, European University Institute, San Domenico Di Fiesole, Italy - *European minority rights*

Professor **Eva Brems**, Universiteit Gent, Belgium - *Human rights as a framework for negotiating/protecting cultural differences – An exploration in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights*

5.00 pm – 5.30 pm: ajourn

5.30 pm – 7.00 pm :

Professor **Ulrich Spellenberg**, Universität Bayreuth, Germany - *Les conflits entre droit et cultures en Allemagne: le niveau individuel*

Professor **Mathias Rohe**, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany - *On the recognition and institutionalisation of Islam in Germany*

Professor **Maria Elósegui**, Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain - *Law and cultural diversity*

Sunday October 1st

Europe – Chair: Professor **Kees Groenendijk**, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, the Netherlands

9.00 am – 11.00 am :

Professor **Ben Vermeulen**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands - *The Netherlands, how does state law accommodate religious, cultural and ethnic diversity?*

Professor **André Hoekema**, Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Professor **W. van Rossum**, *Empirical conflict rules in Dutch legal cases of cultural diversity*

Professor **Rubya Mehdi**, University of Copenhagen, Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, Denmark - *Islamic family laws and customs in Denmark*

11.00 am – 11.30 am: adjourn

General discussion – Chair: Professor **François Rigaux**, Université Catholique de Louvain - Collège Thomas More, Belgium

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

General discussion

