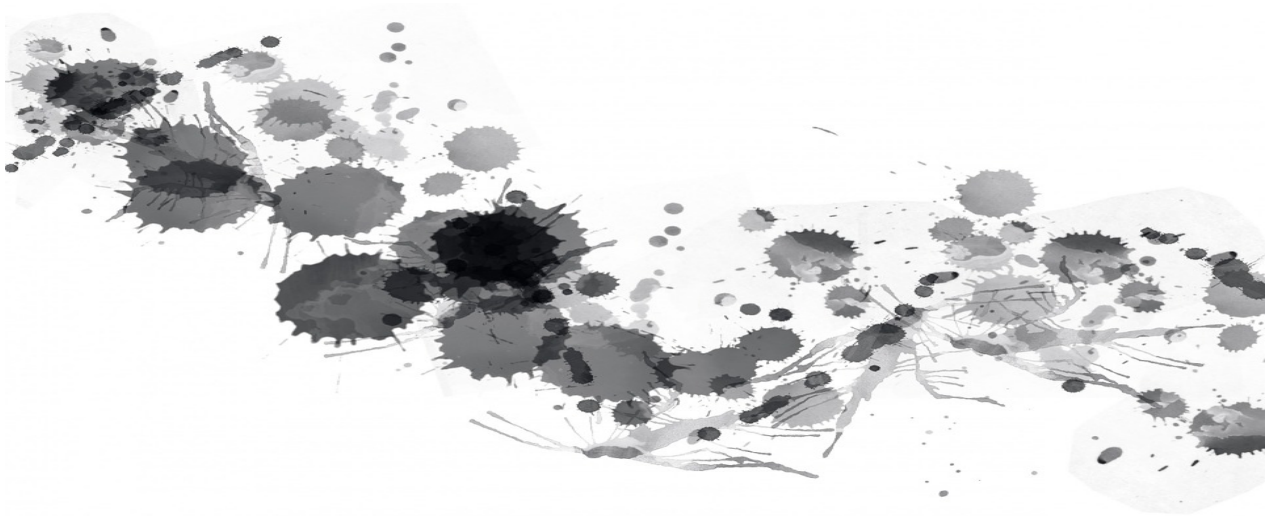


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LAW, SPACE, AND TIME

A One-Day Workshop

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Report

The aim of the workshop on “Law, Space, and Time”, organised by the School of Regulation and Global Governance was to dedicate one day to study the intricate connections between law and spatiotemporalities by bringing together leading legal theorists with younger scholars (PhDs and recent graduates). It provided a forum for a vibrant and challenging discussion on new ways to theorise law as it governs and is governed by multiple spatiotemporalities in a world where order is less certain. More than 30 participants attended the

workshop which attracted researchers from the ANU and from other universities outside of Canberra (around one third of participants), all united by an interest in interdisciplinary approaches to law, space, time, and gender. Although not all of the participants had an active role as presenters, the majority (if not all) of them engaged in the lively and inspirational discussions that followed each session.

The workshop consisted of three sessions, each of them with two speakers and followed by a discussion. Professor Hilary Charlesworth (University of Melbourne) opened the workshop and Dr Michelle Burgis-Kasthala (RegNet School of Regulation and Global Governance) gave a concluding reflection. The first session, chaired by Professor Veronica Taylor (RegNet School of Regulation and Global Governance), was opened by Prof Desmond Manderson (ANU College of Law) with an inspiring talk on the intersections of law and temporalities in images of art. Desmond's presentation was followed by Prof Mariana Valverde's (University of Toronto) talk on her versatile concept of the legal chronotope, an analytical tool that links law, space, and time inspired by literary theorist Mikhail Bakhtin. Fleur Johns from UNSW opened the second session (chaired by Christoph Sperfeldt, RegNet School of Regulation and Global Governance) with her thoughts on the temporal rivalries in international law and the challenges that these competing and conflicting times pose for the practice of feminist international lawyers. As Fleur's discussant, Mareike Riedel (RegNet School of Regulation and Global Governance) commented on how ideas of the non-human and the Anthropocene might further challenge binary thinking in legal practice. In the final session, Margaret Davies (Flinders University Adelaide) explored the gendered spaces of law and offered new ways of thinking beyond traditional legal boundaries. Shane Chalmers (RegNet School of Regulation and Global Governance) challenged Margaret to push the boundaries a little further and discussed how practices shape and make legal spaces.

The workshop was very well-received and the convenors were commended on the selection of themes and speakers, the quality of presentations and discussions, and the thought-provoking and interdisciplinary discussions that often extended into the breaks between sessions. Participants appreciated the unique opportunity to engage with scholars from various different universities and different career-levels, to form and strengthen networks and to explore future collaborations. They also acknowledged the generous support of the ANU Gender Institute which contributed significantly to making this intellectually stimulating event possible.