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Report on Outcomes – After the Rule

Grant details

After the Rule was a symposium aimed at exploring alternative approaches to rules and interpretation, from multiple disciplinary and thematic perspectives. Co-run by the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (CASS) and the Centre for Law, Arts and the Humanities (COL), the symposium drew on papers from Islamic studies, comparative constitutionalism, and beyond. *Gender Institute* funding supported the involvement of Dr Honni van Rijswijk and Dr Miranda Johnson. Their papers brought overlapping issues the gender and race into the proceedings, and allowed for a number of critical interventions during the symposium.

Event details

Title: After the rule: A symposium on alternative traditions of law, norms and rules

Date: 21 and 22 September 2018

Description: After the Rule brought together a diverse group of scholars from across the law, humanities and social sciences to consider alternative traditions of rules, laws and interpretation.

Panellists supported by the Gender Institute:

- Honni van Rijswijk is a graduate of Sydney Law School and received her PhD from the University of Washington, where she was a Fellow in the Society of Scholars at the Simpson Center for the Humanities. Her research is interdisciplinary, and she writes primarily at the intersections of law, literature and critical theory. She has published on feminist theories of harm, formulations of responsibility in law and literature, the role of history in the common law, and on questions of justice relating to the Stolen Generations.
- Miranda Johnson is an historian of indigenous peoples and settler colonialism in the Anglophone post/colonial world, most specifically in North America and the Pacific. At the University of Sydney, she holds an appointment as a lecturer in the Department of History. She was previously Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and in the Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, as part of Professor Warwick Anderson's ARC Laureate Fellowship project, "Race and Ethnicity in the Global South". She has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Michigan.

Funding sources: Humanities Research Centre; Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies; Centre for Law, Arts and the Humanities; Gender Institute

Conveners: Samuel Blanch, Desmond Manderson

Impact

Attendees (22 total: 7 ANU internal, 15 clients):

Miranda Forsyth (Assistant Professor, ANU), Julian Murphy (Phd student), Nick Horn (Australian Government), Mahmoud Pargoo (Phd student, Australian Catholic University), Jessie Allen (Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh), Joshua Neoh (Lecturer, ANU), Faye Brinsmead (Australian Government), Samuel Blanch (Phd student, ANU), Honni van Rijswijk (Senior Lecturer, UTS), Shaun McVeigh (Associate Professor, Melbourne University), Valentino Cattelan (Fellow, Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities), Omar Farahat (Assistant Professor, McGill), Thomas

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White (Phd student, Otago), Likim Ng (Phd student, Otago), Ahmad Ahmad (Professor, University of California Santa Barbara), Dorota Gozdecka (Senior Lecturer, ANU), Jessie Moritz (Lecturer, ANU), Raihan Ismail (Lecturer, ANU), Mary Williams (Lecturer, ANU), Desmond Manderson (Professor, ANU), Luis Gómez Romero (Senior Lecturer, University of Wollongong), Miranda Johnson (Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney).

Impact:

Participants from across the disciplines facilitated important encounters between Islamic studies, comparative constitutionalism, and critical feminist legal studies. The aim for the symposium was that we would be able to engage with alternative approaches to law and rules from both within the scholarly legal tradition *and* from these alternative perspectives. As such the main risk was that the symposium would lack coherence across this diversity of papers and disciplinary backgrounds. It retained a constructive a sense of dialogue, even across papers as diverse as medieval judicial interpretation in the Sharia law and modern critical feminist readings of graphic novels.

Outcomes

We plan to prepare an edited volume for publication. Video of the keynote address will also be available on the CAIS website.

The event was Tweeted a number of times by participants and CAIS staff with tags to @caisanu and @GenderANU.

Attachments:

- A. Symposium Programme
- B. Photographs

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