Legal Marginalia
An Interdisciplinary Colloquium organized by the E-SRT in Law, Literature and Language

Thursday April 2, 2015
Academic Conference Room, 11th Floor, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, University of Hong Kong

This colloquium examines elements which are often considered ‘marginal’ in/to the law. The notion of the margin is a diverse and dynamic one. In some political regimes, scholars embed their criticism of government policies in endnotes and footnotes, such that their ‘core’ arguments can only be discerned by looking at the ‘margins’ of the text. In other instances, communities previously in the margins of the legal framework now receive renewed attention in human rights discourse. Finally, the humanities are at times considered ‘marginal’ to legal studies, but the interdisciplinary turn in legal scholarship has underscored the contribution that humanistic inquiry can make to the study of law. The papers in this colloquium collectively explore the multiple manifestations and meanings of the legal margin, and investigate what is at stake in the very act of designating a text, a concept or a discipline as marginal.

Schedule

10:00am - 11:15am
Marginalized Figures in the Courtroom
Chris Munn (HKU)
Janny Leung (HKU)
Christopher Hutton (HKU)

11:15am - 11:30am
Coffee Break

11:30am - 12:45pm
Literary Engagements with Legal Marginality
Andrew Counter (KCL)
Frederick Blumberg (HKU)
Yi-Hsin Hsu (Academica Sinica, Taiwan)

12:45pm - 2:00pm
Lunch

2:00pm - 3:00pm
Philosophical Explorations of Legal Marginality
Daniel Matthews (HKU)
Emilios Christodoulidis (Glasgow)

3:00pm - 3:15pm
Coffee Break

3:15pm - 4:15pm
Visual Dimensions of Legal Marginality
Simon Stern (Toronto)
Shulamit Almog (Haifa)

4:15pm - 4:30pm
Coffee Break

4:30pm - 6:00pm
Plenary Lecture: Melanchrolegalism: Black Letter Theory and the Temporality of Law
Peter Goodrich (Cardozo Law School and Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, HKU)

Online registration: Legal Marginalia

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