



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

Chris Munn (HKU)

Janny Leung (HKU)

Christopher Hutton (HKU)

11:15am - 11:30am

11:30am - 12:45pm

Andrew Counter (KCL)

Frederick Blumberg (HKU)

Yi-Hsin Hsu (Academica Sinica, Taiwan)

12:45pm - 2:00pm

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Daniel Matthews (HKU)

Emilios Christodoulidis (Glasgow)

3:00pm - 3:15pm

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Simon Stern (Toronto)

Shulamit Almog (Haifa)

4:15pm - 4:30pm

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Marginalized Figures in the Courtroom

Margins of Justice in Colonial Hong Kong: *Li Hong Mi v. The Attorney General and Others*, 1917-1920

Missing Populations in Language Rights Cases

Law and its Categories: Is There Ever a Right to Classify Oneself?

Coffee Break

Literary Engagements with Legal Marginality

Balzac on the Wrong Side of the Law

Obscenity and Marginality

Poetics of Legal and Political Marginalia: Oaths, Constancy, and the Law of Flux in Dryden's Post-Revolutionary Plays

Lunch

Philosophical Explorations of Legal Marginality

Jurisdictions of the Common

Title (tba)

Coffee Break

Visual Dimensions of Legal Marginality

Margins of Authority: Precedent and Citation in Coke's *Institutes*

Marginalized Law in Israeli War Films

Coffee Break

Plenary Lecture:

Melancholegism: Black Letter Theory and the Temporality of Law

Peter Goodrich (Cardozo Law School and Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Humanities, HKU)

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