

15th Annual SOAS Law PhD Colloquium: Law, Rights and Decolonisation

Friday, 22 September 2023 | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM London

Senate House Wolfson Lecture Theatre | ZOOM

Please register to attend [here](#).**PROGRAMME****8:30 AM - 9:00 AM | WELCOME AND KEYNOTE**[PROFESSOR EDDIE BRUCE-JONES](#), HEAD OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | SESSION 1****Panel 1: Changing Notions of International Law** | Discussant: [Dr Michelle Staggs Kelsall](#)

1. *“Hybridization of International Responsibility for Business Related Human Rights Abuses”* Maciej Gajos (University of Wroclaw)
2. *“Why Does International Law not Entail the Ex-ante Assessment of Material Circumstances Prior To The Imposition of Economic Austerity Measures?”* Panagiotis Gkagkatsis (SOAS University of London)
3. *“Legal Regulation of Sex/Gender – Investigating Colonial Histories and Post-colonial Trends”* Mihika Poddar (University of Oxford)

Panel 2: Water Rights in South Asia & Climate Refugees | Discussant: [Dr Birsha Ohdedar](#)

4. *“A crucial moment in the pre-history of the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960”* Rishabh Bajoria (University of Cambridge)
5. *“Understanding the State of Water in India: An Unequal Crisis, the Law, and the Governance Landscape”* Kanika Jamwal (National University of Singapore)
6. *“Thinking Beyond Borders in the Anthropocene: Decolonising the Climate ‘Refugee’ in International Law”* Irene Sacchetti (Nottingham Trent University)

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM | TEA BREAK

11:15 AM - 13:15 | SESSION 2**Panel 3: Human Rights in Courts** | Discussants: [Dr Nicolette Busuttill](#)

1. *“Under what limits could the call for a political boycott remain lawful in Europe? Analysis of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights”* Nadia Silhi Chahin (University of Edinburgh)
2. *“The Legal Notion of Human Dignity: In Search for a Consensus on its Meaning within the Dignity Jurisprudence of the Three Regional Human Rights Systems”* Kate Karklina (Central European University)
3. *“The ECtHR’s approach on human dignity in its proceedings by ensuring the procedural fairness”* Gunay Ismayilova (University of Birmingham)

Panel 4: Decolonising Legal Concepts | Discussant: [Dr Parvathi Menon](#)

4. *“Alternative Narratives of Uti Possidetis: Decolonizing the Lexicon of International Law Through Literature”* Ranime K. Djouider (Durham University)
5. *“Decolonising the Universal Aims of International Law”* Henrique Marcos (Maastricht University)
6. *“On the view from the South: Methodological investigations in global South constitutionalism”* Rohit Sarma (Central European University)

13:15 - 14:00 | LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:00 | SESSION 3

Panel 5: Political Economy, Sustainable Development & Natural Resources | Discussant: [Dr Nada Ali](#) and [Dr Clara Della Croce](#)

1. "Access to 'Critical Minerals' and the Principle of Sustainable Use of Natural Resources under International Law" Eleftheria Asimakopoulou (Queen Mary University of London)
2. "Food, capitalism and international law: reckoning and reimagination" Theodora Valkanou (University of Copenhagen)
3. "Human Rights in the Crossroad of Climate Change and Energy Security in Bangladesh" Sharawat Shamin (SOAS University of London)

15:00 - 16:20 | SESSION 4

Panel 6: Legal History, Constitutionalism & Global South | Discussant: [Dr Nimer Sultany](#)

1. "A view from the South: the relationship between progressive realization and economic, social, and cultural rights" Carolina Bertazolli (Central European University)
2. "Decolonizing Shari'ah in Modern Legal-Historical Studies" Abdulkader Thomas (SOAS University of London)

Panel 7: Gender Rights & Feminism | Discussant: [Prof Gina Heathcote](#) (Newcastle Law School) and [Dr Sidonia Lucia Kula](#)

3. "Women's participation in EU peace mediation: a feminist legal analysis" Lara Talsma (University of Amsterdam)
4. "Doing legality as doing drag: Yogyakarta Principles and the productive powers of imitating international legality" Juliana Santos de Carvalhon (Geneva Graduate Institute)

16:20 – 16:30 | CLOSING REMARKS

[GINA HEATHCOTE](#), PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW (NEWCASTLE LAW SCHOOL)

16:30 – 17:00 | TEA & SOCIAL GATHERING

The 15th Annual SOAS Law PhD Colloquium (2023), themed around 'Law, Rights, and Decolonisation,' is a collaborative effort of PhD students in the School of Law, including Denise Naicker, KMS Tareq, Lily Okech, Madhuri Xalxo, Rana Osman, Sharawat Shamin, and Victoria Stainsby. This colloquium would not have been possible without the active supervision of our Director of Doctoral Studies, Professor Philippe Cullet. The student committee has worked with SOAS staff and faculty to successfully organise the colloquium. We thank the school of law faculty acting as respondents and the various departments and individuals across SOAS who contributed to this event.

