Sociological Perspectives on International Tribunals
Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law

Thursday, 8 November 2018

10:00: Welcome and Greetings
Hélène Ruiz Fabri and Moshe Hirsch

10:15: Underlying Interactions between Tribunals & International Law
Chair: Sungjoon Cho
- Hélène Ruiz Fabri, ‘Outline of a Sociological Theory of International Procedural Law’
- Fuad Zarbiyev, ‘Extension du domaine de la lutte: A sociological account of convergence and discorde in international case law’
- Andrew Lang, ‘Global markets, local truths?: ‘good regulatory practices’ initiatives and the performance of markets in global governance’
- Geoff Gordon, ‘Critical realism and sociological method: from description to transformation’

12:00 Lunch

13:30: Formal and Informal Functions
Chair: Ron Levi
- Andrea Bianchi, ‘International judgments as holy writs’
- Allan F. Tatham, ‘Punching Above its Weight: Extra-forum Practices of the EFTA Court as a Means to Reinforce its International Standing’
- Thilo Marauhn, ‘Contentious Cases in Disguise: ICJ Advisory Opinions as Drivers of Change’
- Caroline Foster, ‘International courts’ and tribunals’ role in mediating the relative authority of domestic and international law’

15:15: Coffee break

15:45: Socialization, Identity and Legitimacy
Chair: Hélène Ruiz Fabri
- Mikael Madsen, ‘Ruling the world: Sociology of the International Judiciary’
- Joshua Paine, ‘The Functions of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body: A Distinctive Voice Mechanism’
- Ksenia Polonskaya, ‘The Role of Media in Constructing Sociological Legitimacy of International Arbitration: Historical Perspective’
Friday, 9 November 2018

9:00: Framing, Interpretation and Cognitive Biases
Chair: Andrew Lang
- Ingo Venzke, ‘The Path of International Law in Hindsight’
- Fiona Smith, ‘Commodification: WTO panel and Appellate Body interpretative strategies for resolving food trade disputes’

10:30: Coffee break

11:00: Judicial Practices and Rituals
Chair: Mikael Madsen
- Yildiz Ezgi, ‘Practice Theory in the Courtroom: A Look into the European Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights’
- Jeffrey Dunoff & Mark Pollack, ‘The Shape of judgement’
- Mihreteab Taye, ‘Human Rights, the Rule of Law and the East African Court of Justice: Lawyers and the Emergence of a Fragile Regional Field’
- Vincent Dalpé, ‘The Mass Atrocity Prosecution Ritual’

12:45 Lunch

14:15: Reconstructing Images and Historical Events
Chair: Moshe Hirsch
- Sungjoon Cho & Jürgen Kurtz, ‘International Economic Law's Governance Trauma- process tracing methodology’
- Lorenzo Gradoni, ‘They Tweet, Too: The Lives of International Courts and Tribunals in Cyberspace’
- Hisashi Harata, ‘Reconstructing International Commercial Arbitration in the 1920’s: Multiple Actors in a Transnational Field’
- Ron Levi, ‘The mass media, international courts and the collective memory of the Holocaust’

16:00: Concluding Remarks and Farewell
Hélène Ruiz Fabri