Transnational Law Institute

Transnational Sovereignties: Constellations, Processes, Contestations

Transnational Law Institute, London 17-18 March 2016
Convened by Peer Zumbansen, Institute Director, with Stephen Minas, Research Fellow

BACKGROUND & ORGANISATION: The 2-day conference, which is open to staff and students at King's College London, as well as to the public, brings together scholars in law, political theory and anthropology, whose work has long been analysing both the foundations and emerging trends, the challenges and contestations which surround the concept of sovereignty. In an era of ever-more interconnected economic and cultural global processes, ideas of sovereignty as perceived from perspectives of political theory and law have come under immense pressure. Over the two days of our meeting, we will explore the possibilities of revisiting and rethinking sovereignty with view to its complex manifestations in different periods and settings. Presentations will be 15-20 minutes in length, followed by discussion.

REGISTRATION: If you are interested in attending the conference, rsvp at http://bit.ly/1SHVyU3, indicating whether or not you will attend both days.

Program Overview

THURSDAY 17 March 2016

12:00 *Welcome, Registration & Light Lunch* River Room, 2nd floor, Strand campus

12:45 Peer Zumbansen, Opening Remarks

13:00 ***Panel I** – Foundations & Questions (Chair: Stephen Minas)*
William Scheuerman, Carl Schmitt goes Global
Dieter Grimm, Sovereignty in the EU
Nico Krisch, Liquid Sovereignty?

15:00 *Break*

15:15 ***Keynote Address***: Alexander Somek – "Any further bids on popular Sovereignty?"
(Chair: P. Zumbansen)

16:15 *Break*

16:30 ***Panel II** – Transnational Sovereignties & Philosophical Approaches (Chair: Amaya Alvez)*
Sara Seck, Transnational Sovereignties in the Anthropocene
Neil Walker, Living with the Legacy of Sovereignty

FRIDAY 18 March 2016

8:45 *Coffee & Croissants* Anatomy Museum, 6th floor, Strand campus

9:00 ***Panel III** – Transnational Sovereignties & Boundary Transformations (Chair: Isabel Feichtner)*
Dayan Farias Picon, Transnational Climate Change Governance: Post-Westphalian Sovereignties
Stephen Minas, "Wilderness of Mirrors?": Sovereignty, Geopolitics & Conservation in the High Seas
Maria Rosaria Ferrarese, Transnational Shadow Sovereignties

11:00 *Break*

11:15 ***Panel IV** – Transnational Sovereignties: Domestic Touch-Down (I) (Chair: Sara Dezalay)*
Isabel Feichtner, Sovereignty over Natural Resources: From Sovereign Wealth and Common Heritage to Exploitation through Private Rights
Amaya Alvez Marin, Sovereignty over Natural Resources in Chile: Neutralizing Indigenous Claims
Morag Goodwin, A View from the South

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 ***Panel V** – Transnational Sovereignties: Domestic Touch-Down (II) (Chair: Gavin Sullivan)*
Judith Resnik, Aspiring States: Constitutional Identities of Sovereignty's Officialdom
Cindy Wittke, Test the West: Contested Sovereignty in the Post-Soviet Space
Günter Frankenberg, Order from Inclusion/Exclusion: The Juridical Discourse on Muslim Veiling

16:00 *Break*

16:15 ***Panel VI** – Transnational Sovereignties: Hard Facts and Elusive Concepts (Dayan Picon)*
Gavin Sullivan, Sovereign Power in the Security Council: Governing global terrorism through the List
A. Claire Cutler, Private Transnational Governance & Challenges of State Sovereignty
Sara Dezalay, Lawyers in Africa: Brokers of Sovereignty (A Case Study of the 'Africa' corporate bar Paris)

17:45 **Concluding Remarks**: Peer Zumbansen, Locating Sovereignty

List of Speakers: ALVEZ, Amaya (Concepción), CUTLER, A. Claire (Victoria), DEZALAY, Sara (Frankfurt), FEICHTNER, Isabel (Frankfurt), FERRARESE, Maria Rosaria (Rome), FRANKENBERG, Günter (Frankfurt), GOODWIN, Morag (Tilburg), GRIMM, Dieter (Humboldt University, Berlin & Yale), KRISCH, Nico (Geneva), MINAS, Stephen (King's College London), PICON, Dayan Farias (Bogotá), RESNIK, Judith (Yale), SCHEUERMAN, William (Indiana), SECK, Sara (Western Ontario), SOMEK, Alexander (Vienna), SULLIVAN, Gavin (Kent); WALKER, Neil (Edinburgh), WITTKE, Cindy (Konstanz), ZUMBANSEN, Peer (King's College London).

Student Organisers: Laura Lazaro Cabrera, Norah Aldawsari, Niklas Eder, Ada Fama, Derek Kok, Isabelle Seys, Irene Valones.
Coordinator: Helen Bhandari (tli@kcl.ac.uk)