CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Transnational Law Summer Institute 2017

Inequality: Reproduction, Alienation, Intervention

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Jointly hosted by the Transnational Law Institute, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London and UNSW Law School, UNSW Sydney

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The Institute

The 2017 TRANSNATIONAL LAW SUMMER INSTITUTE (TLSI) co-hosted by The Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London, and UNSW Law School, UNSW Sydney, is an interdisciplinary workshop on transnational law and global governance, scholarly publishing and networking, teaching and critical pedagogy. TLSI was inaugurated in 2015 by the Transnational Law Institute (TLI) at the Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London. TLI is home to a comprehensive LL.M. programme in Transnational Law, conferences and seminars as well as specialised lectures and training sessions. In 2017, TLI is co-hosting TLSI with UNSW Law School, Australia's leader in progressive and rigorous legal education and research. This event comprises part of the UNSW Grand Challenges Program, tackling the challenge of inequality.

Following successful TLSIs in 2015 and 2016, TLSI 2017 will invite up to 30 “TLSI Fellows” and a number of world-renowned scholars and practitioners to Sydney for a week of workshops, seminars, discussions and collaborations. TLSI 2017 will begin on Sunday 3 December 2017 and run through Friday 8 December 2017.

The Theme

The theme of TLSI 2017 is Inequality: Reproduction, Alienation, Intervention. While this clearly calls to mind widening economic inequality on the global plane, we aim to foster broad-
ranging inquiry confronting the production and reproduction of inequality in many settings and modes, with a focus on both the past and our present day. We aim, too, to explore experiences of alienation and prospects for intervention that inequality occasions, and to confront contemporary revivals or new hybrids of nationalism, populism, and militarism that may be its progeny. Building on TLSI 2016’s examination of judging and lawyering from a socio-legal perspective, we invite participants to consider possibilities for action, discretion and refusal that arise in their own work, and probe limits and blind spots that condition those possibilities. Of particular salience is the question whether commitments to equality embedded in many legal systems – and those institutions, procedures, norms and pedagogical practices that have been designed to give effect to those commitments – remain fit for purpose.

In keeping with the tradition at TLSI, we will feature a number of keynote lectures as well as an intensive study session dedicated to a particular landmark scholarly work – the regular “Anatomy of a Book” feature. In 2017, we will focus on the Tunisian scholar Albert Memmi’s 1957 work, The Colonizer and the Colonized, as a platform to engage with the correlation between racism, equality/inequality and colonialism. The 2017 “Anatomy” session will feature contributions from invited guests as well as TLSI fellows. Two further core TLSI features include the Writing Workshop, during which TLSI Fellows share and discuss their own writing, and the TLSI Networking Meetings to forge new alliances, and to initiate collaborations of their own devising.

Applications to participate as a TLSI Fellow are invited from early career academic researchers and later-year doctoral candidates from any discipline. Prospective TLSI Fellows should submit a 2 page (maximum) personal statement about their research, teaching, public engagement experience, where applicable, and motivation for applying to TLSI. In addition, applications must include a one page CV listing education, publications, teaching and other professional experiences, and a sample work of scholarly writing from within the last two years of no more than 8,000 words. If admitted, applicants must commit to submitting an advanced work-in-progress, no later than 1 October 2017 which will lend itself to collegial discussions at the writing workshops at TLSI. Lastly, applicants are asked to submit a reference letter from an academic, supervisor or former/present employer, who is familiar with the applicant’s scholarly and/or pedagogical work.
In view of TLSI 2017’s location in Sydney, we especially welcome applications from prospective TLSI Fellows from throughout the Asia Pacific region and Oceania and elsewhere in the Southern Hemisphere.

A limited number of places at the Institute will be reserved for legal practitioners with relevant experience in advocacy, human rights, humanitarian or development practice, even if they have not completed a doctorate.

Those who are successful in applying to be part of TLSI 2017 as a TLSI Fellow will receive the following:

- access to all events featured on the TLSI 2017 program;
- access to a series of catered functions and networking and mentoring events held throughout TLSI 2017 (but please note that not all meals will be covered);
- free Wi-Fi access while on the UNSW Sydney campus; and a comprehensive set of reading and discussion materials.

A limited number of travel bursaries will be made available to help support participation by successful applicants who would not otherwise, for financial reasons, be able to take up a TLSI Fellowship. Applicants wishing to apply for this financial support should append to their application a one page signed statement detailing their financial circumstances and potential access (if any) to alternative sources of travel funding. TLSI Fellows will be responsible for their own visa arrangements, and are encouraged to check visa requirements at the time of applying. However, a letter of invitation may be provided upon request to support visa application processes if required.

Applications open on 25 June and close on 15 August 2017. Apply here: www.kcl.ac.uk/law/tli