Human Rights in Translation: Intercultural Pathways
Center for Intercultural Studies Conference
Saint Louis University

Thursday, March 31, 2016

** Sessions meet in Pere Marquette Gallery, DuBourg Hall, Second Floor **

12:00 p.m. REGISTRATION – Pere Marquette Gallery
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Introduction and welcome

1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. SESSION I

Absolute, Arbitrary, or Intercultural?
Between Legal Universalism and Cultural Localism

Chair: Ellen Carnaghan, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, Saint Louis University

1. Hisako Matsuo, Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University
   Qingyu Bu, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University
   Habiba Ibrahim, Doctoral Student in the Department of Public and Social Policy Studies, Saint Louis University
   Rachel Santon, Doctoral Student in Public and Social Policy, Saint Louis University

   Protestant Work Ethic Revisited: The Ephemeral Nature of Commitment to Human Rights

2. Elizabeth Blake, Assistant Professor of Russian, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Saint Louis University
Building Intercultural Communities in Siberian Captivity and Beyond: Defending the Rights of Russian, Ukrainian, and Polish Exiles in the Midst of Imperial Tsarist Oppression

3. Anders Walker, Lillie Myers Professor, Saint Louis University School of Law

The Burning House: Rethinking the Cultural Implications of Racial Integration in the United States

3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. SESSION II

Human Rights and the Idiom of Religion

Chair: Carol A. Needham, Emanuel Myers Professor of Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, St. Louis

1. Antonietta Elia, Senior Research Fellow, University of Santiago de Compostela, Adjunct Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid, Spain

Some Reflections about Normative Contestation/Cross Fertilization into the United Nations Human Rights System: The Case of 'Defamation of Religions'

2. Melisa Vasquez, Doctoral Candidate in Religion and Law, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

The Off-Centered Hub of Secularism: Religion inside Human Rights Projections and Quotidian Life

3. Shazia Ahmad, Independent Scholar. She obtained her doctorate in the history of India from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom

Migration as a Metaphor for Religious Conversion

6:45 p.m. Free Public Seating Opens

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Keynote Address:

Sankar Muthu, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago
Cosmopolitan Connections and Cultural Diversity: Resisting European Domination in Enlightenment Political Thought

Friday, April 1, 2016

** Sessions meet in Pere Marquette Gallery, DuBourg Hall, Second Floor **

8:00 a.m.  Registration

8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. SESSION III

Of Traps and Translations: Universal Human Rights and Cultural Difference

Chair: Monica Eppinger, Assistant Professor, Center for International and Comparative Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University

1. Michele Graziadei, Professor of Comparative Private Law, Department of Jurisprudence, University of Turin, Italy

   On Learning from the Past: Universalism and Message Adaptation in Intercultural Translation

2. Mario Ricca, Professor in Intercultural Law, History of Religions, and Ecclesiastical Law, University of Parma, Italy


3. Marcella Ferri, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, University of Bergamo, Italy

   The ASEAN Human Rights Declaration: a Positive Case of Human Rights Translation

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. SESSION IV

Dialects of Difference: Human Rights as Cultural Constructions

Chair: George Ndege, Associate Professor, Department of History, Saint Louis University
1. Tommaso Sbriccoli, Independent Scholar in political and legal anthropology. He obtained his doctorate from the University of Siena, Italy

   Politics, Religion and Debt: Translating Lives into Normative Frameworks for Bangladeshi Asylum Seekers in Italy

2. Jeff Redding, Associate Professor, Center for International and Comparative Law, School of Law, Saint Louis University

   Transgender Rights in Pakistan? Three Views

3. Rachel Santon, Doctoral Student in Public and Social Policy, Saint Louis University

   How the conceptualization of refugees impacts their capacity to fulfill their social and economic agency

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  SESSION 5:

   Human Rights: Universal, Multicultural, or Intercultural? A Round Table Discussion

Moderator: Michal Jan Rozbicki, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Intercultural Studies, Saint Louis University