Medical Cultures, Properties, and Law in Global Perspective

7-9 June 2018, Northwestern University

June 7th • Kresge Hall • 1880 Campus Drive • Kaplan Institute Room 2-351

4:00 to 6:00 pm “Medical and Legal Cultures: A Roundtable Discussion”

João Biehl, Princeton University
Stacey Langwick, Cornell University
Susan Burns, University of Chicago

Helen Tilley, Moderator, Northwestern University

June 8th • Scott Hall • 601 University Place • Ripton Room #201

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee/Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 Panel 1 - Persons, Powers, and Plants

Anna Winterbottom, McGill University, “Bio-Politics and Medicinal Plants: the Controversial Case of Neem”
Kate Ramsey* Miami University, “Powers of Imagination and Legal Regimes Against ‘Obeah’ in 18th/19th c British Caribbean”
Paul Johnson* University of Michigan, “Comparative Patterns of Healing & Law in the African Americas”
* Papers discussed in absentia

Commentator: Paul Ramírez, Northwestern University

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 1:00 Panel 2 - Constitutive Laws and Unprecedented Traditions

Laurence Monnais, Univ. of Montréal, “Invention of a Convenient Tradition: Colonial (Re)Birth of Vietnamese Medicine”
Projit Mukharji, Univ. of Penn, “Subaltern Surgeries: Colonial Law & Regulation of Traditional Medicines in British Raj”
Nancy Hunt, Univ of FL, “Colonial Removals and States of Exception: Relegating Healers Before Therapeutic Insurgencies in Belgian Congo”

Commentator: Helen Tilley, Northwestern University

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch - Crowe Hall #1132

2:30 – 4:00 Panel 3 - Bodies of Law and Laws of Bodies

María Carranza*, INCIENSA, University of Costa Rica
Steven Palmer* University of Windsor, “Enabling Restrictions: Physicians, Female Sterilization and the Law in Costa Rica”
Jaimie Morse, Northwestern, “Regulatory Law and the Globalization of Biomedicine:
* Co-authored paper

Commentator: Claire Wendland, University of Wisconsin-Madison

6:00 Dinner for Participants, Found Kitchen, 1631 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, 60201
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9:00 – 9:30  Breakfast

9:30 – 11:00  Panel 4 - Biomedical Rights and Juridical Wrongs
Richard Rottenburg, Univ of Halle, “Healing, Scamming, Harming: Medical & Legal Distinctions Btwn Knowledge, Politics, Capital, & Justice”
João Biehl, Princeton University, “Magic Legalism and the Question of Biopolitical Futurity in Brazil”
Commentator: Peter Locke, Northwestern University

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee/Tea Break

11:30 – 1:00  Panel 5 - Translating Properties
Commentator: Steven Palmer, University of Windsor

1:00 – 2:00  Lunch - Scott Hall #212

2:00 – 3:30  Panel 6 - Forensics, Diagnostics, and Patents
Susan Burns, Univ of Chicago, “Sexual Violence & Evidential Body: Forensic Medicine, Gender, & Courts in 19th c. Japan”
Mario Biagioli* University of California-Davis
Alain Pottage* London School of Economics, “Patenting Diagnostics: From Molecules to Information”
* Co-authored paper discussed in absentia
Commentator: Projit Mukharji, University of Pennsylvania

3:30 – 4:30  Closing Thoughts & Happy Hour: Content, Deadline, and Process for Osiris Article