

DIVERSITY AND THE COURTS: JUDICIAL PLURALISM IN INDIA

18-19 September 2014

Room D4-H1, Campus Luigi Einaudi,
Lungo Dora Siena 100, Torino

THURSDAY 18TH

9.00 - 9.30

Registration

OPENING SESSION

9.30-11.00

Welcome address, Gianmaria Ajani (Rector, University of Torino)

Presentation of the "Jurisdiction and Pluralisms" Research Project,

Jens Woelk (University of Trento)

Constitutional Pluralism in India, Mahendra Pal Singh (Central University of Haryana)

Debate

Coffee Break

SESSION 1: Federalism and Judiciary

11.30-13.00

Chair: Mario Comba (University of Torino)

Indian Federalism: The Role of the Judiciary, Domenico Amirante (Napoli II University)

An Overview of the Systems of Dispute Resolution at Village Level through Nyaya Panchayats in India, Arvind Agrawal (Central University of Himachal Pradesh)

Debate

Lunch

SESSION 2: The Role of the Courts in Managing Legal Pluralism

15.00 -16.30

Chair: Domenico Francavilla (University of Torino)

The Messiness of Indian Family Law Adjudication: Default or Design?

Werner Menski (SOAS, University of London)

Understanding a Minority Litigant's Approach to Dispute Settlement in

India, Kalindi Kokal (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle)

Coffee Break

Debate

SESSION 3: Representation and the Judiciary

17.00-18.30

Chair: Mia Caielli (University of Torino)

Diversity in the Judiciary: India in Comparative Perspective, Alex Fischer

(SOAS, University of London)

Towards Structural Adjustment of Indian Judicial Activism? Or, Towards

Demosprudence? Upendra Baxi (University of Warwick)

FRIDAY 19TH

ROUNDTABLE

Sustainable Pluralism and the Law: Can Courts Manage Diversity Better than Legislation?

9.30 -11.00

Chair: Roberto Scarciglia (University of Trieste)

Arvind Agrawal, Domenico Amirante, Upendra Baxi, Alex Fischer, Kalindi Kokal, Werner Menski, Mahendra Pal Singh

11.00

Concluding Remarks, Roberto Toniatti (University of Trento)

Light Lunch

The conference is part of the Research Project “Jurisdiction and Pluralisms” funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research as a project of national relevance (P.R.I.N.) and is developed by research units located in several Italian Universities (Bari, Calabria, Napoli II, Napoli Parthenope, Trento, Trieste, Torino, Udine). The National Coordinator is Prof. Roberto Toniatti, University of Trento.

The Conference will explore judicial pluralism in India from several interrelated perspectives: pluralism in the Constitution; the implications of Indian federalism for the judiciary and the role of local bodies in dispute resolution; the application of personal laws in the courts; the interaction between official and unofficial law; the issues of diversity in the courts and judicial activism from the perspective of the representation of interests and needs of different segments of Indian society.

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Mia Caielli, Chiara Correndo, Domenico Francavilla
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REGISTRATION AND INFO

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Registration is appreciated
