The Politics of Legality in a Neoliberal Age

Friday 1 August 2014

Staff Common Room, Level 2, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales
Building F8. See map

8.30-9.00: Registration and Collection of Name Badges

9.00-9.30: Welcome and Introduction

Daniel McLoughlin (University of New South Wales)

9.30-10.45: Panel 1: The Political Economy of Neoliberalism

Damien Cahill, ‘Embedded Neoliberalism and its Durability’ (University of Sydney)
Rob Nicholls, ‘And so to Bed: Regulatory Regimes as a Mechanism to Embed Neoliberalism’ (University of New South Wales)

10.45-11.15: Morning Tea

11.15-12.30: Panel 2: Neoliberalism and State Authority

Anna Yeatman, ‘Neoliberalism and the Question of Authority’ (University of Western Sydney)
Chris Butler, ‘State Power under Authoritarian Neoliberalism’ (Griffith University)

12.30-13.30: Lunch
13.30-15.15: Panel 3: Law and Economy in Neoliberal Thought

Jessica Whyte, ‘Governing homo œconomicus: Michel Foucault, Adam Ferguson, and the Providential Logic of Civil Society’ (University of Western Sydney)

Miguel Vatter, ‘Legal Systems and Economic Equilibrium: Hayek vs Becker’ (University of New South Wales)

Paul Patton, ‘Rights, Interests and the Basis of Government’ (University of New South Wales)

15.15-15.45: Afternoon Tea

15.45-17.00: Panel 4: Neoliberal Uses of the Rule of Law

Martin Krygier, ‘Trajectories of the Rule of Law: Pre-liberal, Liberal, Neo-, and Non’ (University of New South Wales)

Melinda Cooper, ‘Postcolonial Family Law – Economic Liberalization, Rule of Law and the Reinvention of Tradition’ (University of Sydney)

Saturday 2 August 2014

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10.00-11.45: Panel 5: Law and Neoliberalism in the Global South

Fleur Johns, ‘Power Dispersal in the Work of Milton Friedman and in the Mekong River Basin: Nam Theun II and Xayaburi’ (University of New South Wales)

Javier Couso, ‘Constructing “Privatopia”: The Role of Constitutional Law and Courts in Chile’s Radical Neoliberal Experiment’ (Universidad Diego Portales)

Chepal Sherpa, ‘Theorizing Democratic Legality under Neoliberal Capitalism: India’s Neoliberal Project and the Maoist Alternative’ (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

11.45-12.15: Morning Tea

12.15-14.00: Panel 6: Neoliberal Legality Beyond the Nation State

Thomas Biebricher, ‘Understanding the Rise of Juridical Neoliberalism in Europe’ (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)

Ntina Tzouvala, ‘Neo-liberalism as Legalism: The Rise of the Judiciary and International Trade Law’ (Durham University)

Jothie Rajah, ‘Neo-liberalism and the World Justice Project’s Rule of Law Index’ (American Bar Foundation)
14.00-15.00: Lunch

15.00-16.45: Panel 7: Strange Bedfellows? Human Rights and Neoliberalism


Zeynep Kivilcim, ‘Articulating Human Rights Discourse in Local Struggles in a Neoliberal Age’ (Istanbul University)

Ben Golder, ‘The Neoliberal Question: Human Rights, Legal Form, and Political Strategy’ (University of New South Wales)

14.45: End