

Legal anthropology in Europe at a crossroads

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
Network Anthropology of Law and Rights
Workshop at the University of Edinburgh, 22 January 2016

Venue: Chrystal Macmillan Building, Practice Suite, 1st floor
15A George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD.

9:15 – 9:45: Registration and coffee

9:45 – 10:00: Introduction by Gerhard Anders (University of Edinburgh)

10:00 – 12:00: Panel 1

Chair: Andy Aitchison (University of Edinburgh)

Miia Halme Tuomisaari (University of Helsinki)
'Law as a state of mind: Vignettes from the UN Human Rights Committee'.

Ukri Soirila (University of Helsinki)
'Legitimacy and Life: Humanity discourse in global law and policy'.

Julie Billaud (Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology)
'UPR as entry into international governance and audit culture'.

Luis Eslava (Kent Law School)
'Toward the international law of the everyday'.

Discussant: Isabelle Schulte-Tenckhoff (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)

12:00 – 12:45: Lunch break

12:45 – 14:00: Panel 2:

Chair: Anne Griffiths (University of Edinburgh)

Reetta Toivanen (University of Helsinki)
'On the meaning and consequences of 'translating' universal human rights standards: Case studies in the Arctic'.

Astrid Jamar (University of Edinburgh)
'Everyday in Aidland for transitional justice and human rights practitioners: Quotidian relations and structural contradictions'.

José Maria Munoz (University of Edinburgh)
'Anthropology and soft law'.

Coffee break: 14:00 – 14:15

14:15 – 15:30: Panel 3:

Chair: Gerhard Anders (University of Edinburgh)

Andrea Pia (London School of Economics)

‘The politics of legal fixes: What is to be learned from China’s attempt to silence dissent through law?’.

Nathan Thomas Coben (University of California – Irvine)

‘Surrounded by our pitchfork-armed claims: Jurisdictions, borders, and boundaries in Ireland’.

Karen T. Hough (Oxford Brookes University)

‘After the boat: Legal anthropology and the Mediterranean migration crisis’.

15:30 – 16:00 Concluding remarks by Toby Kelly (University of Edinburgh)