

Exploring the 'Socio' of Socio-Legal Studies

A One-Day Conference

Hosted by the Socio-Legal Studies Association,
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9.30am-5.00pm, Wednesday, 3 November 2010

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London

Keynote Speaker

Susan S. Silbey, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, MIT, USA; co-author of *The Common Place of Law: Stories from Everyday Life* (with Patricia Ewick); former editor of *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* and the *Law & Society Review*.

Confirmed Invited Speakers

Professor Nicola Lacey, LSE, and Professor John Clarke, The Open University (UK).

Call

Up to 10 original papers of outstanding quality will be selected. Proposals of 300 words approx. (with title, and author's name, affiliation and contact details) should be e-mailed by **Tuesday, 1 June 2010** to the Academic Coordinator, Dermot Feenan, University of Ulster, School of Law, at: d.feenan@ulster.ac.uk, to whom any inquiries may also be directed. Presenters will be expected to submit their papers by 2011 to the academic coordinator for consideration for publication in an edited collection.

Aim

The conference will provide an opportunity to explore the meanings and implications of the 'socio' aspect of socio-legal studies, and to lay out pathways for future study.

Rationale

While there has been some scholarship addressing the 'socio' of socio-legal studies, there remains considerable scope for further analysis – particularly through this pioneering, dedicated event. The conference offers an opportunity to consider a range of questions, including: Does the 'socio' connote the 'social' or 'society', and what are the implications of those connotations in an era of rapid change? Which social groups or societies have been privileged (and which subordinated) in the concern with the 'socio'? How might social theory, sociology or other aspects of social sciences inform, or better inform, analysis of law, legal institutions and other objects of legal studies? Do developments in late modernity, such as consumerism, globalisation, or neo-liberalism, pose fresh challenges that the 'socio' must address? How, if at all, do themes abounding the 'socio' in early twenty-first-century scholarship, such as terrorism or security, create opportunities for new perspectives on the 'legal'?



Conference registration

Details (including fees) to be confirmed by June at:

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/nlsa/content/view/253/282/>

Registration deadline: 1 October 2010