WORKSHOP

Blurring Legal Boundaries: Commercialization and informalization of Work

1 – 2 July 2010

Coordinators: Judy Fudge (Canada), Shae McCrystal (Australia) and Kamala Sankaran (India)

Programme

Thursday 1 July 2010

09.00 – 09.15 Registration at the IISL office

09.15 Welcome, Introduction. Sol Picciotto, Scientific Director of the IISL.

09.30 – 11.00 Session 1: Commercialization and Informalization of Work: Assumptions, Concepts, and Causes

Speakers:
- Professor Judy Fudge (Canada) paper themes presented by Dr Shae McCrystal: Informalization and Commercialization: Related Processes?
- Dr. Kamala Sankaran (India): Flexibility and Informalization in Employment Relationships: The Role of Labour Law
- Anne Trebilcock (Germany): Commercialization and Informalization of Work: Developments in Germany

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 13.00 Session 2: Responding to the Changing Organization of Work in Developed Countries

Speakers:
- Guy Davidov (Israel): Freelancers: An Intermediate Group in Labour Law?
- Juan Pablo Landa (Spain): The New Law regarding Self Employment in Spain
- Professor Anna Pollert (United Kingdom): How Britain’s Low Paid Non-Unionised Employees Deal with Workplace Problems
Thursday 1 July 2010 (Continuation)

13.00 – 14.30  
**Lunch** for all the participants in “Restaurante Etxeberria”

14.30 – 16.00  
**Session 3: Decent Work: Theory, Practice, and Strategies**

**Speakers:**
- Ashwini Sukthankar (United States) - *Sex Work in Multiple Legal Contexts: Role of Trade Unions, the State and International Organizations as Sex Workers Negotiate Labour Relations, Workplace Rights and Social Protections*
- Poornima Chikarmane (India): *Professionalise or Perish: Conceptions of Work in Recycling*
- Professor Lizzie Barnes (United Kingdom): *Responsibility in Denial: Case Law Accounts of Vulnerable Working in the UK*

16.00 – 16.30  
**Break**

16.30 – 17.30  
**Session 4: The Paid Care Workers: Challenging Legal Norms**

**Speakers:**
- Professor Stephanie Bernstein (Canada): *Home Child Care Workers in Quebec and the Right to Bargain Collectively*
- Professor Guy Mundluk (Israel): *The wages of Care-Workers: From Structure to Agency*

19:30  
**Welcome reception at the Residence**

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Friday 2 July 2010

09.30 – 11.00  
**Session 5: The Possibilities of and Limits to Commercial Law**

**Speakers:**
- Brendan Johnson (Australia): *Developing Legislative Protection for Owner-Drivers in Australia: The Long Road to Regulatory Best Practice*
- Dr Shae McCrystal (Australia): *Organising Independent Contractors: The Impact of Competition Law*
- Professor Joellen Riley (Australia): *Business Format Franchising – The Australian Experience*

11.00 – 11.30  
**Break**
Friday 2 July 2010 (Continuation)

11:30 – 13.00  Session 6: Regulating Work Transnationally

Speakers:
- Roopa Madhav (India): Liberal Legalities: Corporate Codes of Conduct in the Garment Sector in Bangalore
- Professor Alan Hyde (United States) – New Strategies for Protecting Migrant Workers
- Beata Nacsa (Hungary): High Economic Inactivity with Low Job Search Formulating a research plan to find diagnosis and therapy for Hungary

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch for all the participants in “Restaurante Etxeberria”

14:30 – 16:00 Session 7: Decent Work for Domestic Workers

Speakers:
- Dr Einat Albin (Israel): From 'Domestic Servant' to 'Domestic Worker'
- Dr Dzodzi Tsikata (Ghana): Employment Agencies and Domestic Work in Ghana
- Professor Adelle Blackett (Canada): Regulating the Home-Workplace: Pluralist Reflections on Decent Work for Domestic Workers

16.00 – 16.30 Break

16:30 – 15:30 Session 8: Regulating Work: Challenging the Boundaries
Themes and publication