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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 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 Barmes (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

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 Nacsá (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**