



Feminist-Workshop at the University of Zurich, 23-24 June 2007

Organisation

Venue: University of Zurich, ccrs pavilion

Sponsorship: Institute for International and Comparative law, University of Zurich; Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research on Trade Regulation (www.nccr-trade.org)

Accommodation: Participants will stay at the Claridge Hotel Tiefenau (www.claridge.ch). The best way to reach the hotel from the airport is by shuttle bus. Please follow the sign "Hotelbus" in the arrival hall. The Hotel is within walking distance from the University. A folder with all relevant information about rooms etc. will be waiting for you in your room.

Dinner: On Saturday evening we will have dinner in a restaurant downtown.

Contact number: If you run into any problems during your trip or at immigration, please call Christine at +41 79 779 90 72 or +41 44 634 48 60.

Sessions

Friday, 22 June, arrival of participants

Saturday, 23 June, morning and afternoon session, dinner

Sunday, 24 June, morning session, workshop will end after lunch at 14.00

Format of the Workshop

The workshop is informal and serves as a forum for all participants to present their work, discuss ongoing research and receive feedback and comments from colleagues.

In order to facilitate the discussion, the sessions are grouped around the research interests of participants. One session of the workshop will be dedicated to discuss an ongoing research project on trade and gender that is part of the NCCR project on trade and human rights. The morning session on Sunday provides for a platform to discuss further research, maybe even joint projects and/or draw conclusions.

Provisional Programme

Saturday, 23 June 2007

8.45	Meet in the hotel lobby Walk to the University	
9.00 – 9.05	Welcome	Christine Kaufmann and Catharine MacKinnon
9.05 – 10.30	Session 1 on conceptual issues	Chair: Catharine MacKinnon
	– Diversity as a challenge to feminist jurisprudence and sex equality; what happens to intersectionality in practice; what exactly constitutes gender stereotype discrimination and how to prove it in antidiscrimination law.	Presentation by Susanne Baer
	– Feminist, transgender and intersex visions of a gender-free society and the legal category of sex	Presentation by Michelle Cottier
	– Feminism, International Law and Post-colonialism	Presentation/thoughts by Ratna Kapur
	– Women's rights in closed system societies	Thoughts by Shermin Kruse
	Comments and discussion	
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	Session 2 on trade and gender issues	Chair: Krista Nadakavukaren Schefer
	– Application of Feminist Theory to International Economic Law	Presentation by Barnali Choudhury
	– Liberalizing Trade in Agriculture and Women's Human Rights	Presentation by Simone Heri
	Comments and discussion	
12.30 – 13.15	Lunch break	
13.15 – 14.30	Session 3 on issues in the corporate world	Chair: Virginia Gordan
	– Difficulties in building commercial networks in micro enterprises	Presentation/thoughts by Gloria Claro
	– Corporations through a feminist and postcolonial lens	Presentation/thoughts by Rebecca Johnson
	Comments and discussion	

14.30 – 15.45	Session 4 on family law issues – Impact of Globalisation on families – Bargaining for equality: marriage migration and recent legal reform in Taiwan	Chair: Susanne Baer Thoughts by Ann Marie Byers Presentation/thoughts by Chao-ju Chen
15.45 – 16.15	Coffee break	
16.15 – 17.30	Session 5 on trafficking and sexual exploitation – Prostitution and the commercial sexual exploitation of women. – Trafficked women and the Refugee Convention Comments and discussion	Chair: Catharine MacKinnon Presentation/Thoughts by Janine Benedet Presentation/thoughts by Michelle Foster
19.30	Dinner	

Sunday, 24 June 2007

9.00 – 12.30	Roundtable: Conclusions, discussion of further research, topics and options for joint research etc.	Chair : Catharine MacKinnon
12.30	Lunch and Close of workshop	