

RECHTSKULTUREN Workshop

»Islamic normativity and the making of legal culture in rural contexts«

Tuesday, 27 May 2014 at Humboldt Law School, room E23

Convener: Ismail Warscheid (RECHTSKULTUREN Fellow 2013-14)

Program

09.00 Opening

Words of welcome
Round of introduction

9.15-10.45 Law and literacy in Muslim rural societies

- Ismail Warscheid (RECHTSKULTUREN Fellow 2013-14, Berlin/Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris)
Law as an agent of acculturation? Some reflections on Islamic scholarship in the Sahara before 1800
- Thibaut d'Hubert (Zukunftsphilologie Fellow 2013-14, Berlin/University of Chicago)
Fiqh and the figure of the qadi in premodern Bengali literature

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 The question of normative pluralism

- Martha Mundy (London School of Economics and Political Sciences)
Arendtian triad: against Islamic Law
- Ruud Peters (University of Amsterdam)
Sharia in the Desert: Legal documents from the Dakhla Oasis in Ottoman Egypt

12.30 Lunch break

14.15-15.45 Islamic legal thought and community institutions in the Maghrib

- Houari Touati (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris)
The responsa of Abū 'Imrān al-Fāsī (d. 430/1048) and the question of rural dissidence
- Judith Scheele (All Souls College, University of Oxford)
The sharī'ah and the multitude: local councils in rural Algeria

15.45-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 The Imperial state as an instance of recourse

- Astrid Meier (Orient Institut Beirut/Universität Halle)
"Bedouins" in the Ottoman courts of Damascus and Hama
- Basak Tug (EUME Fellow 2013-14, Berlin/Bilgi University Istanbul)
Petitioning and Sexual Crime in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Anatolia

17.30-18.00 Wrap-up and final discussion