

Network of Transnational Doctoral Research – 2013 Programme on Multiculturalism and the Law

Programme aim and philosophy

The Network of Transnational Doctoral Research is dedicated to the provision of adequate structures and platforms for the mentoring and exchange of views among early-career scholars. It aims to enhance the knowledge and exposure to the academic world of young researchers, with emphasis on the encouragement of innovative and independent research.

The 2013 programme will focus on the timely, complex and challenging topics included in the broader research area of Multiculturalism and the Law. While the primary aim is to encourage legal scholars to participate, train and exchange views, the conveners will support and promote inter-disciplinary research that is deemed desirable (if not necessary) to grasp the complexities of the selected topics.

The Network has two objectives:

1. It aims to build a global research community of peers which is based on scientific excellence and a broad outlook on the current challenges of academic research in a globalized world
2. It will strive to mobilize scholars to be part of the current and future developments in the area of Transnational Law broadly understood.

The objectives of the Network will be achieved by a programme of activities organized by the Department of Comparative Law at the School of Law in Lucerne. It will prioritize:

- The provision of information on and access to the various outlets of knowledge relevant for the topic
- The organization of research on Multiculturalism and the Law with an eye for relevance of the problems and solutions proposed
- The dissemination of the state of the art knowledge of the topic through training of young scholars.

Programme Themes

Proposals for papers are invited from postgraduate researchers in order to foster institutional links between students. Potential topics may include but are not limited to:

- Globalisation and Multiculturalism
- Minorities and Diversities in Culture
- Parallel Legal Systems and Ethnocultural Justice
- Reconstructing Multiculturalism in Policy and Planning

- Intercultural and Intracultural Diversification under Multiculturalism
- Comparative and/or empirical practices of multiculturalism
- New directions in the construction of multiculturalism

Selected papers may be invited to contribute towards the development of a themed edited volume.

Programme Events

For 2013, the Doctoral Programme on Multiculturalism and the Law will include two different types of activities available to an international group of doctoral students.

1. Intensive Doctoral Training Workshop (19-20 April 2013 hosted by the CEMS/SOAS, London, UK)

This event will be organized on the basis of a mixture of PhD presentations, followed by feedback session from peers and more experienced scholars. Participants will situate their on-going projects and share with trainers and group coordinators their achievements and concerns.

2. Transnational Research Colloquium on Multiculturalism and the Law (15-16 November 2013 in Lucerne, Switzerland)

The second event of the doctoral program will be the opportunity to discuss more advanced findings of the research groups as well as for stock-taking on the implementation of the entire programme. Keynote speakers will be additionally invited in order to enrich the added value of the event for participants.

Application Procedure

Please send by March 20th, 2013 the following materials to Kyriaki.topidi@unilu.ch :

- short cv (1-2 pages)
- short summary of PhD project (2-3 pages)
- paper title and proposal (maximum 500 words)

All applicants must be enrolled in a PhD programme in order to become eligible to participate in the programme. The organizers will support selected paper-givers with accommodation and travel expenses to the extent possible.